



SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

MEDIA RELEASE



DATE/TIME: August 15, 2013

LOCATION: 13000 block Highway 9, Boulder Creek

TOPIC: Child Pornography Arrest

CASE NUMBER: 13S-06122

INFORMATION:

On Wednesday August 14, 2013, Santa Cruz Police Detectives arrested Walter Louis Gafvert III for multiple counts of Possession of Child Pornography. Mr. Gafvert is 48 year old and lived at a home in the 13000 block of Highway 9. He was formerly involved in the adult pornography business under a host of alias names.

The investigation started in July, 2013 when detectives were alerted to Mr. Gafvert by the Silicon Valley Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task force. The Santa Cruz Police Department is local affiliate to this regional task force comprised of Federal, State and local law enforcement. Through meticulous investigative work, Detectives developed enough information to obtain a search warrant for Mr. Gafvert's home in Boulder Creek. Digital evidence was obtained from the residence which linked Gafvert to possession of child pornography. Detectives discovered thousands of images depicting Child Pornography.

On August 14th Gafvert was located and brought to the Santa Cruz Police Department for an interview with Detectives. In searching his cellphones brought to the interview, investigators found he was actively in possession and actually downloading child pornography at that very moment. Gafvert confessed to his "child pornography and methamphetamine addiction" giving graphic details of videos and images he sought from the internet for sexual gratification. As part of the interview, Gafvert wrote an apology letter for his actions.

Mr. Gafvert was booked into Santa Cruz County Jail on multiple charges of possessing child pornography.

There are no indications local children have been molested; however, investigators are still combing through the thousands of images and videos in an effort to identify the children depicted. To accomplish this task, Investigators are working with the National Center for Missing and Expolited Children (NCMEC), Child Victim Identification Program (CVIP).

Investigators ask that you contact (831) 420-5820 if you have information concerning Gafvert.

For additional information, contact: Deputy Chief Steve Clark

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