

NYPD cop arrested for child pornography claims it's all a misunderstanding

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Officer Javier Julio, 35, was charged with promoting a sexual performance by a child and possession of a sexual performance by a child.(Getty Images)

An off-duty NYPD cop has been arrested for having three kiddie porn

videos on his cell phone — but he claims it was all a misunderstanding, sources said Thursday.

Officer Yavir Julio, 35, allegedly texted a video of a boy being sexually abused by an adult woman on Nov. 9, Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz said. The boy is between 3 and 6 years old.

"This alleged behavior is wholly unacceptable of anyone," Katz said, "especially a member of law enforcement."

Julio claims the video was sent to his phone by someone he doesn't know, a police source said. Disgusted, he texted it to another cop to complain about it and to say that if he, a black man, ever did something like that he'd be "strung up," the source said.

It appears the cop Julio sent the video to complained to a supervisor, sparking an Internal Affairs investigation.

Authorities got a search warrant on Nov. 22 and confiscated Julio's phone.

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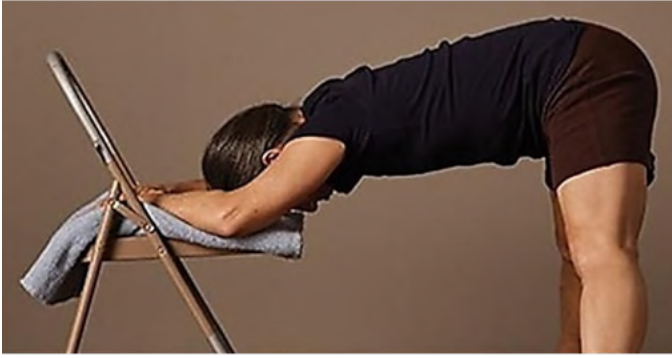
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The video was recovered from the phone, even though Julio had deleted it, Katz said, and two more videos involving kids around the same age were



also found. One showed a boy with his genitals exposed, Katz said, and the other showed children simulating or actually having sexual intercourse.

The source said Julio claims not to know anything about those videos.

Julio, who joined the NYPD in 2011 and is assigned to the Highway District, was charged with promoting a sexual performance by a child and possessing a sexual performance by a child.

He was arraigned Thursday afternoon and released without bail.



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His lawyer, Peter Brill, said Julio is a model officer with no disciplinary history. He also serves in the U.S. Army Reserves, Brill said.

"He is not a pedophile," Brill said, "He is not interested in child pornography. This is at best a sad misunderstanding and we hope we will be able to resolve this in a reasonable way."

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