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## **Lone Tree Man Pleads Guilty in Massive Child Pornography Case**

**Daryl Henry Joe Downloaded and Distributed Over Two Hundred Thousand Sexual Images of Children and Babies**

**Castle Rock, CO** - On April 4, 2025, 28-year-old Daryl Henry Joe Jr. of Lone Tree plead guilty to sexual exploitation of children and possession and distribution of child pornography.

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. The investigation revealed that Joe possessed hundreds of thousands of images of children, toddlers, and babies, including images of them being sexually assaulted. He later admitted to possessing and distributing these sexually explicit images of children.

Even with the admission of guilt, Joe may still face the possibility of probation. "Each time an image of child sexual abuse material is viewed, the child in that image is victimized," said Deputy District Attorney Abby Hegarty. "A person in this state can possess any amount of child pornography – whether it's just one image, or hundreds of thousands of images of the rape of infants – and still be eligible for probation. This case shows how broken our state's laws are."

DA George Brauchler echoed those sentiments saying, "Once again, Colorado's laws are deliberately inadequate to protect our children. Nobody should be able to possess jillions of images of children...infants...being sexually victimized and then avoid prison. This is something that is fixable by a legislature...but not Colorado's. Colorado's legislature chooses pedophiles and predators over kids. The people of Douglas County deserve better. Elections have consequences...here is another one."

Joe faces probation to 24 years in prison. Sentencing is set for June 20<sup>th</sup>.

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