



SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT
155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

MEDIA RELEASE



DATE/TIME: January 21, 2014

LOCATION: 500 block Carbonera Drive

TOPIC: Child Pornography Arrest

CASE NUMBER: 14S-00422

INFORMATION:

On Monday January 20, 2014, Santa Cruz Police Detectives arrested Mr. Christopher Schuette (30 years old) at his home in for Possessing Child Pornography.

Santa Cruz Police Detectives worked in cooperation with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) and Silicon Valley Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Taskforce. SCPD serves as the Monterey Bay Areas liaison with these groups.

This case initiated with several cybertips regarding suspicious Internet activity. Using sophisticated software, our detectives were able to pin down the source of the activity. Armed with this information, Santa Cruz Police detectives obtained a search warrant for the suspect's home.

During the search of the home, detectives discovered multiple USB drives with 1000's of images depicting child pornography. Many of the victims were toddler-aged children photographed in while engaged in sexual activity.

Detectives seized digital evidence as well as printed images from the home. Detectives were able to determine that Mr. Schuette was uploading files to the Internet and they are exploring whether or not Mr. Schuette was involved in the actual sale of these pornographic images, as well.

Detectives are looking into Mr. Schuette's previous employment history both locally and in other states where he has recently resided to determine if he worked in the child care industry or had contact with children. Detectives believe he may have been looking for similar employment locally, prior to his arrest.

Mr. Schuette was booked into Santa Cruz County Jail on charges of Possession of Child Pornography.

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