



Former Portland Police officer pleads not guilty to federal child pornography charge

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Scott Elliott at a Multnomah County Circuit Court arraignment earlier this year.

A former Portland Police officer who is **facing state charges of online corruption of a minor** was arraigned in federal court Tuesday on similar charges.

Scott Edward Elliott, 50, pleaded not guilty Tuesday to one count of receipt of child pornography and one count of using the Internet to entice a minor. He is being held without bail. A tentative trial date has been set for November 20.

The federal government is accusing Elliott, a 22-year veteran with the Portland police, of receiving child pornographic images in September 2009. In addition, the indictment alleges that Elliott used the Internet between September 2010 and June 2011 to "attempt to persuade, induce, entice or coerce a person whom he believed to be a minor ... to engage in unlawful sexual activity."

The indictment is based on evidence discovered after authorities executed a search warrant on Elliott's home as part of a state investigation, said

Assistant U.S. Attorney Kelly Zusman. In that investigation, police and prosecutors have said they intercepted Elliott's online communications with a minor female.

Elliott was arrested on the state charges last March and pleaded not guilty the following month to one count of online corruption of a minor, three counts of luring a minor and four counts of encouraging child sex abuse.

The state's case is proceeding in Multnomah County Circuit Court with a hearing scheduled for Thursday.

Elliott resigned his position with police last May. He was most recently assigned to East Precinct's afternoon relief patrol. He was one of a number of officers assigned at East Precinct to help register sex offenders, part of the bureau's Sex Offender Registration Detail. He also had worked as a firearms instructor for police cadets in the past, and had trained officers in the use of less-lethal weapons.

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