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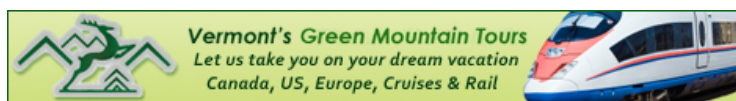
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Aaron Aldridge

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Aaron Aldridge, 42, walked into court Monday and quickly sat down for his arraignment. Aldridge-- who most recently worked as a radio host-- is charged with possession and production of child pornography. Another count handed down Monday alleges that Aldridge sexually assaulted one of the child porn victims.

"Sexual contact with an individual who is under the legal age and identified by initials," Sullivan County Prosecutor Marc Hathaway said.

Police say some of the pornography was produced inside Aldridge's home in downtown Newport, N.H. Police have seized computers and video that they have recovered from inside. Currently, all documents related to the case have been sealed. It is not known at this time how many victims are involved, how old they are, or how they knew Aldridge.

"There are two counts of child porn, one that specifically identifies an individual and one that does not," Hathaway said.

Aldridge's arraignment comes three weeks after he first disappeared with his daughter Amanda. The 19-year-old was located in Florida where Aldridge left her. He was tracked down by United States Marshals and arrested in California.

"Several of my officers and detectives were on the phone-- sometimes more than one phone each-- talking to communities and agencies especially across the southwestern part of the United States," Newport Police Chief David Hoyt said.

Aldridge is due back in court in a week for a probable cause hearing. He is currently being held on \$500,000 cash bail. If convicted on all counts, Aldridge could get up to 44 years behind bars.

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