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### Retired Capitol Police officer pleads guilty to child pornography charge

By Jordy Yager - 08/04/10 08:12 PM ET

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A retired veteran of the Capitol Police force pleaded guilty on Wednesday to a charge of distributing child pornography.

Former Capitol Police Sgt. Dennis Craig Bell, 55, was arrested in April after a four-month investigation, in conjunction with the FBI, that officials said uncovered he had been trafficking child pornography over the Internet.

Authorities initially discovered Bell using a peer-to-peer network to distribute several files containing child pornography, according to an FBI statement released Wednesday.

The FBI said Bell told investigators he had researched child pornography terms at work and at home to see — as a police officer — how readily available the information was.

The FBI said its investigation also revealed that Bell has saved pornographic material of children on his computer and a portable memory card. Bell later said that “he liked viewing children of all age ranges and had downloaded child pornography at residences in Woodbridge and Fairfax, Va., as well as at work,” according to the FBI.

After thoroughly reviewing his computers, authorities reported finding 165 videos and 103 still images of child pornography.

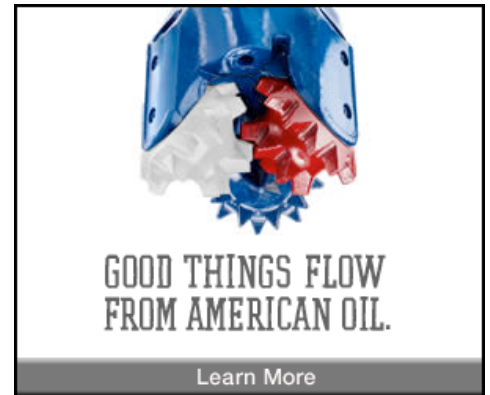
Bell faces a minimum of five years in prison and a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison when he is sentenced on Oct. 22. Bell served with the Capitol Police for 27 years, working in the department’s communications division, until he retired following his arrest.

Capitol Police declined to comment.

Four years ago, then Capitol Police Sgt. Michael Malloy was arrested and accused of enticing a girl under the age of 16 to engage in sexually explicit conduct to produce child pornography. In 2008, Malloy was sentenced to 15 years in jail.

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BY **TRA** on 08/04/2010 at 20:39

A couple of years ago I read about a cop who committed suicide after child porn was found on his work computer. Another cop in the same city was arrested when he was caught on a nanny camera having sex with his one-year-old daughter. I had to hope that he only rubbed against her, but I'll never know if it was worse than that. These cases made me wonder if a lot of this is mental illness. Why would someone who has dedicated himself to solving crimes commit such a serious one himself?

BY **WINSTON** on 08/04/2010 at 20:40

I watched the Capitol Police in action in Congress and I watched the guards at the Smithsonian and National Gallery. Does anyone think these are arduous, physical, and tension filled jobs? And how many security cameras do they have in these places? One would think a person's attention span would wander given the job description.

By the way, who hired Bell? And who is Bell related to? What is his pension worth? Has the GAO and government oversight committee examined the expenses of the Capitol security force?

Since the scandal at the cemetery across the river, the taxpayers wonder: Are all these people in Washington vital to our national defense? And how many tourists run amok? And have these many security officers reduced the number of homeless in DC?

BY **TARHEELCHIEF** on 08/05/2010 at 09:18

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