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Former Farmington probation officer Larry Franco sentenced to eight years for child porn

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A former probation officer for sex offenders in Farmington was sentenced Monday to eight years in federal prison for possessing child pornography.

Larry Franco, 57, was sentenced in federal court in Albuquerque to 97 months in prison followed by 10 years of supervised released. He will also be required to register as a sex offender and pay \$21,000 in fines and restitution.

Franco was arrested after an undercover investigation by Farmington police investigators on a task force that targets Internet crimes against children, Farmington police Cpl. Russ Bradford.

He was indicted Aug. 9, 2011 and charged with multiple counts of possessing child pornography. He pleaded guilty on April 27, 2012.

Franco admitted in his plea agreement that he kept child pornography movies on his personnel computer because he "wanted to know what probationer clients were looking at," according to court documents.

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