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Oxnard Man Charged with Possessing Thousands of CSAM Images

VENTURA, Calif. – The Ventura County District Attorney's Office has charged Aaron Wayne Bouffard (DOB 02/06/70), of Oxnard, with one felony count of possession or control of child sexual abuse material (CSAM). He is also charged with the special allegation that he possessed more than 600 of these images.

In April 2023, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Ventura received information from an online platform for buying, selling, transferring, and storing cryptocurrency, that a person later identified as Bouffard was allegedly using Bitcoin to buy CSAM. Through a federal search warrant, HSI Ventura was able to recover thousands of CSAM images from multiple devices at Bouffard's Oxnard home.

Working in conjunction with the Department of Homeland Security, HSI Ventura, and the Ventura County Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Task Force (VC-CEHTTF), Bouffard was arrested by the Ventura Police Department on September 20, 2024. Bouffard was on probation for a 2021 case of child endangerment.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Howard Wise and Deputy District Attorney Katherine Plante, members of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Fraud and Technology Crimes Unit, are prosecuting the case.

Bouffard pled not guilty at his October 7, 2024, arraignment. He remains in custody without bail for a violation of probation. An early disposition conference is scheduled for October 16, 2024, in Ventura County Superior Court. Anyone with additional information regarding Aaron Wayne Bouffard is urged to contact HSI Special Agent Tommy Brizuela Jr. at Tommy.D.Brizuela@hsi.dhs.gov.

The Ventura County Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Task Force (VC-CEHTTF) is comprised of investigators and prosecutors with the Ventura County District Attorney's Office, Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Simi Valley Police Department, Oxnard Police Department, Ventura Police Department, the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office, California Highway Patrol, the FBI, and United States Attorney's Office. The task force is committed to identifying, rescuing, and protecting children from sexual exploitation and abuse through education, enforcement, and through partnerships with local, state, and federal agencies.

The partnership between HSI Ventura and VC-CEHTTF enhances the effectiveness of child exploitation cases and strives to apply HSI's victim-centered approach to investigations by ensuring that victims receive the necessary support and protection while ensuring offenders are brought to justice. HSI Ventura is proud to be a part of this taskforce that combats child exploitation, by tracking down offenders who create, share, and download child sexual abuse material on the web, a crime that knows no boundaries.



This partnership enables a coordinated response, facilitates community awareness and prevention efforts, creating a more informed society that can recognize and report suspicious activities, ultimately fostering a safer environment for our children.

Case: 2024017059

Defendant Information:

Aaron Wayne Bouffard (DOB 02/06/70)
Oxnard

Charges:

- PC 311.11(a) - Possession or control of child pornography

Special Allegation:

- PC 311.11(c)(1) - Aggravated possession of child pornography – More than 600 images