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FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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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, conducted an undercover investigation on an IP address that was sharing child pornography. Further investigation pin-pointed the exact physical address as 3065 Southwest 16th Street in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

When investigators identified the computer user at that residence, he consented to a preliminary search of his computers. Investigators uncovered several files of child pornography and seized the computers. The suspect made an admission of guilt for downloading and viewing the illegal images. Investigators then obtained a search warrant to conduct a forensic examination. This examination resulted in the discovery of nearly 1,000 videos of children being sexually abused by adults. Many of the children depicted in the videos appeared to be as young as 7 years old.

Thomas N. Dray, W/M, 9/11/89, was arrested and charged with thirty (30) counts of Possession of Child Pornography and one (1) count of Using a Computer to Compile and Collect Child Pornography.

The child pornography images and videos will be forwarded to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children to attempt to identify these young victims.

This is an active and on-going investigation. Investigators are urging anyone who may have had contact with Dray to contact Detective Rob Mauro at 954-888-1570 or Broward County Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS.

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