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Ex-Roselle Park Police Sergeant Charged With Possession of Child Pornography

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NEWARK – A former Roselle Park police sergeant was charged today in a criminal Complaint with possession of child pornography, U.S. Attorney Paul J. Fishman announced.

Ronald Scull, 66, of Roselle Park, made his initial appearance in federal court today on the criminal Complaint before U.S. Magistrate Judge Patty Shwartz, who released the defendant on \$100,000 bond with the special conditions that the defendant not have accessibility to a computer or the Internet, have no contact with minors, and receive mental health counseling.

According to the Complaint, which was issued today, federal law enforcement officers executed a court-ordered search warrant at Scull's home on Aug. 13, 2009. At that time, officers seized several computer hard drives, which were subsequently forensically examined. According to the Complaint, those examinations revealed approximately one thousand images of what appear to be child pornography.

The complaint further alleges that Scull downloaded the images of child pornography from the Internet, including images depicting children as young as ten-years-old.

From about 1969 until about 1999, Scull was employed as an officer, and later a sergeant, with the Roselle Park Police Department. In 1999, Scull signed a voluntary separation agreement with the Roselle Park Police Department. Thereafter, he obtained a position with the Springfield Police Department as a volunteer, auxiliary officer, ultimately resigning after a federal search warrant was executed at his home in August 2009.

The charge of possession of child pornography carries a maximum statutory penalty of 10 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000.

Fishman credited Postal inspectors with the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, under the direction of Inspector in Charge David L. Collins, and Special Agents with the FBI, under the direction of Acting Special Agent in Charge Kevin B. Cruise, with the investigation.

The government is represented by Assistant United States Attorney Lee D. Vartan of the U.S. Attorney's Office criminal Division in Newark.

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