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Hoopeston man sentenced to 30 years on child sex charges

URBANA—A Hoopeston man, Dalton M.C. Burmeister, 27, was sentenced today to 30 years in federal prison, to be followed by 15 years of supervised release, for sexual exploitation of a child and trafficking in child pornography.

ing child pornography in December 2020. He pleaded guilty to all counts in June 2021.

Burmeister was arrested December 22, 2020, and charged by criminal complaint. According to the affidavit supporting the complaint, Burmeister exploited children under age six to engage in sexual activity and to create an image of that conduct. The affidavit further alleged Burmeister trafficked images of child pornography with another unidentified individual.

The aggregate 30-year sentence imposed by the judge consisted of concurrent sentences of 30 years' imprisonment on each of the sexual exploitation counts, as well as concurrent sentences of 20 years' imprisonment on each of the distribution, receipt, and possession counts; the judge also ordered that the 20-year sentences run concurrent to the 30-year sentences.

During the sentencing hearing, Senior U.S. District Judge Michael M. Mihm commented on the egregiousness of Burmeister's conduct, citing the explicit text messages he had sent regarding "vulnerable" and "trusting" children in his care. The judge said the production of sexually explicit images of these young children was "bad enough" and stated that Burmeister had caused even more harm by sharing the images.

The statutory penalty for each count of sexual exploitation of a child is 15 to 30 years in prison. For each count of distribution of child pornography and receipt of child pornography, the statutory penalty is five to 20 years in prison. For the possession of child pornography count, the statutory penalty is up to 20 years in prison. Each count carries a fine of up to \$250,000.

The indictment charged Burmeister with four counts of sexual exploitation of a child, three counts of distribution of child pornography, and one count of receipt of child pornography, all in September 2020. Burmeister was also charged with possession of a cellular telephone contain-

ing child pornography in December 2020. He pleaded guilty to all counts in June 2021.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Elly M. Peirson represents the government in the prosecution. The charges are the result of an investigation by the Illinois State Police and the Illinois Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. The case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, visit www.projectsafchildhood.gov.

Iconic restaurant to close October 27 after 68 years in business

A nostalgic eatery is closing its doors later this month. Shirley and Dan Harper, owners of Henning's Root Beer Stand, announced on social media that the restaurant will close October 27.

Although closing, the building is for sale, currently listed at \$169,000, Urlich Realty is handling the property.

A favorite for locals and travelers, the restaurant opened in 1953 as an A&W drive-in. The name was changed to Henning's in 1988 and was purchased by the Harpers in 1990.

In a letter to the community, the Harpers wrote: "It is with a myriad of mixed emotions to say, The Time Has Come. It has been an honor and pleasure to have served the community for the 31+ years we have owned the restaurant. Many of you come in almost every day, some several times a day. We will miss you all (well, most of you.. Ha!)


Henning's is noted for its homemade root beer, burgers, and Friday fish. Diners could pull into a parking space and place an order brought to their car. Indoor cusomtms could place their orders via phones at their booths.

"We thank you for your patronage & understanding & wish nothing but the best for all of you & the Community."

United Methodist Church
 403 E. Main St., Hoopeston



Heavenly Hosts Bazaar
 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23
 Coffee hour 8-10 a.m., Lunch 11-1
 Fall & Christmas Crafts, Quilts, Gift Baskets,
 Candies and more!
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Briefly

Breast cancer support

Hoopeston Breast Cancer Support Group meets at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Pit Stop at Fast Lanes Bowling Alley. The next meeting will be October 21.

This is for current and past breast cancer survivors. For more information, call Pat Foster (815) 984-4040 or (309) 208-9829.

At the library

The deadline to submit photos for Hoopeston Public Library's virtual Pumpkin Decorating Contest has been extended to Friday, Oct. 22.

Pumpkin photos should be emailed to info@hooplib.org. Please make sure each photo is labeled with the name and age/category of the artist.

Winners will be announced during Halloween Week.

Stitchin' Time, 10 a.m.-noon Wednesdays. Crochet, knit, sew or other needlecraft, bring your project and coffee and enjoy a morning of fun and conversation!

Obituaries

LaMAR - Richard P. Lamar, 90, of Cissna Park, died Thursday, Oct. 14, 2021, at Heritage Health, Hoopeston. Visitation will 1 p.m. until the 2:30 p.m. funeral Sunday at Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park. Military rites will be by Cissna Park American Legion. Burial will be at a later date in Allhands Cemetery in Kickapoo State Park, Oakwood. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice. Condolences may be left at www.knappfuneralhomes.com.

Court Dispositions

September 8

Julie R. Stevens, Kokomo, Ind., failed to appear at status hearing; case sent to state for further enforcement.

Linsey M. Warner, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing in three cases; all being sent to state for further enforcement.

Weather

Sunny, then slight chance of showers today. High 73. Tonight, chance of thunderstorms. Low 63. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 63, low 47.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit justthefacts.net/weather/.

Classifieds

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