

Former APD officer sentenced to 90 months in prison for child porn

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Former Albuquerque police officer Nelson Begay was sentenced to 90 months in federal prison after pleading guilty to possessing child pornography in March. Begay will be on supervised release for 15 years after his sentence is complete, and will be forced to register as a sex offender.

Homeland Security investigators arrested Begay in November 2013 after federal agents raided his home and took a computer and three boxes of evidence in the process. After the raid, Begay resigned from his position at APD.

According to court filings, special agents from the New Mexico Attorney General's Office identified an IP address being used to share child porn files while conducting an investigation. Subsequent investigations revealed that the IP address was subscribed to Begay at his home on Faye Avenue in northeast Albuquerque.

Begay had been with APD since 2008, working in field services. According to an APD spokesperson he did not work in any other divisions during his time on the force.