

## Former Farmington Hills police officer Parsons sentenced to 1-7 years for child porn possession

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A former Farmington Hills police officer will serve one to seven years in prison for his guilty plea on three felony charges tied to child pornography possession.

Matthew Parsons, 48, of Waterford Township, was sentenced in Oakland County Circuit Court before Judge Nanci Grant.

After an extensive investigation by state Attorney General Bill Schuette's office, Parsons pleaded guilty to one count of possession of child sexually abusive material, one count of using a computer to commit a crime and one count of recording an unclothed person.

Parsons was arrested in May and charged with five counts of child pornography possession after an investigation that began when Schuette's office got a tip from the National Center for Mission and Exploited Children that someone had been downloading child pornography.

Investigators said Parsons had allegedly downloaded at least 10 child pornography videos and also secretly filmed an adult in the nude, according to investigators' reports.

The investigation determined that none of the acts had been committed using city property or while Parsons was on duty as a police officer, Schuette said.

Parsons, a 20-year veteran of the department, was put on administrative leave shortly after speaking with investigators, and after his arraignment, was suspended without pay.

After announcing the plea deal, Schuette said that while Parsons did not "physically molest a child, he victimized them over and over every time he downloaded and shared child pornography, and as a father both acts are equally heartbreaking."

As a part of Parsons's plea he must register as a sex offender for 15 years.

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