

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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MAN CHARGED WITH CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

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The Fort Lauderdale Police Department, in conjunction with the South Florida Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, executed a search warrant on Friday, January 7th, 2011. Members of the Task Force included the Fort Lauderdale Police Department, Broward Sheriff's Office, and the Attorney General's Office.

A Fort Lauderdale Police Department Detective located an IP address that was sharing child pornography during an undercover internet investigation. Further investigation revealed that the IP address was located at 4324 Northwest 9th Avenue #98, Deerfield Beach, Florida.

Fort Lauderdale Police Detectives and members of the ICAC Task Force executed a search warrant and converged on the residence where the IP address was located. The warrant yielded several images of children being sexually abused by adults. The children depicted in these videos ranged from approximately 6 to 13 years of age.

On January 7th, 2011, at approximately 8:00 A.M., William J. Prudente, W/M, 7/22/74, was arrested and charged with Use of a Computer to Download/Store Child Pornography. Prudente was the only resident of the apartment. During a Post Miranda interview, Prudente confessed to searching for, downloading and storing child pornography on his computer.

If anyone has any information regarding this incident they are encouraged to contact Detective Rob Mauro at 954-888-1570 or Broward County Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS.



Prudente, William

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