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A deputy with the La Plata County Sheriff's Office has been arrested on suspicion of possessing child pornography.

Jason Sutter, 32, was arrested Tuesday evening after turning himself in.



Sutter, Jason

A warrant was placed for his arrest earlier in the day, said Bayfield Marshal Joe McIntyre.

Investigators aren't sure if Sutter also distributed the photos, but they don't believe any of the victims are local children, McIntyre said.

"We're still investigating as far as taking a look at the data retrieved and are trying to get a better understanding of where (the photos) may have come from," he said.

Sutter is being held in the La Plata County jail on \$10,000 bail, according to a Sheriff's Office news release.

The Bayfield Marshal's Office is investigating the case because Sutter is a Bayfield resident.

Sutter was hired by the Sheriff's Office on Feb. 24, 2003, and worked in detentions and patrol, the release said.

He currently is under suspension pending results of the investigation.

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