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EAST BRUNSWICK LIBRARY EMPLOYEE CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

NEWARK, N.J. – An East Brunswick, New Jersey man was arrested yesterday for allegedly possessing child pornography, United States Attorney Paul J. Fishman announced.

Joseph R. Buckelew III, 19, is charged by Complaint with one count of possession of child pornography, and is scheduled to make an initial appearance this afternoon before United States Magistrate Judge Madeline Cox Arleo.

According to the Criminal Complaint filed in Newark federal court:

From at least March 2010 through and including August 2010, Buckelew possessed child pornography by downloading and posting videos and images of child pornography via peer to peer ("P2P") file sharing software. Buckelew created a fictitious 19 year old female Internet persona that he used to chat online with teenage males, ranging in ages from 14 to 16 years old, and to induce those minor children to send naked photos of themselves to Buckelew. Buckelew then posted these photos onto the Internet via P2P file sharing software where others could access them. Buckelew currently works in the youth section of the East Brunswick Public Library.

The charge of possessing child pornography carries a maximum potential penalty of 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.

In determining an actual sentence, the judge to whom the case is assigned would, upon a conviction, consult the advisory U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, which provide appropriate sentencing ranges that take into account the severity and characteristics of the offense, the defendant's criminal history, if any, and other factors. The judge, however, is not bound by those guidelines in determining a sentence. Parole has been abolished in the federal system. Defendants who are given custodial terms must serve nearly all that time.

U.S. Attorney Fishman credited Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Newark Division, Innocent Images Unit, and the East Brunswick Police Department with the investigation leading to the arrest.

The Government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lee M. Cortes, Jr. of the Criminal Division in Newark.

The charges and allegations contained in the Complaint are merely accusations and the defendant is considered innocent unless and until proven guilty.

Anyone who had information which may be relevant to this case is encouraged to contact the Newark Division of the FBI at 973-792-3000.

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