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Sex crimes, porn convictions affirmed, remanded for re-sentencing

Convictions on four counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct and five counts of possession of a computer containing a pornographic work involving minors have been upheld by the Minnesota Court of Appeals against a Grand Rapids man.

The appeals court also ruled that Randy Allan Boettcher, 49, must be resentenced on two of the criminal sexual conduct convictions because the district court erred in imposing a lifetime conditional release term after he serves his prison sentence instead of a 10-year conditional release as called for in state statutes.

Boettcher was convicted of the nine crimes by a St. Louis County jury on Sept. 24, 2012. He was sentenced to 18 years in prison.

The state had argued that the lifetime conditional release period was justified because Boettcher had a previous sex offense conviction. One of the sexual assault convictions took place on or about May of 2009 and another took place on or about September of 2009.

The Court of Appeals determined that Boettcher's convictions resulted from a single trial and were recorded in a single warrant of commitment; therefore the convictions occurred at the same time.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant St. Louis County Attorney Leslie Beiers.

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