

Berry Hill police officer jailed for possessing child porn

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - A Berry Hill police officer was charged last week after he was found to be in the possession of child pornography.

Corporal Robert White, 56, a four-year veteran of the Berry Hill Police Department, was arrested Friday and has since resigned from the department.

He faces five counts of sexual exploitation of a minor and police said more charges are likely.

According to the Murfreesboro police arrest report, the investigation into White began following a referral from the Department of Children's Services.

Berry Hill Chief of Police Robert Bennett said White came highly regarded to his department.

"I was stunned, just devastated. It is devastating to the department," Bennett said.

He continued, "If it is proven that he himself has become a predator then I will personally go to his sentencing hearing and make sure that he gets the maximum sentence."

White had a long and distinguished career as a Marine and previously worked for the Bartlett Police Department in Shelby County in west Tennessee.

Bennett said White was suspended last year for three days for his handling of a domestic incident but had no other blemishes on his record.

He remains in the Rutherford County jail on a \$500,000 bond.

A January 15 court date has been set.



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