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MEDIA RELEASE



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TOPIC: Two Arrested in Separate Child Pornography Investigations

CASE NUMBER: 16S-03193 and 16S-03195/3199

INFORMATION:

On May 17, 2016, the Santa Cruz Police Department conducted two separate search warrants and arrests stemming from proactive months-long child pornography investigations. In two independent investigations Robert Krietzman, 51 years old, from Watsonville and John Brookhouse, 66 years old from Scotts Valley were arrested for possession of child pornography, 311.11(a) penal code.

Case 16S-03195/3199

On 5/17/16, at about 10:15 am, members of the Santa Cruz Police Department, Silicon Valley ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) Task Force and the Santa Cruz County Sheriffs served a search warrant and arrested Robert Krietzman at his home on Hawthorne Avenue in Watsonville. A search of the residence yielded a significant amount of child pornography stored on computers. The investigation turned up child pornography at both his home and in Krietzman's car. Detectives seized a number of images depicting prepubescent children in sexual acts. Krietzman was identified as a source of the child pornography files shared on peer to peer network.

Robert Krietzman is a first grade school teacher at Martin Luther King Jr. Academy in the Alisal School District. School authorities were immediately notified of Mr. Krietzman's actions and arrest. At this point in the investigation, none of the child pornography images appear to be related to the school. SCPD Detectives are reviewing personal and school work computers that Mr. Krietzman had access to.

Alisal School District officials are being fully cooperative with our investigation. School representatives took immediate action to remove Mr. Krietzman from the classroom. SCPD encourages parents who suspect anything inappropriate to notify the Salinas Police Department and/or Alisal School District officials.

Case 16S-03193

On 5/17/16, at about 4:30 pm, members of the Santa Cruz Police Department, Silicon Valley ICAC Task Force and the Scotts Valley Police Department served a search warrant and arrested John Brookhouse at his mobile home in the 6000 block of Scotts Valley Drive for possession of child pornography.

John Brookhouse was identified as a source of the child pornography files shared on peer to peer network. Detectives seized a number of computers and external drives that were used to download and/or provide child pornography on the network. John Brookhouse confessed to both downloading child pornography as well as making files available for sharing on the network. John Brookhouse was convicted in 1991 for possession of child pornography in the state of Florida.

Both investigations began in late December of 2015, SCPD investigators working in conjunction with the Silicon Valley ICAC accessed a network suspected of sharing child pornography. Over the following months, detectives used an undercover identity and were able to access shared files containing child pornography on various child pornography focused networks.

Both Robert Krietzman and John Brookhouse were booked into Santa Cruz County Jail for Possession of Child Pornography.

The Santa Cruz Police Department would like to remind parents it is imperative that they monitor their children's social interactions, their use of computers, cell phones, and similar electronic devices as well as their children's use of social media and other internet sites. We encourage parents to also talk with their children about the dangers involved with the use of these electronic devices and internet sites and immediately report any suspicious activity to law enforcement.

The Santa Cruz Police Department is an affiliate agency of the Silicon Valley Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce (ICAC). As such, we work with the ICAC taskforce both proactively and reactively to investigate criminals who are engaged in the sexual exploitation of children. The discovery of these suspects was the result of a proactive operation conducted by the Santa Cruz Police Department.

Photo of Robert Krietzman and John Brookhouse are on the following page.

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Photo of Robert Krietzman



Photo of John Brookhouse

