

PRESS RELEASE

Chantilly man convicted of sexually exploiting minors he targeted online

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ALEXANDRIA, Va. – A federal judge convicted a Chantilly man today on charges of sexual exploitation of children and coercion and enticement of minors to engage in illegal sexual activity.

According to court records and evidence presented at trial, between Feb. 9, 2022, and April 18, 2023, Michael Logan Bourne, 55, sexually exploited and enticed four minor girls between the ages of 13 and 17, as well as two other unidentified individuals who purported to be 14 and 16 years old, online. Bourne engaged in graphic sexual chats with the victims and enticed them to participate in sexual activity during live video calls that he conducted from his home. He also sent sexually explicit images and videos of himself to his victims and received child sexual abuse material (CSAM) from a 13-year-old victim.

“Michael Bourne knowingly targeted children, exploiting their vulnerability for his own gratification,” said Lindsey Halligan, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia. “Crimes like these inflict lasting harm, and this office is unwavering in its commitment to bringing child predators to justice. We will always prioritize cases involving the abuse of minors and pursue offenders like Bourne with the full force of federal law.”

“Bourne sexually exploited his victims online, knowing full well that they were vulnerable minors,” said Reid Davis, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI Washington Field Office's Criminal Division. “His conviction is a testament to the work that our Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Task Force and our law enforcement partners do day in and day out to apprehend child predators and secure justice for victims of online child sexual exploitation.”

Bourne faces a mandatory minimum penalty of 15 years in prison when sentenced on March 18, 2026. A federal district court judge will determine any sentence after considering the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

Assistant U.S. Attorneys Lauren Halper and Vanessa Strobbe are prosecuting the case.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. Led by U.S. Attorney's Offices and the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.justice.gov/psc.

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