

US Man Gets 15 Years for Molesting 13-Year-Old

A former schoolteacher from the city of Baltimore in the US state of Maryland was sentenced Wednesday to 15 years in prison for molesting a 13-year-old boy in Cambodia in 2003. Richard Schmidt, 62, pleaded guilty last year to engaging in illicit sexual conduct with a teenage boy while overseas. Prosecutors say Schmidt went to the Philippines after an arrest warrant was issued for him, alleging he had violated his parole on an earlier pedophilia conviction. Once Schmidt completes his 15-year sentence, he faces supervised probation for the rest of his life. Schmidt was convicted under the Protect Act which has strengthened US law enforcement's ability to investigate and punish crimes against children overseas. (AP)