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SEARCH WARRANT LANDS 20 COUNTS OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

WHO: Karl Michael Strasser (Arrested)

DOB: 6-16-81

512 S. Crest Avenue

Clearwater, Fla.

CHARGES: Possession of Child Pornography (20 counts)

Distribution of Child Pornography

Possession of Marijuana

Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

WHAT: Search Warrant/Child Pornography

SEIZED: Three computer towers, miscellaneous storage devices, 1.3 grams of marijuana, and drug paraphernalia

WHEN: October 22, 2009

7:20 a.m.

WHERE: 512 S. Crest Avenue

Clearwater Fla.

WHY: The Clearwater Police Department Crimes against Children and Families Unit opened a child pornography investigation involving the suspect in August. This morning detectives, along with assistance from the Patrol Division and the Office of the Attorney General Cybercrime Unit, executed a search warrant at the suspect's residence. Detectives recovered twenty images of child pornography on three computer towers and miscellaneous storage devices, which were seized.

Detectives also found marijuana and drug paraphernalia in the suspect's bedroom. The suspect was arrested and charged with twenty counts of possession of child pornography, one count of distribution of child pornography, one count of misdemeanor possession of marijuana, and one count of possession of paraphernalia. Additional charges are pending the forensic review of the seized items

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