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# Birmingham police officer arrested on child porn charges

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HOOVER, AL (WBRC) - A Birmingham police officer has been arrested on charges of possessing and attempting to produce child pornography.

Patrick Cavan LeBlanc, 44, faces a charge of possession of obscene matter containing visual depiction of person and a second charge of attempted production of obscene matter containing visual depiction.

Hoover Police say the victim in this case was a family member under the age of 17.

LeBlanc was hired by the Birmingham Police Department Aug. 9, 1990. He was assigned to a city-wide task force and held the rank of sergeant, according to Birmingham Police Sergeant Johnny Williams.

Williams says LeBlanc was placed on administrative leave once the Birmingham Police Department learned of the Hoover Police Department's investigation of LeBlanc. Hoover police began their investigation a week ago after receiving information about a possible suspect in a child pornography case.

"We were notified at the onset of their investigation and we fully support their efforts in conducting their investigation," Birmingham Police Chief A.C. Roper said.

The Birmingham Police Department is conducting an internal investigation in addition to the Hoover Police investigation.

LeBlanc turned himself in to the Hoover Police Department Friday, May 25. He was booked into the Hoover City Jail and then taken to the Jefferson County Jail. Police say his bond on both charges is \$45,000.

LeBlanc's arrest occurred on the same day that another [Birmingham police officer, Curtis Thornton, was charged in an arson investigation](#) in Warrior.

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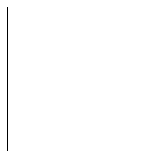
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