

# A Federal Court Just Made Child Pornography Easier to Produce

A controversial decision by a federal court in Pennsylvania will likely increase the production and distribution of child pornography, according to various anti-porn advocates.

The Aug. 3 ruling effectively slapped down U.S. Code Title 18 Section 2257, which requires pornography producers to keep detailed records of the ages of the individuals who appear in their films. Under the code, officials must be able to inspect these records at any time, so that they can ensure that there are no underage people engaging in pornographic material.

In its final Judgment and Decree, the court ruled:

*“The record-keeping requirements set forth in 18 . §§ 2257(a), (b)(3), (c), 2257A(a), (b)(3), (c) and 28 . §§ ; and the associated criminal prohibitions set forth in 18 . §§ 2257(f)(1)-(2), 2257A(f)(1)-(2) are unconstitutional under the First Amendment. The Court hereby permanently enjoins Defendant, his agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and other persons acting in concert or participation with him from enforcing these statutes and regulations.”*

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