

## AG Fitch Announces 90-Year Child Exploitation Sentencing



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*Lynn Fitch*

**(Hattiesburg, Mississippi)** Today, Attorney General Lynn Fitch announced the recent sentencing of Erret Jae James Jr. of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, for one count of Distribution of Child Sexual Exploitation Material and two counts of Possession of Child Sexual Exploitation Material. This case was investigated and prosecuted by the Mississippi Attorney General's Office, with assistance from the Hattiesburg Police Department and the Forrest County Sheriff's Department.

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Following a jury trial, on December 9, 2025, Forrest County Circuit Court **Judge Wes Curry IV** sentenced James to serve 90 years in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC). James will be required to serve his sentence day-for-day without the possibility of parole.



Erret Jae James Jr.

This case originated with a Cybertip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. 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](http://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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