

Tim Kelley, high-profile Denver cop, busted for child porn

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Tim Kelley. More images below.

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Tim Kelley has worked on a number of high-profile cases during his nineteen years with the Denver Police Department, including the **murder of Denver Broncos cornerback Darrent Williams on New Year's Day 2007.**

Now, however, Kelley, 49, is receiving press coverage as an alleged perpetrator of crime, not a law enforcer. He's been accused of possessing child pornography.

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Although Kelley has recently served as a District 5 patrolman according to **7News**, he spent much of his career as a crime scene investigator. In 2005, for instance, the *Denver Post* **reported** that Kelley found a fingerprint seen as key in a warrant for a man suspected of burglarizing the home of then-Denver Police Chief Gerry Whitman.

He also played a prominent role in the Williams investigation, as indicated by this screen capture from the *Southeast Missourian* newspaper, which shared an image about the case shot for the now-defunct *Rocky Mountain News*:

Broncos cornerback Williams shot, killed in drive-by

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Around 9:15 a.m., Denver police Detective Tim Kelley took the stand. He's a crime scene investigator, and he processed the scene of the drive-by shooting at 11th Avenue and Speer Boulevard. He put on sterile gloves and went through envelopes full of evidence, identifying what's inside them for the jury. Most contained spent rounds and shell casings found at the scene, including one bullet fragment covered in blood.

On cross-examination, defense attorney Darren Cantor asked Kelley about the integrity of crime scenes in general. "Before you get there, you have no idea what traffic has happened in that space?" Cantor asked. "Not unless we're told," Kelley said.

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Kelley's current spotlight time is far less positive. Last week, **7News** reports that Kelley was named in an arrest warrant charging him with sexual exploitation of a child due to his alleged possession of child-porn videos.

According to an affidavit obtained by the station, a Douglas County sheriff's detective conducting an online child-porn investigation was able to trace downloaded child-porn videos to the Comcast account associated with Kelley's condo in Westminster. One is described as featuring sex between a man and an eight-year-old boy.

After seizing Kelley's computer last month, investigators say they found more startling videos, as well as 160 files that "'contained identified victims of sexual exploitation' found on a database at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children," the station reports.

Kelley is currently free on bond, but he's not back on the job. He resigned the day after the warrant was issued. Here's a brief **7News** report.