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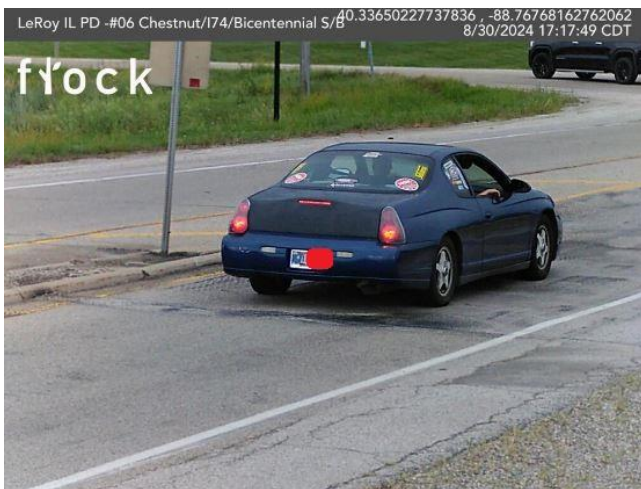
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WARRANT ARREST. CHILDREN RESCUED FROM ABUSER

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Evan Wayne Smith from Indiana was on the run from felony domestic battery charges and was hiding out in a hotel room in LeRoy. The Indiana detective was concerned for the safety of the two young girls traveling with him. Flock ALPRs alerted the detective to his presence in LeRoy and the detective notified LeRoy PD. LeRoy PD found the suspect vehicle at the Holiday Inn. Smith was taken into custody by SWAT and a gun with an extended magazine was taken for safekeeping. The children were turned over to DCFS.

Smith was later convicted in Indiana (see next page).



Hendricks County Indiana Prosecutor's Office:

On May 1, 2025, Evan Smith pled guilty to one (1) count of Possession of Child Pornography, a Level 5 felony. On May 15, 2025, Evan Smith was sentenced to the maximum of six (6) years in the Indiana Department of Corrections. He will have to register as a sex or violent offender for life due to the victims in the images being under the age of 12.

Deputies with the Hendricks County Sheriff's Office were called out for a domestic dispute on August 25, 2024. Evan Smith was charged with domestic battery for his involvement in that episode, and a warrant was issued for his arrest. He was located in Illinois and was arrested. On September 12, 2024, a report was made by acquaintances of Evan Smith regarding the discovery of child porn. The acquaintances called 911, told officers that the Defendant asked them to pick up his vehicle and personal items from Illinois, which they did, and they had found the child porn and reported it.

The Court considered the volume and content of the images and videos on the phone were egregious and far more than necessary to prove the elements of the offense as reasons for the maximum sentence. The detective who led the investigation, Sam Chandler, testified at the sentencing hearing that this was the largest and worst content he had ever come across in his extensive career in law enforcement.

"What was uncovered in this case is nothing short of evil and heartbreaking," said Prosecutor Loren Delp. "These were not just files or evidence—they were images of real children, some incredibly young, who were being horrifically exploited. The defendant's actions were reprehensible, and the maximum sentence handed down is a reflection of the deep and lasting harm caused by this crime. I'm grateful to the brave individuals who came forward, to the detectives who handled this case with care and determination, and to the Court for recognizing the severity of what was uncovered."

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