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FORMER COLLEGE PARK MAYOR SENTENCED TO 30 YEARS FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

UPPER MARLBORO, MD – A former mayor has been sentenced today to 150 years, suspending all but 30.

Patrick Wojahn, 48, served as Mayor of College Park since 2015 until his resignation and arrest in March.

In February of this year, after receiving a tip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) about child pornography being distributed by someone in Prince George's County, authorities began investigating Wojahn.

In handing down the sentence, the judge cited the horrific nature of the offenses. The judge remarked on the irreparable harm inflicted upon the victims, underscoring the need for a sentence that reflects punishment, deterrence, and rehabilitation. In August, Wojahn pled to 60 counts for distribution of child pornography, 40 counts for possession of child pornography and 40 counts for possession with the intent to distribute child pornography.

“By distributing these horrific videos and images of children, some as young as infants, Mr. Wojahn has contributed to lifelong victimization of the innocent,” said State's Attorney Braveboy. “Moving forward, our office will continue to pursue stiff penalties and seek justice for our youngest victims. I want to thank the Prince George's County Police Department, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Internet Crimes Action Task Force and Assistant State's Attorneys Jessica Garth and Monica Myers for their dedicated work on this case.”

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