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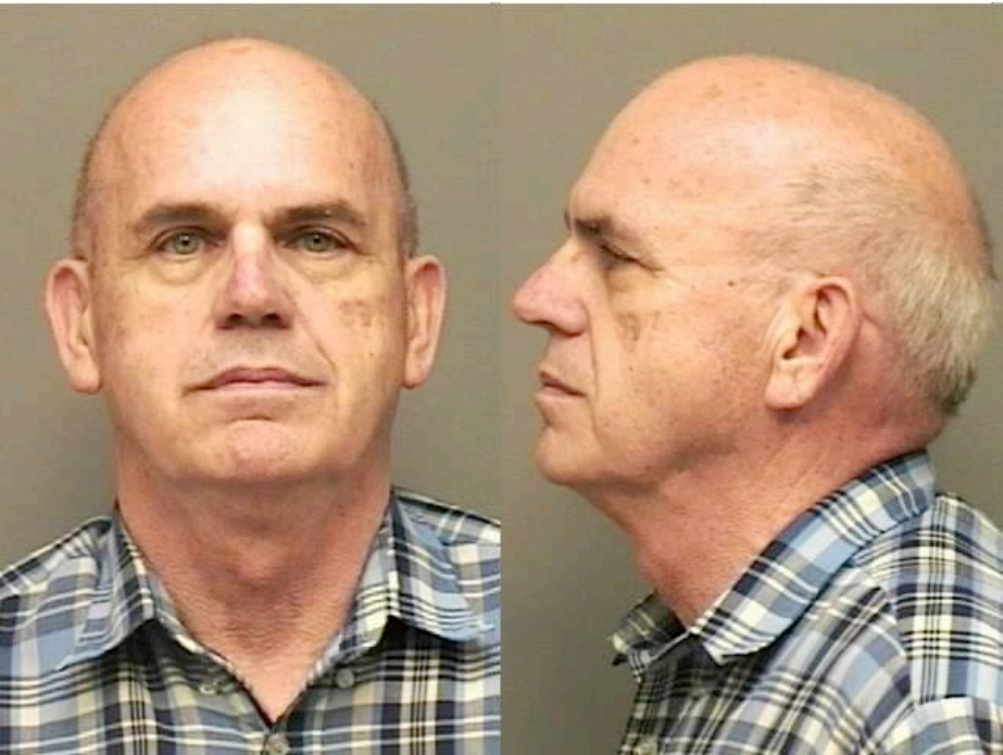
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collecting child pornography.

In August, Clarksville Police received a Department of Children Services referral on an allegation of aggravated sexual battery on minor children involving Dexter Lavon Mason, according to a news release from police spokesman Officer Jim Knoll.

Detective Tyler Barrett conducted a search warrant on Mason’s 421

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Bluff Drive home and seized three computers, Knoll said. The computers were turned over to the U.S. Secret Service to be examined for child pornography.

The examiner found numerous images on Mason's laptop of prepubescent children engaged in sexual activity or simulated

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sexual activity, the release said. One of the images showed a young girl performing a sexual act with a man in the driver's side seat of a vehicle. The children in the images have not been identified.

On Tuesday, Mason, 66, was charged with sexual exploitation of a minor. Bond was set at \$150,000. The investigation is ongoing and additional charges are expected, Knoll said.

Mason retired from his job as a state probation and parole manager in September, confirmed Cindy Dunning, a communications officer with the Department of Correction.

That was about a month after the child pornography investigation began.

In that role, Mason supervised employees whose job duties included working with people listed on the Tennessee Sex Offender Registry.

Mason had worked with the state probation and parole system since 1990, Dunning said.

Calls to Mason's home were not returned on Wednesday.

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