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*Brian Robert Hotchkiss CCBI*

— A former long-time Wake County law enforcement agent is accused of keeping pornographic images of children, according to arrest and search warrants.

Raleigh police searched the home of Brian Robert Hotchkiss, of 2133 Castle Pine Dr., after he was targeted in an online investigation.

Hotchkiss, 43, was fired in September 2012 from his job with the Raleigh/Wake City-County Bureau of Identification, according to a search warrant. He came to police attention when he made a post on Craigslist.org titled “Daughters panties (north Raleigh).”

In emails with an undercover Raleigh detective, Hotchkiss told about his fictional sexual activities with his daughter and step-daughter, according to the search warrant. In reality, Hotchkiss does not have children, according to the warrant, but apparently was engaging in a fantasy instead.

As the correspondence continued, Hotchkiss told the undercover officer that he was thinking about sexually assaulting a neighborhood girl, the search warrant states. Hotchkiss also sent photos, which he claimed to have taken, of girls in jean shorts at a Lowes Home Improvement store.

“This is beneficial to me,” he wrote, referring to the conversation, “but has also stirred the desires deep inside of me that I thought I had a reasonable amount of control over.”

After searching his home Thursday night, police charged Hotchkiss with 12 counts of having pornographic pictures of girls ages 5 to 12 years old in sexual situations with adult men. A warrant also charged him with resisting arrest, saying he ran from officers, though the report still listed his home as the place where he was taken into custody.

Hotchkiss was a 14-year employee of the county, according to public records. County officials didn’t disclose why he had left the agency, but search warrants citing law-enforcement sources say that Hotchkiss may have threatened suicide as he was fired.

Police seized a computer, numerous digital storage devices and a set of CCBI badges and patches from Hotchkiss’ home, according to the search warrant.



