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Farmington Hills man sentenced for possessing child porn, related computer crime



Judge Kwame Rowe (File photo by Aileen Wingblad/MediaNews Group)

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A 57-year-old Farmington Hills man who had faced the possibility of decades in prison for possession of child pornography and a related computer crime was sentenced Monday in Oakland County Circuit Court.

Judge Kwame Rowe chose to order a much lighter sentence than what he could have, sentencing Steven Price to 180 days in jail with credit for one day served, and three years probation.

Rowe accepted Price's no contest plea last September for one count each of child sexually abusive material-aggravated possession and using a computer to commit a crime. As part of the plea deal, prosecutors dropped eight other child pornography possession charges and computer crimes, as well as one drug possession charge. The maximum penalty for the computer crime is 15 years in prison, and 10 years in prison for the pornography offense, along with hefty fines.

A no contest plea is not an admission of guilt but is treated as such at sentencing. It also offers some protection in civil cases.

The case against Price unfolded in 2021 after a tip to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children launched an investigation, according to Michigan State Police. The investigation resulted in a warrant against Price, who then turned himself in. A search of Price's home reportedly turned up multiple internet capable devices and evidence.



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