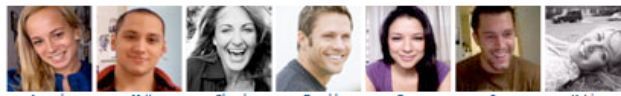


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Senior NSW cop fined over child porn

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A senior NSW policeman has been fined \$4,000 and placed on a two-year good behaviour bond for possessing two images of child pornography.

In sentencing Vivian Rex Little on Friday, Deputy Chief Magistrate Paul Cloran noted he had been employed by the NSW Police Force for 33 years and was likely to lose his job.

Last week, the Downing Centre Local Court magistrate found Little, 52, guilty of possessing the two pornographic images in January 2006.

Little had disputed evidence by his ex-wife who said she found the images stored on one of 32 computer floppy disks in a box marked "Rex Personal".

The couple had separated and at the time Little was staying at the family home at Elebana, Lake Macquarie, after returning from a posting at Broken Hill.

The box also contained nude pictures of his ex-wife, pornographic images of other women, pornographic magazines, DVDs, lubricating gel, a vibrator and condoms.

Mr Cloran agreed with a Crown submission that a custodial sentence was not necessary given there were only two images of child pornography.

"Similar charges brought before the court contain hundreds, thousands or even tens of thousands of images," he said.

He also noted the images were towards the lower end of seriousness for this category of offence and Little had no criminal history.

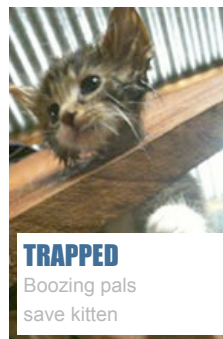
"What is clear is that the courts of this state must do all they can to protect children from sexual abuse," the magistrate said.

"People who download child pornography are supporting, some in a direct way others in an indirect way, the sexual abuse of children.

"Such behaviour is abhorrent to all right thinking members of the community," he said.

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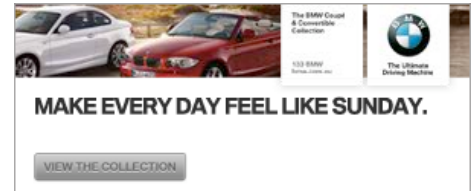


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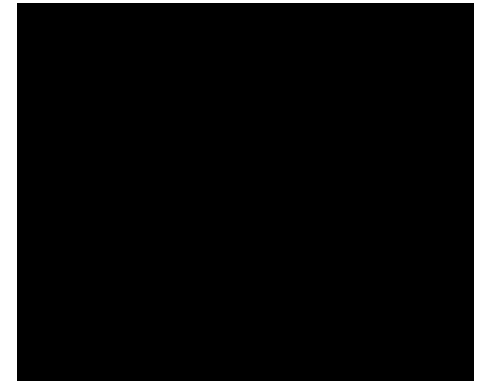


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