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**MAN SENTENCED TO TEN YEARS IN PRISON FOR  
POSSESSING AND DISSEMINATING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

HONOLULU – Attorney General Doug Chin announced that state circuit judge Glenn J. Kim today sentenced Donovan Soto to ten years in prison for disseminating and possessing child pornography.

Soto was convicted of possessing and disseminating images of children being sexually exploited, including possession of over 94 movie files, with 58 of the files depicting children under the age of twelve. Nine of the files depicted children being bound or tortured.

**Attorney General Chin** said: “Child pornography is child abuse. Children were hurt when these movies and pictures were made and they were hurt again every time they were watched and shared. The ten-year prison term this man received is appropriate.”

Soto was charged with two counts of child abuse in the second degree and one count of child abuse in the third degree. The second degree charges were punishable by up to ten years in prison and the third degree charge was punishable by up to five years in prison. The prosecution asked the court to sentence Soto to an open ten-year prison term for the second degree counts and a five-year prison term for the third degree counts, which the court did, sentencing Soto to serve the terms concurrently.

Soto, 54 years old and an Ewa Beach resident, will begin serving his ten-year prison term today.

Today’s sentencing resulted from a joint investigation by special agents from Homeland Security Investigations and the Hawaii Internet Crimes Against Children (HICAC) task force in the Hawaii Attorney General’s office. HICAC is part of a cooperative nationwide network of Internet Crimes Against Children task forces dedicated to protecting children in the online environment. To learn about how to keep your children safe online, please use the resources available on the HICAC webpage:

<http://ag.hawaii.gov/hicac/>.

A copy of the judgment is attached.

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<b>STATE OF HAWAII</b> CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT		<b>JUDGMENT OF CONVICTION AND SENTENCE NOTICE OF ENTRY</b>		<b>Electronically Filed FIRST CIRCUIT 1PC161001911 21-JUN-2017 09:37 AM</b>
CASE NUMBER <b>1PC16-1-001911</b>		REPORT NUMBER(S): CT. 1: AG RPT. NO. 14-8088 CT. 2: AG RPT. NO. 14-8088-1 CT. 3: AG RPT. NO. 14-8088-2		
STATE VS. (DEFENDANT) <b>DONOVAN D. SOTO</b>  Social Sec. No.: XXX-XX- 0083  SID: A 0183816                      DOB: XX-XX- 1963				
DEFENSE COUNSEL: CRYSTAL GLENDON (DPD)			DATE OF HEARING: JUNE 21, 2017	
<b>PLEA: GUILTY</b>			CHANGE OF PLEA	
ORIGINAL CHARGE(S): COUNT 1: PROMOTING CHILD ABUSE IN THE SECOND DEGREE (§707-751(1)(a) and/or (d), H.R.S.) COUNT 2: PROMOTING CHILD ABUSE IN THE SECOND DEGREE (§707-751(1)(e), H.R.S.) COUNT 3: PROMOTING CHILD ABUSE IN THE THIRD DEGREE (§707-752(1)(a), H.R.S.)			CHARGE(S) TO WHICH DEFENDANT PLED COUNT 1: PROMOTING CHILD ABUSE IN THE SECOND DEGREE (§707-751(1)(a) and/or (d), H.R.S.) COUNT 2: PROMOTING CHILD ABUSE IN THE SECOND DEGREE (§707-751(1)(e), H.R.S.) COUNT 3: PROMOTING CHILD ABUSE IN THE THIRD DEGREE (§707-752(1)(a), H.R.S.)	
DEFENDANT IS CONVICTED AND FOUND GUILTY OF:  COUNT 1: PROMOTING CHILD ABUSE IN THE SECOND DEGREE    (§707-751(1)(a) and/or (d), H.R.S.) COUNT 2: PROMOTING CHILD ABUSE IN THE SECOND DEGREE    (§707-751(1)(e), H.R.S.) COUNT 3: PROMOTING CHILD ABUSE IN THE THIRD DEGREE    (§707-752(1)(a), H.R.S.)				
<b>FINAL JUDGMENT AND SENTENCE OF THE COURT:</b>  INCARCERATION: TEN (10) YEARS EACH IN COUNTS 1 AND 2; FIVE (5) YEARS IN COUNT 3, WITH CREDIT FOR TIME SERVED. TERM OF SENTENCE IN COUNTS 1 - 3 TO BE SERVED CONCURRENTLY. MITTIMUS TO ISSUE FORTHWITH.				
Defendant shall provide specimen samples and print impressions as required by H. R. S. Chap. 844D				
DATE: JUNE 21, 2017	JUDGE GLENN J. KIM	SIGNATURE 		
<b>NOTICE OF ENTRY</b>				
THIS JUDGMENT HAS BEEN ENTERED AND COPIES MAILED OR DELIVERED TO ALL PARTIES				
DATE: JUNE 21, 2017	CLERK: I. RICHARDSON	SIGNATURE 		





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CERTIFICATE OF PRESENTENCE DETENTION

PUBLIC SAFETY

Name of Defendant	Donovan Soto	HI SID No.	A0183816	Date of Sentence	06/21/2017
Case No./Count	Police Report #	Length of Detention		No. of Days Detained	
		From	To		
IPC161001911					
Ct. 1:	16-484400-001	12-11-16	12-11-16	1	
Ct. 2:	16-484400-002	↓	↓	↓	
Ct. 3:	16-484400-003				

I certify that this defendant was detained as indicated above by my Department/Agency as of the date of sentence.

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- \_\_\_\_\_ Chief of Police, Honolulu Police Department
- \_\_\_\_\_ Director, Dept. of Public Safety (State of HI)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Director, Dept. of Health (State of HI)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

By *Patrick O'Neil*, Its authorized Representative  
 (Signature)

**DEPUTY SHERIFF II**  
 (Title)

**APR 10 2017**  
 (Date)

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REQUESTS SENT TO:

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REQUEST DATE: 04/04/2017

DUE DATE: **04/18/2017**

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