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Evangelist on child porn charges

From correspondents in Cape Coral, Florida
August 11, 2002

THE FBI has issued an arrest warrant for a former minister and radio evangelist after seizing child pornography, weapons and other items from his home, records show.

Troy Cecil Snowden, 59, was indicted last week by a federal grand jury on charges of possessing child pornography, wire fraud, transporting a child for illegal purposes and possession of a shotgun.

The warrant was issued on Wednesday. Snowden's last known address was a home in Cape Coral in south-west Florida, but neighbours said no-one had been there for at least a month. Snowden ran a ministry from the house in 1997 and 1998, state records show.

Snowden, once a popular radio evangelist in Little Rock, Arkansas, served five years in prison and probation in the 1990s for soliciting and accepting donations for a Christian youth camp that did not exist and causing a minor to travel from another state to have sex with him, the indictment said.

The Associated Press

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