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Lone Tree Man Sentenced to 4 Years in Prison in Massive Child Pornography Case

Daryl Henry Joe downloaded more than two hundred thousand sexual images of children and babies

Castle Rock, CO – June 20, 2025. 28-year-old Daryl Henry Joe Jr. of Lone Tree was sentenced to four years in prison after pleading guilty to child sexual exploitation and distribution of child pornography. Following his prison sentence, Joe will be required to serve ten years of probation.

In March of 2024, Lone Tree Police received a cybertip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, regarding images of child pornography traced to a computer at Joe's address in Lone Tree. He later admitted to possessing and distributing more than 200,000 sexually explicit images of children-including infants and toddlers.

Under Colorado law, Joe's sentence could have ranged from probation to 24 years in prison. The DA's office says the sentence was bittersweet. "The laws in this state allow a judge to sentence someone to probation, regardless of how many images of child pornography a person may possess or distribute," said Deputy District attorney Abby Hegarty. "So, in that respect, the four-year prison sentence is a small measure of justice. If, however, our weak laws make you mad, write or call your legislator."

District Attorney George Brauchler echoed those sentiments saying, "For those who find it difficult to imagine accumulating 200 sexually explicit images of children, this guy had 100 times that amount. Let that sink in. If this deviant looked at one picture every second, it would take him more than 55 hours to look at all of his exploitive smut. Prison is where he belongs. For those who think 4 years in the DOC for a guy who advanced the child market by willingly drowning in its smut seems light, many jurisdictions give even less than that. Governor Polis' parole board will release this guy back into our community in about 18 months."

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