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N.J. detective James Haspel facing 7 years in prison for child porn

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Veteran Madison police officer pleads guilty to solicitation of young girl's nude photo

Madison Borough police officer James N. Haspel on Tuesday pleaded guilty to a charge that he solicited a nude photo online from a person he believed was a 13-year-old girl.

Haspel, 50, of Chatham, pleaded guilty to a charge of second-degree attempted endangering the welfare of a child — attempted distribution of child pornography — before state Superior Court Judge Thomas V. Manahan in Morristown.

Haspel admitted that he engaged in Internet communications in which he solicited a person he believed to be a young girl to

send him a nude photo of herself. In reality, the person was an undercover detective with the State Police Digital Technology Investigations Unit.

Under a plea agreement, the state will recommend that Haspel be sentenced to seven years in state prison. He will be subject to registration as a sex offender and he must forfeit his job as a police officer. He will be permanently barred from public employment.

"A police officer's sworn duty is to protect people, but this officer instead used the Internet to prey sexually on a person he believed to be a vulnerable girl," state Attorney General Paula T. Dow. "Prison is the appropriate sentence for such egregious conduct."

"This case should serve as a deterrent to sexual predators who troll the Internet for victims," state Criminal Justice Director Stephen J. Taylor said. "The New Jersey State Police and the Division of Criminal Justice will remain vigilant to catch and prosecute such predators."

Judge Manahan scheduled Haspel to be sentenced on Oct. 14.

Haspel admitted that between December 2009 and May 2010, he communicated online with a person he believed to be a 13-year-old girl, including communications that occurred while on duty at police headquarters using a computer supplied by the borough for official police business.

Haspel also admitted that, during the course of these communications, he asked the "girl" to send him a nude photo. Previously, the State Police charged that Haspel, on more than one occasion, transmitted Webcam videos of himself with his genitals exposed to the person he believed was a 13-year-old girl.

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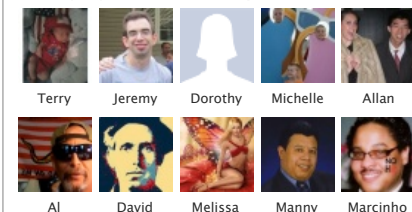
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