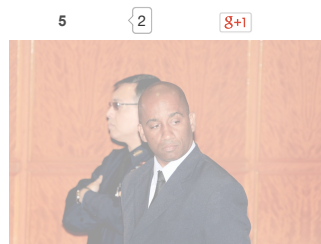


Kerbet Dixon, ex-basketball coach at powerhouse Murry Bergtraum, indicted on child porn charges

Held on \$100,000 bond

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Kerbet Dixon

A former coach for a powerhouse Manhattan girls basketball team was locked up Wednesday after Queens prosecutors said they found hundreds of kiddie porn images on his home computers.

Kerbet Dixon was held in lieu of a \$100,000 bond after Queens prosecutors added the child pornography charges to a 307-count indictment that already included claims Dixon raped three underaged girls in his Queens home.

"I'm innocent and I want to go to trial," Dixon told Queens Supreme Court Justice Richard Buchter.

Dixon, a former volunteer assistant coach for Murry Bergtraum's girls hoops team, was accompanied to court by his daughter Lorin, a former star for the University of Connecticut who he says plays professionally. Another daughter, CeCe, plays for St. Bonaventure University.

Dixon's lawyer, Peter Antioco, says the daughters may have inadvertently led to their father's recent troubles by accidentally downloading the child porn images onto the home computer when they logged on to certain websites.

"When they saw it, they deleted it," Antioco said. "But of course it's never deleted."

And, Antioco claims it's likely that Dixon was at work on several of the days when prosecutors claim he downloaded the images. "There's no fingerprint, there's no DNA," Antioco said. "There's no way you can connect it to him."

Dixon, 48, had been free on \$30,000 bail following his June 2011 arrest on the rape charges, which are said to have occurred between 2008 and 2010. At prosecutors' urging, Buchter increased bail because of the addition of the new charges.

Dixon, a veteran Queens court officer, cited his extensive community ties in urging Buchter to keep the bail at \$30,000.

He faces up to 25 years in prison on charges of rape and promoting a sexual performance of a child. He was led out of the courtroom without handcuffs.

Hundreds of pornographic images were recovered from two of Dixon's home computers between April and May 2011, prosecutors say.

Antioco says one of the computers belongs to a daughter and the other was given to Dixon by an officer in the city Department of Correction.

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