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# AG Fitch Announces 50-Year Sentence in Child Exploitation and Voyeurism Case

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**(Long Beach, Mississippi)** Today, Attorney General Lynn Fitch announced the sentencing of Joshua Scott Williams of Long Beach, Mississippi for one count of possession of child sexual abuse material and one count of voyeurism. This case was investigated and prosecuted by the Attorney General's Office and originated as a Cybertip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and Long Beach Police Department also assisted during the investigation.

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On November 16, Harrison County Circuit Court **Judge Randi Mueller** sentenced Williams for one count of possession of child sexual abuse material to 40 years in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC), with 20 years to serve, day for day without possibility of parole, 5 years supervised probation, and 15 years of unsupervised probation. Williams was also sentenced on one count of voyeurism to the maximum term of 10 years, to run concurrently.

Williams was also ordered to pay a $1,000 assessment to the Mississippi Children's Trust Fund, a $1,000 assessment to the Victims of Human Trafficking Fund and Commercial Sexual Exploitation Fund, and a $1,000 assessment to the Mississippi Crime Victim Compensation Fund. Williams must register as a sex offender and was ordered to complete long-term drug and alcohol treatment.



*Joshua Scott Williams*

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 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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