

# Paterson Cop Faces Child Porn Charges

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MYFOXNY.COM - A Paterson, N.J. police officer was arrested Thursday on child pornography charges.

Officer James R. Berthold, 39, of Paterson was the subject of a three month investigation after child pornography complaints from America Online.

"Possession and distribution of child pornography is a serious offense, I commend the efforts of law enforcement in making this arrest," said Passaic County Sheriff Richard Berdnik. "The fact that this suspect is a sworn police officer makes this matter even more alarming and disturbing."

The Sussex County Prosecutor's Office received approximately nine National Center for Missing and Exploited Children CyberTip Reports concerning the distribution of approximately twelve child pornography images.

The Sussex County Prosecutor's Office forwarded the case to the Passaic County Sheriff's Office Internet Crime ICAC Task Force.

Police say an investigation revealed the child pornography had been sent from Berthold's computer and email address.

Berthold is a five year veteran of the Paterson police force. He is not married.

Bail had not been set, awaiting the potential of additional charges being filed.

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