

Man receives multiple life sentences for child sex crimes, 59 months for soliciting to have victims murdered

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LEAVENWORTH, KAN. --- A Leavenworth man received multiple life sentences today for charges related to child sex crimes and soliciting to have his victims murdered.

Steven M. Manczuk, 40, was sentenced to serve three life sentences plus 59 months in the Kansas Department of Corrections. Earlier this year, a jury found Manczuk guilty of rape, aggravated criminal sodomy, sexual exploitation of a child, and solicitation to commit capital murder. Those crimes happened between the years 2010 and 2013 when the victims were under the age of 14.

Manczuk received sentences of life in prison for the charges of aggravated criminal sodomy, sexual exploitation of a child, and rape. Manczuk received a sentence of 59 months for solicitation to commit capital murder. The life sentences for aggravated sodomy and rape will run consecutively, while the life sentence for sexual exploitation of a child and solicitation to commit capital murder will run concurrently.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, "It's hard to fathom anything like this ever happening; we're grateful for the sentences received today."

Manczuk was initially charged with rape, aggravated criminal sodomy, and sexual exploitation of a child following an FBI investigation in May of 2020 after the FBI's Detroit Division opened a case on a man who lived in Michigan. Investigators determined that the subject of a Detroit investigation had a Skype account that communicated with a Skype account named "steve.manczuck83." The conversation happened in July 2011. During those conversations, 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, Kansas, when the investigation was conducted.

Manczuk was in custody on the initial charges of rape, aggravated criminal sodomy, and sexual exploitation of a child when authorities learned he was soliciting to have those victims murdered.