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OFFICER AT COUNTY JAIL ARRESTED FOR SEXUAL BATTERY, CHILD PORN

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Steven Kyle Crews

A corrections officer at the Baker County jail north of Macclenny was fired January 4 after his arrest the previous day on charges of sexual battery on a child under 12 years old and possession of child pornography by the Bradford County Sheriff's Office.

Suspect Steven Kyle Crews, 35, of Starke used to live in Baker County while working for the state prison system in 2005 before moving to Virginia, said Sheriff Joey Dobson.

Mr. Crews later relocated back to Florida, beginning employment with the sheriff's office at the county jail last May.

"He hadn't been the best employee, but he hadn't been the worst either," Mr. Dobson said of Mr. Crews' previous work history.

A family member of the suspect discovered pictures and video containing child pornography on a disk at Mr. Crews' residence and brought it to law enforcement the afternoon of January 3, according to reports from the Bradford County Sheriff's Office.

Police believe one of the videos, which included the molestation of a 10-year-old girl, took place in Virginia during 2004.

"He admitted to creating that video," said Captain Brad Smith of the Bradford County Sheriff's Office. "He said that it occurred in Virginia."

The illicit photos depict two additional children, though it's unclear where the images originated.

"We're trying to determine if it's something he downloaded off the Internet or developed himself," said Mr. Smith.

The case remains under investigation and the Baker County Sheriff's Office has forwarded a warrant to Bradford authorities for alleged sexual batteries that police believe occurred here, said Sheriff Dobson.

"The video has some that's possibly from Virginia," he said. "There's going to be some serious charges there. But we didn't have any video [taken in Baker County] at all."

Police confiscated Mr. Crew's disk, flash drive and computer about 7:00 pm the day of his arrest. He's being held on a \$200,000 bond at the Bradford County jail.

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