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Media Release

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Re: Spring Hill Man Sentenced to Prison for Possession of Child Pornography –
2023-08320

Date: September 3, 2024

The Hernando County Sheriff's Office received information that a Spring Hill man was possibly in possession of child pornography.

On 04-05-2023, sheriff's deputies executed a court authorized search warrant at the residence of **Steven Sims DOB/02-27-1975**, located at 10455 Gifford Drive in Spring Hill. During the search, a cellphone belonging to Sims was located. The initial search of the cellphone located at least 10 files containing child pornography.

Sims was arrested on the following charges and transported to the Hernando County Detention Center.

- **Possession of Child Pornography (10 counts)**

On 04-06-2023, a forensic exam was completed on Sim's cellphone which revealed an application which contained another 90 child pornography video files.

Sims was then charged with an additional **90 counts** of **Possession of Child Pornography**.

Sim's bond was set at \$900,000.

On 08-30-2024 Sims was sentenced to 15 years in the Department of Corrections and an additional 5 years of Sex Offender probation.



Hernando County Crime Stoppers / Anonymous Tips

If you have information on this case, please contact Hernando County Crime Stoppers. You will remain anonymous!

Hernando County Crime Stoppers can be reached by phone at 1-866-990-TIPS (8477) or **TIPS from a cell phone.

You may also submit your tip via the internet at <http://www.hernandocountycrimestoppers.com> .

You will remain anonymous and also be eligible for a reward up to \$5,000 cash!