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## **Man who shared his desire to rape and kill children in child porn case sent to prison for more than 11 years**

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A 41-year-old Portland man who traded child pornography and shared his fantasies to rape and kill children in "snuff porn" was sentenced to more than 11 years in federal prison followed by a lifetime of supervision.

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In August, Lee pleaded guilty to transporting child pornography and possession of child pornography.

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Mosman accepted a joint recommendation from the prosecutor and defense lawyer Steven Sherlag, sending Lee to prison for 11 years and three months.

Investigators learned of Lee after discovering in 2015 that he'd been communicating with a mother in Arizona who was using her children to produce child pornography images. The mother has since been sentenced to 34 years in prison.

Investigators also found Lee was involved in an online chatroom called #pedoextreme, according to Assistant U.S. Attorney Natalie Wight.



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Jane Ward, a psychologist called by the defense to testify at the sentencing hearing, said Lee had been viewing pornography since age 11. Once he was arrested, he was motivated to change and has been a leader in her counseling group treatment sessions, she said.

"He's pretty horrified at where he was going and what he did," Ward told the court. She owns Oregon Center for Change and treats people who have committed sexual offenses.

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When he's released from prison, he'll be on supervision for the rest of his life and required to register as a sex offender.

He won't be allowed to frequent places such as parks, playgrounds or schools where children are, or hold any job or voluntary role that involves direct contact with minors. He'll have his computer monitored continually and will be subject to polygraph tests if his probation officer requests them, the judge said.

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Lee surrendered to the U.S. Marshals Service immediately after his sentencing.

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