

AG Fitch Announces 15-Year Sentence in Child Exploitation Case



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Lynn Fitch

(Florence, Mississippi) Today, Attorney General Lynn Fitch announced the recent sentencing of Kevin Wayne Owen, 47, of Florence, Mississippi, for two counts of child exploitation. This case was investigated and prosecuted by the Mississippi Attorney General's Office and originated from an AGO undercover operation.

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On May 19, 2026, Rankin County Circuit Court **Judge Dewey Arthur** sentenced Owen to 40 years, with 15 years to serve day-for-day without the possibility of parole in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) and 25 years on probation. He was ordered to pay \$1,000 to the Victims of Human Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation Fund, \$1,000 to the Mississippi Children's Trust Fund, and \$1,000 to the Mississippi Crime Victim Compensation Fund. Owen must also register as a sex offender.



Kevin Wayne Owen

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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