

Former Delaware County sheriff pleads guilty to child porn charge

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When federal agents searched Mark W. Wolfe's computer, they recovered 486 videos and 203 images of pre-teen girls and boys displaying their genitals and in some cases having sex with adults.

Authorities said there were even worse images.

Wolfe, 50, a former Delaware County deputy sheriff, pleaded guilty Thursday in U.S. District Court to one count of distribution of child pornography. The charge carries a maximum 20-year prison term. The plea agreement worked out by prosecutors and the defense calls for a prison term ranging from 12 to 17 years.

The investigation began last June when an FBI agent doing an online investigation noticed someone downloading videos of a girl, estimated at 10 to 12 years old, having sex with an adult. Another video involved a baby.

The agent traced the user to an internet address at Wolfe's Sunbury home. The original three-count complaint said the agent traced Wolfe's activity back to November 2012.

Wolfe, who became a deputy in 1994, was fired by then-Sheriff Al Myer in 1997 for allegedly sexually harassing a female employee. Wolfe ran for sheriff in 2000 and 2004, losing both times to Myers.

Three years later Myers resigned as sheriff amid ethics charges. Wolfe was brought back as interim sheriff. Soon afterward he investigated Myers for pornography found on Myers' computer.

A new sheriff was elected and Wolfe's association with the Delaware office ended. After that he ran a security firm and serve as assistant chief in Edison in Morrow County.

Myers sued Wolfe and the county for defamation and settled for \$125,000. Then-Delaware County Prosecutor David Yost determined that the pornography on Myers' computer was part of a legitimate criminal investigation.

A pre-sentencing report must be done in the federal case before Wolfe's sentencing date is set.