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Marine Staff Sergeant Sentenced to 30 Years for Child Sex Abuse and Exploitation

HONOLULU – On March 6, Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Jawan T. Hale, 37, stationed at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, was sentenced to 30 years in a military prison for charges related to child sex crimes. The sentencing follows Hale's guilty plea to 13 charges of crimes against children. Those charges include three counts of rape of a child, three counts of sexual abuse of a child, two counts of production of child sexual abuse material, three counts of possession of child sexual abuse material, one count of indecent language pertaining to a minor, and one count of solicitation.

"The Naval Criminal Investigative Service is dedicated to justice and the protection of the most vulnerable members of our community," said Acting Special Agent in Charge Oliver Scammell, NCIS Hawaii Field Office. "This sends a clear message that such reprehensible actions will not be tolerated within the Navy or Marine Corps ranks."

NCIS Special Agents arrested Hale in Feb. 2023 after a tip was received through law enforcement partners and the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children. During the investigation, NCIS uncovered large quantities of digital evidence showing the sexual exploitation of children. When questioned, Hale admitted to molesting a child. The investigation also revealed Hale preyed on his victims by targeting single mothers with young children.

"Today's sentencing reflects the gravity of the offenses committed by Staff Sgt. Hale," said Scammell. "The military justice system has acted swiftly and decisively to hold him accountable for his actions."

Hale's sentencing, determined by a military judge, will be effective immediately. He will also face a dishonorable discharge, required mandatory registration as a sex offender, and a reduction in rank to Private.

NCIS encourages individuals who believe they may be victims or have information related to Hale's activities to come forward. They can contact NCIS using the NCIS Tips App or visit www.ncis.navy.mil for further assistance. Additionally, reports may be submitted to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children at 1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678) or online to <https://report.cybertip.org/>.

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