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Longmont man sentenced to 14 years in prison for child sex exploitation material



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A man who pleaded guilty to sexual exploitation of a child for the second time has been sentenced to 14 years in prison.

Lucas Young, 52, took a plea deal in January in which he pleaded guilty to two counts of sexual exploitation of a child – video. All other charges, which included eight counts of child sex exploitation and a sentence enhancer of a habitual offender, were dismissed.

On Thursday, he received two seven-year sentences that will be served consecutively.

In court Thursday, Deputy District Attorney Taylor Suta asked for a 15-year prison sentence while defense attorney Emily Briggs requested 12-year sentence.

“There’s a greater concern here for future offenses,” Suta said. “I do think more time is

appropriate here given the offenses, given the time and the unknown risk this defendant poses.”



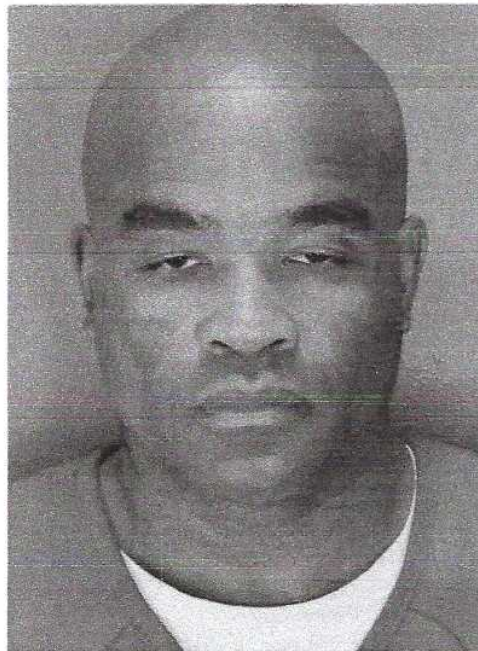
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Briggs said Young wants treatment and expressed that he was ashamed to be standing in court on Thursday.

“He has been punished and he will be punished and he understands that,” Briggs said. “He has taken responsibility.”

Young addressed Boulder District Judge Nancy Salomone before she set the sentence.

“I’m so scared but the crime I committed hurt a lot of people who love me and I love so much,” Young said. “Addiction is something I cannot just walk away from and I’ve learned that the hard way. Addiction takes time, work and you have to work through it and be able to come up with ways to cope with it.”



Lucas Young (Courtesy of Boulder County Sheriff’s Office)

According to the affidavit, on May 9, a Boulder County detective received a cyber tip that showed Google detected a user downloading 29 child sexual abuse materials on Oct. 31.

At 5 a.m. May 30, Longmont police stopped the vehicle and Young admitted to being involved in the activity mentioned in the tip as well as searching for child sexual abuse material on his tablet a week earlier. Police searched Young’s residence, where they found three sexual child dolls as well as a tablet. After unlocking the tablet, a detective immediately discovered child sexual abuse material. Later, police discovered 1,200 images and 10 videos containing child sexual abuse material.

In 2016, Young was arrested while he was a physical education teacher at an elementary school in Arvada on suspicion of three counts of sexual exploitation of a child. He was sentenced to 14 months in prison and eight years of sex offender intensive supervised probation.

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