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CHILD PREDATOR ARRESTED

Pennsylvania's child predator unit's 77th arrest has taken place and ironically it's that of a policeman itself. The 37-year old man has been arrested following investigations where people stated that sexually propositioned online and sent nude webcam images of himself to someone he thought was 13 years old.

The accused named Edward Berzins, who is a seven-year [veteran](#) of the Gloucester Township Police Department, was under the misconception that he was apparently chatting with a teenage girl, who in reality was an undercover agent working a sex sting, stated the Pennsylvania State Attorney General's Office.

The criminal complaint mentioned that Berzins got in touch with an undercover agent, Jessica L. Lynn, in an Internet chat room on April 19. She first sent across a picture to him after which he gave her access to his webcam. Over there he sent a live webcam transmission of his face and also discussed dropping his boxer shorts and exposing himself on the webcam to the person, he believed was a teenage girl.

According to Attorney General Tom Corbett, during the two online chats that followed days later, Berzins sent the girl a total of three nude webcam videos, which includes one transmission of Berzins masturbating in front of the webcam.

As per the criminal complaint, Berzins, who is a resident of [Blackwood](#), N.J., operated under screen name "kickinbaknchillin" in a Yahoo music chat room, and also told the agent posing as a girl that he was a 21-year-old from Philadelphia.

He was finally nabbed in his home at 11 a.m. on Tuesday and had several charges issued against him. This includes one count each of unlawful contact with a minor, criminal attempted obscene and sexual performances and criminal use of a computer, all third-degree felonies that are each punishable by up to seven years in prison and a \$15,000 fine.

Berzins was held in a Dauphin County in lieu of \$50,000 bail. A preliminary hearing is slated for June 21 in Harrisburg.

Some may be stunned by the fact that Berzins is a cop and at the same time an alleged Internet fiend, however the undercover unit has come across child-predators from all walks of life – [college professors](#), paramedics, physicians – and some as young as college students.

"They come from all over," maintained Nils Frederiksen, spokesman for Pennsylvania's attorney general. "They travel

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across state and out of state to communicate with children and try to establish a relationship with them.”

According to Frederiksen, generally the target boys and girls are in middle school, in the age group between 12 and 14.

Corbett further mentioned that anyone with information about suspected child predators should come ahead and get in touch with the Child Predator Unit at 1-800-385-1044 or file an online complaint at the Attorney General’s website.

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