

# Child-porn addict 'has lost everything'

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Gary Dolovich dissolved into sobs as he told a court yesterday how his addiction to child pornography and lurid online chats cost him his family, career, and reputation.

"I looked for the images that formed the basis of my arrest ... and I traded them to get more," said Dolovich, a former legal researcher with the Manitoba Court of Appeal.

"I involved myself in the most depraved conversations imaginable as part of a sick world that I voluntarily entered. I used the abuse of the most innocent people for the most selfish of reasons."

Dolovich, 41, previously pleaded guilty to one count each of possessing and distributing child pornography. Dolovich was arrested in July 2006 after Australian authorities alerted police in Ottawa to his online activities.

**SUN+** Today, lawyers for the Crown and defence jointly recommended Dolovich receive a conditional sentence of two years less a day.

Dolovich's offences occurred between February 2005 and October 2005, predating new legislation mandating minimum sentences in real jail.

Special prosecutor Marty Minuk said the recommended sentence is consistent with previous sentences for similar crimes.

Court heard city police seized several computers from two addresses associated with Dolovich.

## DISTURBING CHATS

A forensic examination of the computers uncovered 547 images of child pornography, the bulk of them involving children between the ages of three and seven engaged in explicit sex acts.

Further investigation revealed a series of disturbing online chats in which Dolovich traded child pornography with other men and discussed violently abusing the pictured children.

In one conversation, Dolovich claims to know the children featured in a traded picture and discusses a plan to "snatch them and rape them."

Later in the conversation, Dolovich proposes abandoning the children "in the middle of the province."

Once a gifted legal researcher, Dolovich now earns minimum wage as a courier, lives with his mother, and is estranged from his ex-wife and children, said his lawyer Josh Weinstein.

"He has lost everything," he said.

Judge Michel Chartier said he needed time to consider the joint recommendation and adjourned sentencing to a later date.

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