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Lake Charles police officer arrested

Wild taken into custody on charges of child pornography possession

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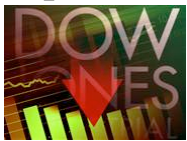
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Lake Charles, La. — A police officer was arrested here Thursday after child pornography was allegedly found on his computer. Benjamin Wild, 35, of Lake Charles, is a current police officer with the city. On Thursday afternoon, investigators with the Lake Charles field office of the Louisiana State Police Bureau of Investigations, the Lake Charles City Police, and U.S. Homeland Security Investigations conducted a search warrant at the residence of Benjamin Wild of Lake Charles. According to officials, the warrant was the result of an Operation Child Watch investigation initiated earlier this year involving child pornography allegedly downloaded onto Wild's computer. A search of Wild's laptop computer revealed the presence of child pornography. Wild was arrested for pornography involving juveniles and booked into the Calcasieu Parish Correctional Center. Wild is employed as a Lake Charles city police officer. Once notified, the Lake Charles City Police immediately offered assistance to State Police detectives and provided valuable support with the investigation. The mission of Operation Child Watch is to rescue children from the potential abuse of child predators by targeting those individuals with sexually explicit images and/or videos on their computers. This is an ongoing effort, in cooperation with other law enforcement agencies.

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