Ex-Police Officer Sentenced In Child Porn Case

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A former East Hartford police officer was sentenced to two years in prison Wednesday for possession of child pornography.

Andrew W. Nielsen is accused of ordering the pornography over the Internet in 2010 and 2011 while working as a police officer. He resigned after his arrest in November 2012.

In addition to two years in prison, U.S. Judge Alfred V. Covello ordered him to submit to five years of court supervision upon his release.

Nielsen, in arguing for leniency, attributed his crime to stress associated with his repressed homosexuality and the difficulties of caring for his elderly parents.

Covello, sitting in Hartford, ordered Nielsen to turn himself in for sentencing on Sept. 8.



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