

## Former deputy gets five years in child porn case

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A former Charlotte County deputy will spend five and a half years in prison for possession of child pornography.

A federal judge sentenced Kenneth Barton lat Monday afternoon.

The 64-year-old worked for the sheriff's office for more than thirty years before resigning in 2007.

At the time, he was under investigation based on allegations he molested a young family member and also a teen in the sheriff's office Explorer program.

He was never charged in those cases.

Barton was then arrested last year for downloading several graphic child porn videos.

He must also register as a sexual offender, but his prison term was below the maximum 10 years he faced.