

Leavenworth brothers found guilty in cases involving multiple child sex crimes and solicitation to commit murder

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- An FBI investigation involving Skype messages, a man from Michigan, and child sex crimes has resulted in a 43-year-old Leavenworth man being convicted after entering no-contest pleas on two counts of rape. Yesterday's conviction comes two weeks after the man's brother was found guilty by a jury on charges connected to the same investigation.

Thomas Manczuk was arrested in July 2022 and later charged with multiple sex crimes. Thomas Manczuk's brother, Steven Manczuk, 40, was found guilty on July 19, 2023, of rape, aggravated criminal sodomy, sexual solicitation of a child, and solicitation to commit capital murder charges. The sex crimes stem from incidents that took place between 2011 and the year 2016 when the victims were under the age of 14. In November 2022, detectives learned of Steven Manczuk's desire to have his victims murdered when a fellow inmate tipped off law enforcement. Steven Manczuk was in custody awaiting trial at this time.

The Manczuk brothers were identified as suspects in multiple sex crimes following an FBI investigation in May 2020 after the FBI's Detroit Division opened a case on a man who lived in Michigan. Investigators determined that the subject of their Detroit investigation had a Skype account that communicated with a Skype account named "steve.manczuck83." The conversation happened in July 2011. During that conversation, Steven Manczuk shared child pornography pictures and stated that he had access to a child to sexually abuse. Investigators determined the Skype account belonged to Steven M. Manczuk, who lived in Leavenworth with his brother Thomas Manczuk.

In June 2021, FBI Detroit notified FBI Kansas City, and the FBI's Kansas City Division began investigative activities into the Manczuk brothers for the suspected sexual abuse of at least one child.

During the investigation into the Manczucs, the victims came forward and described what happened to them; their accounts matched the images and messages the FBI had discovered.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, "We only were able to resolve this case with the consent of the family and due to the hard work of our law enforcement."

The Manczucs remain in custody awaiting sentencing.

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