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Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that the Honorable Judge Brendan Maher sentenced **Bryant GomezGarcia (DOB: 2/16/1993)** to three years for one count of Child Pornography plus a consecutive 30 months of probation for two other counts of Child Pornography. The defendant plead guilty to the offenses before Judge Maher in September. As part of the sentence, GomezGarcia will be on mandatory supervised release for 3 years up to natural life and have to register as a sex offender for the rest of his natural life.

On or about February 22, 2021, Homeland Security Investigations Special Agents reviewed multiple reports from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. The reports provided information related to users, including the defendant, Bryant GomezGarcia, viewing media depicting child sexual abuse material. During the investigation, it was determined that the defendant's email was associated with receiving the inappropriate images. The defendant also admitted to police during a subsequent interview that he "sometimes" came across and viewed child sexual abuse material on the internet. At sentencing, Assistant State's Attorney Alison Meason introduced victim impact statements from children previously depicted in images and video of child sexual abuse material which were among the images in the possession of the defendant. The statements included details about how the ongoing trauma from their publicly shared images and videos of themselves being sexually abused as children continues to haunt them for the rest of their lives.

The Department of Homeland Security conducted the investigation in this case. Assistant State's Attorney Alison Meason handled the prosecution.

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