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## Oxnard Man Sentenced for Possession of Child Sexual Abuse Material

VENTURA, Calif. – The Ventura County District Attorney's Office announced today that Aaron Wayne Bouffard (DOB 02/06/70), of Oxnard, was sentenced on March 19, 2025, to 16 months in state prison, concurrent with a two-year sentence for a probation violation in a separate felony case. Bouffard had previously pled guilty on January 31, 2025, to possession or control of child sexual abuse material (CSAM) and admitted the special allegation that he possessed more than 600 images. The special allegation was struck by the judge at sentencing, over the prosecutor's objection.

In April 2023, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Ventura received information from an online platform for buying, selling, transferring, and storing cryptocurrency, that a person later identified as Bouffard was using Bitcoin to buy CSAM. Through a federal search warrant, HSI Ventura was able to recover thousands of CSAM images from multiple devices at Bouffard's Oxnard home.

Working in conjunction with the Department of Homeland Security, HSI Ventura, and the Ventura County Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Task Force (VC-CEHTTF), Bouffard was arrested by the Ventura Police Department on September 20, 2024. Bouffard was on probation for a 2021 case of felony child endangerment. Bouffard was formerly an English teacher at Rio Mesa High School but no longer worked there following his 2021 conviction.

Deputy District Attorney Katherine Plante, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Special Prosecutions Division, prosecuted the case. The District Attorney's Office sought a four-year prison term for the CSAM conviction and probation violation.

"Possession of child pornography causes irreparable harm to vulnerable children," Ms. Plante said. "As a former teacher, parent and felony probationer, the defendant should have understood better than anyone the responsibility we all share to protect our children."

**Case: 2024017059**

**Defendant Information:**

Aaron Wayne Bouffard (DOB 02/06/70)

Oxnard

**Charges pled guilty to:**

- PC 311.11(a) - Possession or control of child pornography

**Special allegation admitted:**

- PC 311.11(c)(1) - Aggravated possession of child pornography – More than 600 images

