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On July 25, 2014, Robert Leonard, a resident of Woodland, Washington, was convicted at trial of felony communication with a minor for immoral purposes for an indecent conversation he held with a thirteen year old, Pennsylvanian boy. Mr. Leonard met the victim in an online chat room in late November, 2011, and communicated with him through email and the telephone. Eventually, the relationship was discovered by the victim's mother, who notified police.

A joint investigation, involving the Woodland Police Department and the Vancouver Police Department, cybercrimes unit, discovered a year-long relationship that included several sexually graphic emails, found on both the victim's phone and Mr. Leonard's computer. Also found on both devices were emails suggesting that Mr. Leonard planned for the victim to move across the country to live with him.

Prior to his conviction, Mr. Leonard worked in the Vancouver School District for nearly 30 years. He was a janitor at an elementary school. Mr. Leonard will be sentenced on September 1st, 2014.