



Former Metro Officer Pleads Guilty To Distributing Child Porn

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. - A former Metro Police officer could face up to 20 years in federal prison after pleading guilty to distributing child pornography.

William Patterson entered the plea Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Nashville.

Last September, police acted on a tip and went to William Patterson's house where they found drug paraphernalia and a person computer with 7,300 pictures and 300 videos of young girls, including toddlers, in extremely graphic sexual situations.

Detectives learned that Patterson had been receiving the images since October 2009.

Patterson's sentencing is scheduled for September 23. A first offense of distribution of child pornography has a minimum mandatory sentence of five years in prison, and a maximum of 20 years.

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