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# Former Kingsport Police officer indicted in child pornography ring

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**UPDATE: Child pornography ring busted** (Added: August 03, 2011)

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**UPDATE: August 3 2:25 p.m.**

Ex-Kingsport police officer Richard Chandler is a named party in the indictments handed down by the [U.S. Department of Justice](#) that busts an international child pornography ring named "Dreamboard."

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney [Gregory Bowman](#) of the [U.S. District Court](#) in [Greeneville, Tenn.](#) Chandler is named in the indictment.

[Chandler](#) went under the screen name "Almeda" in his activities on the child pornography website.

"The Kingsport Police Department was instrumental in helping U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement [Kingsport, Tenn.](#) [Chandler](#), [Bowman](#) says.

Chandler is in the custody of

U.S. Marshals

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**UPDATE: August 3 12:01 p.m.**

The Federal Government just announced it busted up the largest international criminal network ever organized to sexually exploit children.

Attorney General Eric Holder and Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano announced the prosecution just moments ago.

Defendants being charged were members of a private members-only online bulletin board entitled "Dreamboard." To be a member participants had to upload images of children being abused.

The U.S. Attorney's Office let 11Connects know about today's news conference in response to our request for information about former Kingsport police officer Richard Chandler. Chandler resigned from the Kingsport Police Department on July 22 following his arrest by federal authorities.



Chandler's arrest is the subject of a sealed federal indictment in Shreveport, La.

The connection between Chandler and today's announcement is still not clear. Look for more today here on TriCities.com and tonight on 11Connects starting at 5 p.m.

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**UPDATE**

A local police officer is not longer on the job today because of an investigation about which no one is talking.

However, we know that it reaches from Lafayette, La. to Kingsport.

Federal officials have been referring 11Connects to the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Western District of Louisiana. So far no official statement has been given from them today.

Richard Chandler, 30, of Church Hill, Tenn. had worked as a patrolman with the KPD for two years, and before that worked at the Hawkins County Sheriff's Department as a deputy.

A Kingsport city official said that during Chandler's two-years as an officer he had a clean employee record.

Documents at the Washington County Tennessee Jail confirm that Chandler was booked in Friday by the U.S. Marshals Service as a federal inmate and is still there today.

We've just learned that the Department of Homeland Security did confiscate a city computer used by Chandler as part of the investigation. Why?

We don't know as of yet.

11Connects spoke to an official with the F.B.I. and they told us that the Immigration Customs and Enforcement Office is also involved in the case.

Stay tuned to 11Connects and TriCities.com for more information.

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Kingsport police officer Richard Chandler resigned from the police department and is in custody of the U.S. Marshals Office , according to Kingsport Police Department spokesman Tim Whaley.

Whaley said he worked for two years as a patrolman there.

Whaley said his office has been instructed not to comment about Chandler because of the nature of the case.

A spokeswoman for the Federal Bureau of Investigation referred 11 Connects to the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office in Louisiana for comment.


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
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Kevin Blair · Top Commenter · UCLA

Kids this should warn you. Never trust a police officer. Very sad to have to say this but its the truth.


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Betty Ogletree · Top Commenter · Artist at Ogletree Art Studios

Apparently some law enforcement officer peed in your wheaties at some point. Every profession and walk of life has creeps, so you might as well not trust \*anyone\* and go ahead and hermit yourself away to live out those paranoid delusions that they're all out to get you.


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Kevin Blair · Top Commenter · UCLA

Noone is out to get me little girl. But i have a right not to trust a cop. Yes dear i know there are some good ones hiding amongst the bad ones out there but a cops agenda is all about money. And the bad ones have no agenda at all. Just like this creep. So you trust who you want and i will trust who i want. Its not cops nor politicians. If thats your thing good. But dont force your trust on me. I trust alot of folks, just not cops or politicians. Ok little girl.


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Betty Ogletree · Top Commenter · Artist at Ogletree Art Studios

Little girl? LOL. How old are you, 80? Last time I checked 32 was beyond "little girl" status. I never said you had to trust everyone, but that your reasoning for not trusting \*any\* cops or politicians is whack. I could say "I heard of a guy named Kevin once, and he was a pedophile, so don't trust anyone you meet named Kevin!" and it would make as much sense as what you're suggesting. Ok cynical boy?

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Pamela T Miller

For heaven's sake kevin..you lump ALL law enforcement officers in together just because of the actions of ONE?

we are all human and even the ones that are supposed to be our moral leaders in congress and senate are brought out to be criminals from time to time, but you don't lump THEM all together do you?  
YOU may be the sick one if you say things like this!

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**Haley Isenberg** · Kingsport, Tennessee

this is horrible! this guy was supposed to prevent these things not be involved with them. he will get his punishment in prison because there is nothing other criminals hate more than child rapists and cops! "serve and protect"?

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**Jake Inscore**

shew.....sickos

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**Janet Hushour** · Chemistry Lab Tech at Pfizer

I will never understand what these people get out of this. This is cruel and these poor children deserve so much better. I hope you all rot in prison.

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