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**Manitowoc Sex Offender Sentenced to 25 Years in Federal Prison for  
Receipt of Child Pornography**

United States Attorney Gregory J. Haanstad announced that on January 17, 2025, Robert D. Nytes (age: 49) of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, was sentenced to 300 months in federal prison by Senior United States District Judge William C. Griesbach for receipt of child pornography.

According to court records, Nytes is a lifetime registrant on the Wisconsin Sexual Offender Registry based on a 1995 Second Degree Sexual Assault of a Child conviction in Sheboygan County. In August of 2023, law enforcement was informed that Nytes repeatedly sexually assaulted a minor and used the child to create pornography which he then uploaded to the cloud for receipt on his various electronic devices. Nytes was then charged with and pled guilty to a federal charge of receipt of child pornography.

At the sentencing hearing, Judge Griesbach said his crime was horrendous. The judge also noted the profound effects that Nytes had imposed upon his victim. The judge also pointed to Nytes' history of abusing children. Ultimately, the judge determined that a sentence of 300 months in federal prison was a fair and just sentence reflective of the severity of the crime. Upon the completion of his federal prison sentence, the defendant will spend the remainder of his life on supervised release. He will also continue to be required to register as a sex offender under state and federal law.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006, by the U.S. Department of Justice. Led by U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafefchildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafefchildhood.gov).

This case was investigated by the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Daniel R. Humble.

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