



Case of George Nadel

COURT-MANDATED TREATMENT FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY POSSESSION

George Nadel is a 47-year-old unemployed, twice-divorced male who presented to the Rising Sun Center for Treatment of Sexual Offenders with complaints of depressed mood, anxiety, and impulsive behavior. He reports that he is heterosexually oriented. The client reports a history of depression since childhood, which he has managed through what he describes as self-destructive behaviors. In addition to substance abuse and impulsive spending, the client has a recent history of possessing child pornography (depicting boys and girls ages 9–16), which resulted in pending legal charges for possession (and possible distribution) of child pornography. His pending charges cause him a significant amount of anxiety and shame.

George reports behavior that is consistent with a preoccupation with sexual behaviors. He has

engaged in anonymous fellatio in the back rooms of bookstores. He also spends significant portions of his income on legal pornography and preparations used to reverse erectile dysfunction. George says that while he feels he can stop downloading child pornography, he claims an addiction to pornography depicting adults. The client said that he became interested in child pornography more than 7 years ago when he heard a television news report that caused him to become curious regarding images of child pornography. Since that time, George has downloaded nearly 20,000 images of child pornography. At his intake, George expressed his concern over his pending legal charges, which have lasted over the past 2 years.

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