Former McAllen DEA agent pleads guilty to having 2,700 images of child porn

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2015 Cop Pedophile DEA agent James Patrick Burke

A former DEA agent who resided in McAllen, Texas is facing up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine after entering a guilty plea to one count of access with intent to view child pornography Thursday, according to a U.S. Attorney's Office news release.

James Patrick Burke, 39, pleaded guilty after investigators discovered he was accessing files from a website known for child pornography. Law enforcement officials obtained a search warrant for Burke's home last August and he admitted to downloading and viewing child pornography on his laptop and desktop computer.

Burke told officials he used a forensic wiping software to delete the images and videos he downloaded, according to the news release.

After a forensic examination of Burke's computers, officials found more than 2,700 images of children under the age of 12, bondage and acts of violence, according to the release. Some images are of victims previously identified through the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Officials also found remnants of movie titles relating to child pornography.

Burke will be sentenced Oct. 20, 2016 and will remain on bond pending until then, according to the news release.

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