

# Morrow Man Sentenced to Prison for Possessing Child Pornography

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A Morrow man was sentenced to prison today for possessing child pornography.

Benny Gabbard, 76, was sentenced to three years in prison for two separate cases involving the possession of child pornography.

Gabbard had previously been sentenced to probation after pleading guilty to nineteen counts of pandering obscenity involving a minor in Warren County Common Pleas Court. Those charges related to a search warrant that had been executed on Gabbard's home by the Warren County Sheriff's Office on July 12, 2014. At that time, they recovered a thumb drive which contained numerous images of child pornography.

On April 15, 2015, during a routine check of Gabbard's residence, a Warren County probation officer found Gabbard to be in possession of a CD containing multiple images of child pornography. On July 7, 2015, Gabbard entered a plea to ten additional counts of pandering obscenity involving a minor for those offenses.

Gabbard has been designated as a Tier II Sexual Offender requiring him to register with the sheriff's office every 180 days for the next 25 years.



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