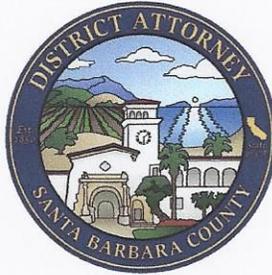


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Re: People v. Richard Alan Hague and Stephen Toby Crawford

District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that as a result of two pleas relating to possession and distribution of child pornography, Richard Alan Hague, Jr., age 23, was sentenced to 1 year in county jail and placed on felony probation for 4 years. He was also ordered to attend sex offender therapy and register for life as a sex offender.

On July 19, 2013, Stephen Toby Crawford, age 54, pled to two felonies: possession of child pornography and distributing child pornography. Mr. Crawford was sentenced on September 9, 2013. His sentence included 270 days in jail, sex offender treatment, registering for life as a sex offender, and restitution payments to two different trust funds set up on behalf of two (non-local) children whose photos were found within Mr. Crawford's collection of child pornography.

Mr. Hague, like Mr. Crawford, was also ordered to pay restitution to one of the same trust funds set up for an identified child victim found within his collection of child pornography.

Restitution is money paid to a crime victim to repay them for their financial losses due to the criminal activity, including therapy costs. "I often hear that possessing images of child pornography is really a victimless crime, but nothing could be further from the truth," stated Senior Deputy District Attorney Paula Waldman, who prosecuted Mr. Crawford. Waldman continued, "The emotional and psychological ramifications of being photographed and video-recorded while being molested stay with these children forever." Deputy District Attorney Anthony Davis, who prosecuted Mr. Hague, added, "By collecting restitution payments for children who were molested, video-recorded, and photographed, the District Attorney's Office hopes to help support their healing process and discourage others from possessing these illegal photos and videos."

District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley stated that, "The Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office investigated and prosecuted these cases in cooperation with the Los Angeles Area Crimes Against Children Task Force (LA-ICAC), a task force our office joined approximately two years ago."

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