

## CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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## CHILD PORNOGRAPHY ARREST

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department, in conjunction with the South Florida Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, executed a search warrant on December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The search warrant was for a business; ESMO, Inc., located at 10171 Northwest 53<sup>rd</sup> Street, in the City of Sunrise. Members of the Task Force included the Fort Lauderdale Police Department, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Broward Sheriff's Office and Sunrise Police Department.

While conducting an undercover investigation, an ICAC Detective from the Fort Lauderdale Police Department located an IP address that was sharing child pornography. Further investigation pin-pointed the exact physical address as 10171 Northwest 53<sup>rd</sup> Street, in the City of Sunrise.

Today, Fort Lauderdale Detectives and members of the ICAC Task Force executed the search warrant at 10171 Northwest 53 Street, City of Sunrise. The search warrant yielded a computer in the defendant's office that contained over 800 images and 20 videos of children being sexually abused by adults. Many of the children depicted in the videos were as young as 1 year old.

Stephen W. Saftler, W/M, 10/26/49, was arrested and charged with fifty (50) counts of Possession of Child Pornography in relation to this investigation.

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.

Saftler, Stephen 10/26/49

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