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State trooper charged with having 3,000 child porn images



A Maryland State Trooper **faces felony charges of possessing child pornography** after more than 3,000 images were found on his computer, a Baltimore County Police spokesman said.

Investigators say Bruce Allen Tucker, 47, of Esplanade Court in Owings Mills, had received and exchanged images of child pornography, including male and female children performing sex acts, posing nude and performing oral sex. He was arrested July 16 and released after posting \$50,000 bail.

State Police spokeswoman Elena Russo said Tucker has been suspended without pay.

According to the statement of charges, the investigation began in March. All the exchanges occurred while Tucker was off-duty, said Lt. Robert McCullough, a Baltimore County Police spokesman.

Here are more details from county police, who did not mention in a release that Tucker was a state trooper:

Police Arrest Baltimore County Man for Child Pornography
Man Possessed More Than 3,000 Images

Baltimore County Police arrested Bruce Allen Tucker, 47, of Esplanade Court in Baltimore County. On July 16, he was arrested and charged with numerous child pornography charges to include possession of child pornography, possession of child pornography with the intent to distribute, and the distribution and possession of obscene matter.

This incident occurred in Precinct 3/Franklin.

Police investigation revealed that Tucker received and exchanged numerous images of child pornography over a period of several months. The images depicted pubescent male and female children nude performing sex acts, posing nude in a state of arousal, performing oral sex, and posing nude.

Because of information gained by police about Tucker during their investigation, police are asking anyone who has had contact through the Internet or by cellular phone texting where Bruce Tucker attempted or sexually exploited them, to contact the Baltimore County Police Department's Crimes Against Children Unit at 410-853-3650.

Tucker used the screen names Poleddeepin@aol.com and LONGPOLEIN@aol.com.

Bruce Allen Tucker was released after posting bail in the amount of \$50,000.

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Coverage will focus on crime trends, problems in neighborhoods in the city and elsewhere, profiles of victims and police officers and try to offer readers a fresh perspective on one of the most vexing issues facing Baltimore and its future.

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