



Washington University in St. Louis

Statement from Washington University in St. Louis regarding Justin Carroll

This is a legal matter being handled by the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Missouri. Any questions or requests for further information about the case should be directed to the United States Attorney's Office.

What we can address is the university's response to the actions taken by federal authorities. First, we have assisted federal law enforcement officials as requested and will continue to do so. Second, upon learning of the federal investigation, we immediately placed Mr. Carroll on leave and barred him from contacting any members of the university community including students, having any presence on campus and using the university's computer network resources. The university accepted Mr. Carroll's letter of resignation on January 5. Third, also upon learning of the federal investigation, we initiated our own investigation into any potential risk for the university community. While our investigation is ongoing, at this point, we have no reason to believe that Mr. Carroll had inappropriate interactions with any member of the university community or any participant in university programs.

We want to take this opportunity to remind members of the university community and the general public that the university has channels for reporting suspected violations of law, regulations and/or university policy, including our compliance hotline, 314-362-4998.

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UNIVERSITY CITY MAN INDICTED ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

St. Louis, MO – Justin X. Carroll, 67, of University City, MO, appeared in the Federal District Court today to answer to a child pornography charge contained in a federal grand jury indictment that was filed last Wednesday but remained sealed until Carroll's court appearance earlier this morning. The time period covered by the indictment is November 2015 to December 2016.

In the course of a child pornography investigation involving the internet, federal investigators discovered a group of child pornography sharers and were able to identify Carroll as one of the participants by tracing IP addresses to computers at his residence and Washington University, where Carroll served as Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

U.S. Attorney Richard Callahan noted that the investigation only identified criminal wrongdoing in connection with the internet and did not discover any wrongdoing in connection with Carroll's University responsibilities or involving students. He also expressed appreciation for the cooperation that Washington University provided in connection with the investigation.

If convicted, this charge carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison and/or fines up to \$250,000. In determining the actual sentences, a Judge is required to consider the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, which provide recommended sentencing ranges.

This case was investigated U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). Assistant United States Attorney Rob Livergood is handling the case for the U.S. Attorney's Office.

As is always the case, charges set forth in an indictment are merely accusations and do not constitute proof of guilt. Every defendant is presumed to be innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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