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### FHP Trooper Fired After Child Porn Charges

#### ***Daniel James Bowden Released After Posting Bail***

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**TAVARES, Fla.** -- Authorities said a Florida Highway Patrol trooper charged with possession of child pornography this week has been fired.



Daniel James Bowden  
Lake County Sheriff's Office

Capt. Mark Welch, FHP's chief of public affairs in Tallahassee, made the announcement Thursday.

Lake County Sheriff's Office Cyber Crimes Unit arrested former trooper Sgt. Daniel Bowden, 40, on Tuesday.

Bowden was released from the Lake County jail after posting bail.

The name of his attorney wasn't immediately known.

Bowden was arrested on 10 counts of possession of child pornography. No information was released about his age or where he lived.

Deputies said the arrest came after several months of investigation. According to an affidavit of probable cause filed at the Lake County courthouse, investigators said they were led to Bowden's computer during an undercover operation last fall.

A warrant was issued, and Bowden's computers were seized in November 2008. Investigators said they found numerous images of female and male children engaged in sex acts, "and some appear to be younger than 4 years old," according to the warrant.

"The defendant admitted that he 'made a mistake' and he did not think what he was doing was a big deal' and that he was viewing the images out of curiosity," according to the warrant. But, the warrant says, Bowden did not say he was the person who downloaded the images.

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