

AG Fitch Announces Recent Child Exploitation Sentencing



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Lynn Fitch

(Bay St. Louis, Mississippi) Today, Attorney General Lynn Fitch announced the recent sentencing of Colby Isaiah Johnson of Waveland, Mississippi, for one count of Possession of Child Exploitation Material. This case was investigated and prosecuted by the Mississippi Attorney General's Office. It originated with a Cybertip and investigators found over 1,000 images and videos of child sexual abuse material on his devices.

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On November 6, 2025, Hancock County Circuit Court **Judge Christopher L. Schmidt** sentenced Johnson to serve twenty years in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) for Possession of Child Exploitation Material. Johnson will be required to serve his sentence day-for-day without the possibility of parole. As a previously convicted sex offender, Johnson was already required to register as a sex offender.



Colby Isaiah Johnson

If you have information about a child being sexually exploited online, please report it to 1-800-843-5678. You can also make a report online at www.cybertipline.org. The hotline is manned by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and tips are reported to the Attorney General's Office, which runs the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force for Mississippi.

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