BI deports wanted US pedophile

MANILA, Philippines - The Bureau of Immigration (BI) deported a suspected American pedophile accused of sexually exploiting girls in Cebu City during his frequent travels to the country.

BI Commissioner Jaime Morente said 64-year-old Craig Alex Levin was deported last Thursday aboard a chartered special flight of the US Embassy from the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA).

Agents from the US Marshals Service reportedly fetched Levin from the airport tarmac where he was brought from his detention cell at the BI Warden Facility in Camp Bagong Diwa, Taguig City.

According to Morente, Levin was ordered expelled by the BI Board of Commissioners for being an undocumented and undesirable alien, and due to his status as a wanted fugitive.

“He has been placed in our immigration blacklist, thus he is now perpetually banned from re-entering the Philippines. Henceforth, he would no longer pose a threat to our Filipino children,” the BI Chief added.

Records show that operatives from the Police’s Women and Children Protection Center in Region 7 arrested Levin at his condominium unit in Brgy. Cogon Ramos, Cebu City on May 24, 2019 after he was seen accompanying a 15-year-old girl to his room.

He was arrested after US authorities informed the police that Levin is wanted to stand trial before a US district court in Philadelphia on charges of sexually exploiting minors in the Philippines and for engaging in child sex trafficking.

Levin was subsequently turned over to the BI where he was detained while undergoing deportation proceedings.

US prosecutors have described Levin as a dangerous sexual predator who targeted vulnerable children in the Philippines.

They also alleged in their indictment that Levin used the internet to persuade, induce, entice, and coerce a child into sex trafficking, and that he frequently travelled to the Philippines to engage in illicit sex with minors.

BI Chief warned foreign nationals who are planning to travel to the Philippines for illegal activities. “Do not prey on our children. We do not welcome sex tourists in this country,” said Morente.