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Newport man sentenced to 10 years for enticing minor online Jul 7, 2021

James Safrit, 33-years-old, was ordered to register as a sex offender and to serve 25-years under court supervision after he is released from prison.

Court documents show between January 9th and January 21st of 2020, Safrit used "MeetMe", a social networking app, to engage in several conversations with an undercover FBI employee posing as a minor.

During this time, Safrit talked about how he wanted to engage in sexual contact with the minor and made arrangements to meet.

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Man Sentenced to 420 Months in Prison for Enticing and Sexually Abusing a Minor

Aug 4, 2021

A North Carolina man was sentenced today to 420 months, or 35 years, in prison followed by 10 years of supervised release for enticing and sexually abusing a minor.

Emilio Moran, 39, of Jacksonville, pleaded guilty on Aug. 17, 2020, to sexual abuse of a minor and enticement of a minor to engage in unlawful sexual activity. According to information presented at the sentencing proceeding, Moran enticed a minor to engage in a prolonged sexual relationship while he was accompanying the armed forces in Okinawa, Japan. Moran, a former U.S. Marine, used text messages and gifts to entice the minor into the illicit sexual relationship, and he took cellphone videos of some of the sexual abuse. Moran also encouraged the minor to destroy evidence in the case. The sexual relationship ended when it was reported to investigators with the U.S. Air Force Office of Special Investigations.

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