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Paedophile jailed for crimes in Australia and Southeast Asia

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A serial paedophile who abused children in Australia and South East Asia has today been sentenced to 35 years' imprisonment, with a non-parole period of 28 years. Boris Kunsevitsky (53) pleaded guilty to sexually abusing 44 children over a period of 16 years, as well as possessing tens of thousands of images and videos of child exploitation material.

Thirty-six of his victims were aged between 10 and 15 years old, another eight were 16 or 17 when they were abused. Of the victims, 37 are Filipino, five are Singaporean, one is Indonesian, and one is Australian.

At the time he committed most of the offences, Mr Kunsevitsky was based in Singapore. He was arrested on 4 September 2017, when he returned to Australia. Mr Kunsevitsky's arrest was triggered by a warrant issued for offences that occurred in Australia. These offences were identified after a referral from German Police to Australian authorities. The referral led to the identification of an Australian victim, who subsequently made a statement of complaint to Victorian Police.

Following Mr Kunsevitsky's return to Australia, police discovered child exploitation material in his possession, which led to the investigation of offending against victims overseas. This ultimately led to Mr Kunsevitsky pleading guilty to 59 offences across three categories of offending. Details of the charges are provided below.

Mr Kunsevitsky is the second Australian to be sentenced to a significant amount of time in jail for sexually exploiting children overseas. The CDPP's Deputy Director responsible for Human Exploitation and Border Protection, Mark de Crespigny, said the sentences reflect the community's abhorrence with this crime type.

"The work our partner agencies do in investigating the sexual exploitation of children is to be commended," he said.

"Our prosecutions rely on investigators doing their job thoroughly, and presenting a strong brief of evidence for us to take to court. The CDPP is committed to prosecuting those who sexually abuse children to the full extent possible. Whether here in Australia or overseas, the sexual exploitation of children cannot be tolerated, and we will work with our partner agencies to ensure the victims receive justice."

CDPP prosecutors work with investigators and the CDPP Witness Assistance Service to ensure that, in the course of dealing with this very challenging work, victims are treated with courtesy, compassion, cultural sensitivity and respect for their dignity. In February 2019, the CDPP launched a dedicated site for [Victims and Witnesses](#) to support them through the prosecution process. Anyone wishing to report allegations of child sexual abuse can do so via the [Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation](#)

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Summary of sentence:

- Total effective sentence (Commonwealth charges): 24 years, non-parole period of 20 years
- Total effective sentence (State charges): 11 years, non-parole period of eight years
- Total effective sentence (global): 35 years, non-parole period of 28 years

Summary of charges and offence categories:

1. Engaging in child sex offending by maintaining a sexual relationship with a child in Melbourne between 1 January 2004 and 31 October 2005. The child victim was aged between 13 and 15 years old during the course of the offending.
2. Engaging in child sex offending outside Australia, including:
 - Personally engaging in sexual intercourse or sexual conduct with children outside Australia and inducing or causing children to engage in sexual intercourse outside Australia, with other children, in his presence.
 - Between 11 June 2010 and 16 June 2011 and 20 February 2013 and 11 June 2013, Mr Kunsevitsky engaged in the persistent sexual abuse of five children outside Australia. Each charge of persistent sexual abuse involved at least three separate instances, and on occasion up to 10 separate instances, of sexual abuse of the child.
3. Committing child exploitation material offences involving importing child exploitation material into Australia and producing child exploitation material both domestically and outside Australia:
 - Domestically, Mr Kunsevitsky produced 55 child exploitation material images depicting his offending against one victim in Melbourne.
 - Internationally, at various times between 18 May 2010 and 28 April 2015, Mr Kunsevitsky produced over 1000 photographs or videos depicting other, unidentified children or depicting children engaged in sexual activity or conduct with each other often, at his direction and, included images or videos of Mr Kunsevitsky sexually abusing the children.
 - In relation to the importation charge, Mr Kunsevitsky was in possession of five electronic devices (when he returned to Australia on 4 September 2017). Over 35,000 images and over 4800 videos, depicting child exploitation material, were located on the devices.



Charges	Offence	Maximum Penalty
1, 3–6, 9–12, 16–17, 20 (12 charges)	Engage in sexual intercourse with a person under 16 years outside Australia s50BA <i>Crimes Act 1914</i> (Cth)	17 years' imprisonment
2, 13 (2 charges)	Engage in sexual conduct with a person under 16 years outside Australia s50BC <i>Crimes Act 1914</i> (Cth)	12 years' imprisonment
7	Maintain a sexual relationship with a child under 16 years s47A <i>Crimes Act 1958</i> (Vic)	25 years' imprisonment
8	Make or produce child pornography material s68 <i>Crimes Act 1958</i> (Vic)	10 years' imprisonment
14–15, 18–19, 21 (5 charges)	Induce a child under 16 to engage in sexual intercourse with a third person outside Australia, and in the presence of the offender s50BB <i>Crimes Act 1914</i> (Cth)	17 years' imprisonment
22, 30, 38–39, 47, 49, 53–54, 58 (9 charges)	Produce child pornography material outside of Australia s273.5(1) <i>Criminal Code</i> (Cth)	15 years' imprisonment
23, 27, 29, 33, 37, 40, 42–44, 46, 52, 55, 57 (13 charges)	Engage in sexual intercourse with a child under 16 outside Australia s272.8(1) <i>Criminal Code</i> (Cth)	20 years' imprisonment
25, 34–36, 41, 48, 56 (7 charges)	Cause a child under 16 to engage in sexual intercourse outside Australia, in the presence of the offender s272.8(2) <i>Criminal Code</i> (Cth)	20 years' imprisonment
26, 45, 50 (3 charges)	Cause a child under 16 to engage in sexual activity outside Australia, in the presence of the offender s272.9(2) <i>Criminal Code</i> (Cth)	15 years' imprisonment
24, 28, 31–33 51 (5 charges)	Persistent sexual abuse of a child outside Australia s272.11 <i>Criminal Code</i> (Cth)	25 years' imprisonment
59	Import child pornography material s233BAB <i>Customs Act 1901</i> (Cth)	10 years' imprisonment