

## **Second brother sentenced in case involving multiple child sex crimes**

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- An FBI investigation involving Skype messages, a man from Michigan, and child sex crimes has resulted in 43-year-old Thomas E. Manzcuk being sentenced to more than 30 years in prison. Today's sentencing comes two days after Thomas' brother, Steven Manzcuk, received multiple life sentences for charges connected to the same investigation.

Thomas was arrested in July 2022 and later charged with two counts of rape. Thomas' brother, Steven, was sentenced on August 30 on charges of rape, aggravated criminal sodomy, sexual solicitation of a child, and solicitation to commit capital murder. Steven received multiple life sentences for his crimes. The sex crimes involving the Manzcuk brothers stem from incidents that took place between the years 2010 and 2016 when the victims were under the age of 14. In November 2022, detectives learned of Steven's desire to have those victims murdered when a fellow inmate tipped off law enforcement. The Manzcuk brothers were in custody awaiting trial when Steven solicited to commit capital murder.

The Manzcuk brothers were identified as suspects in multiple sex crimes 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 their Detroit investigation had a Skype account that communicated with a Skype account named "steve.manczuck83." The conversation happened in July 2011. During those conversations, Manzcuk shared child pornography pictures and stated that he had access to a child to sexually abuse. Investigators determined the Skype account belonged to Steven, who lived in Leavenworth, Kansas when the investigation was conducted.

In June 2021, FBI Detroit notified FBI Kansas City, and the FBI's Kansas City Division began investigative activities into Steven for the suspected sexual abuse of minors.

During the investigation, the victims came forward and described the incidents that occurred to them. Their stories matched the images, messages, and reports the FBI discovered.

During this afternoon's sentencing hearing, Thomas was sentenced to serve a total of 367 months in prison. Count one resulted in a sentence of 202 months, while he was sentenced to 165 months on count two.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, "Our hearts go out to these victims for what they had to endure. No one, especially an innocent child, deserves to be treated in such a way."