

Franklin County deputy arrested on child-porn charges

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A deputy with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office was arrested last night, accused of possessing child pornography.

Justin D. Iddings, 30, who works as a correction officer at the county jail, was arrested when he reported to work last night. He spent the night in jail and is scheduled to appear this morning in Franklin County Municipal Court.

"If you're breaking the law, we have no problems exchanging your uniform for a jumpsuit," said Franklin County Sheriff Zach Scott.

The Franklin County Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, which has representatives from the sheriff's office and 11 other police agencies, had been tracking Iddings on his computer since at least January, court records show.

Iddings is charged with two felony counts of pandering sexually oriented material involving a minor.

He is accused of sharing a video file entitled "Underage Girls Enjoying Themselves" on Jan. 27. The film showed two girls of about 12 performing oral sex on each other.

The other charge involved possessing a digital video file on his computer that showed boys less than 10 engaging in sex with a girl between 9 and 12.

Task force members searched Iddings' home at 232 Allview Rd. in Westerville this evening and took his computer along with several firearms.

Iddings, who has worked for the sheriff's office since 2008, has been placed on unpaid leave from his job, which pays \$71,344 per year.

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