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People v. Gilberto Sanchez 2023CF380

On November 2, 2023, Gilberto Sanchez, formerly of Danville, Illinois, plead guilty and was sentenced by the Honorable Charles Hall for the offense of Child Pornography, a class X felony. Sanchez will serve 8 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. Following his term of incarceration, Sanchez will serve 3 years of mandatory supervised release.

The Court heard evidence that a cyber tip was sent to the Illinois State Police regarding child pornography. An investigation began, and Gilberto Sanchez was located and interviewed by Illinois State Police agents. Sanchez told the agents that he had received child pornography, but that he immediately deleted the images. Sanchez then consented to the agents searching his phone and the agents located several images of child pornography that included images of children under the age of 13. Sanchez then admitted to the agents that he receives and sends child pornography regularly.

State's Attorney Jacqueline Lacy thanked the Illinois State Police for their thorough proactive investigation. She added, "Although this defendant was not suspected of having physical contact with the children depicted in the images, his actions in receiving and sending pornographic images to others, encourages horrendous acts of sexual violence against children. My office will persist in our efforts with law enforcement to hold these offenders responsible."