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Child Pornography Arrest

New Braunfels, Texas — On September 1st, 2015, officers with the New Braunfels Police Department located and arrested 32-year old Ronnie Daniel Smith on a single count of Possession of Child Pornography.

The investigation into Smith began back in May following a tip that came from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children Cyber Tip Line. The subsequent investigation revealed that apparent child pornography was being uploaded using an IP address from a residence in the 12-hundred block of Bluff Creek Circle in New Braunfels. Further investigation, including a search of electronic media storage devices belonging to Smith, led to the discovery of numerous images and videos depicting apparent child pornography.

Following his arrest, Smith was booked at the Comal County Jail with bond set at \$50,000. As of this release, he remains in custody. Under Texas Penal Code 43.26, Possession of Child Pornography is a 3rd degree felony punishable by 2 to 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000.

The investigation continues and is now focused on identifying and locating the child victims. As of this release, it appears that all of the images were obtained online and there is no indication that any of the children involved are from the local area.

{Photo attached}

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