

Guilty plea in child porn case

Couple admits to producing pornography

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A Monroe County couple pleaded guilty to production of child pornography in U.S. District Court.

Sharon Sexton, 45, of Gates, and Alfred Dasilva, 46, of Greece, admitted to producing child pornography in front of Chief U.S. District Court Justice Frank P. Geraci. The charge carries a minimum mandatory sentence of 15 years in prison, a maximum of 30 years, and a \$250,000 fine or both.

Sexton is scheduled to be sentenced on Feb. 18. Dasilva will be sentenced on Jan. 7. Both remain in custody pending sentencing.

The investigation began when a school resource officer, employed by Gates police, in the Gates Chili Central School District was told by a school official that Sexton was taking nude photographs of a female student. According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Craig R. Gestring, Sexton sent the photos to her boyfriend, Dasilva. Sexton told authorities that Dasilva asked her to send him the photos and that he used them to 'fantasize.' Sexton admitted to taking the photos and sending them to Dasilva.

Investigators found a video of a child performing oral sex on Dasilva on his cellphone. Sexton admitted that she took the video. Several online chats from the cellphone also showed that Sexton and Dasilva discussed engaging in sexual conduct with children. Dasilva and Sexton were also charged in state court with endangering the welfare of a child and sexual activity with a child.

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