

Cumbrian man jailed for numerous child sex offences

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A man who made repeated sexual online demands to two 12-year-old girls has been jailed.

Cameron Longstaff, aged 20, of Hurley Road, Little Corby, was sentenced to one year imprisonment today (2nd February) at Carlisle Crown Court.

He was sentenced for the following offences:

Three counts of making indecent photograph / pseudo-photograph of a child.
Two counts of inciting a child into engaging in sexual activity.
Distributing indecent photograph / pseudo-photograph of a child.
Possession of indecent image of a child

Longstaff had messaged two girls online and demanded that they send intimate images of themselves to him. His offending came to light after he shared images of one of the girls to her Facebook contacts.

Police found that Longstaff had hundreds of indecent images on his laptop. The investigation was lengthened by Longstaff's efforts to conceal his offending. The Constabulary's Digital Media Investigation Unit found that Longstaff had deleted an incriminating folder whilst police carried out a search warrant at his home address.

Detective Constable Mark Singleton said:

Longstaff was a danger to young girls who he would engage in online conversation with. He demanded nude images from the two victims in this case under a fake profile.

He caused one of the victims considerable suffering by forwarding the images she had sent him to people she knew. He did this out of spite and has shown no remorse for any of his actions. Longstaff attempted to deflect responsibility for his actions onto another party which caused distress to that individual.

It is important that young people realise the dangers that lurk online as there are people out there who are intent on exploiting children for their own sexual gratification.

We encourage anyone who has any suspicions of any sort of abuse to contact us so we can investigate."

The sentencing comes at a time where the Constabulary is supporting a regional campaign with other North West police forces and the Lucy Faithfull Foundation to tackle growing demand online for indecent images.

The Lucy Faithfull Foundation is a charity that works to prevent people from viewing such illegal material in the first place; and to get them to stop if they have already started. For more information on this campaign please [click here](#).

Support and advice is available on the Constabulary's website at: www.cumbria.police.uk/Advice-Centre/Personal-Safety/Child-Sexual-Exploitation.aspx.

If you wish to report a crime or speak to an officer about an incident, please contact Cumbria Police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on

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