

APD officer arrested on child pornography charges

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2016 Cop Pedophile Earnest Tillman McDonald III

An Amarillo police officer was arrested for possession of child pornography on Thursday following a tip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children that a Twitter account linked to him contained pornographic images of children.

Ofc. Earnest Tillman McDonald III, 39, of Amarillo, was booked into Potter County jail on two counts of possession of child pornography.

According to police, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children notified the department on Tuesday of the Twitter account linked to McDonald.

Later investigators confirmed it contained photographs of child pornography.

The case has been sent to the 47th District Attorney's office.

A first offense of child pornography is a third degree felony in Texas. If convicted, McDonald could face up to 20 years incarceration and a \$20,000 fine.

McDonald has been an officer with the uniform division of APD since 2008.

Amarillo police have declined requests to comment or be interviewed at this time.

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