



Warner Christian on child pornography charges

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SOUTH DAYTONA, Fla. (WOFL FOX 35) - A teacher at Warner Christian Academy in South Daytona has been placed on unpaid administrative suspension pending an investigation into allegations of possession and distribution of child pornography.

Matthew C. Graziotti, 42, of Edgewater, was arrested on Monday following a joint investigation by the FBI, the Edgewater Police Department and the Volusia County Sheriff's Office.

According to a criminal complaint, Graziotti distributed 141 images and 6 videos depicting the sexual abuse and exploitation of children to an FBI agent, who was acting in an undercover capacity. During the execution of a search warrant, agents said they located thousands of child pornography images on Graziotti's computer. One folder on the computer was named "personally known." The folder contained 41 subfolders titled with different boys' names. In one of the subfolders, agents said they located a picture of Graziotti sexually abusing a prepubescent boy. According to the criminal complaint documents, the picture was produced with a digital camera that agents found in Graziotti's residence.

Investigators say Graziotti not only teaches at Warner Christian Academy, but is also director of the school's summer day camp program. He formerly worked as a youth pastor at a church in Edgewater.

"Warner Christian Academy and White Chapel are in full cooperation with the authorities," said school spokesperson Stacey Parsons. "Due to the fact that this is an ongoing investigation, we are unable to make any additional comments at this time. We are committed to being as transparent as possible during this process and will release any additional information as it becomes available."

If convicted, Graziotti faces a mandatory minimum penalty of 15 years in federal prison, up to 30 years for the production charge. For the receipt and distribution charges he faces a mandatory minimum of five years, up to 20 years for each.

Graziotti made his initial appearance in federal court on Monday. He is being held in the Seminole County Jail on a no bond status, detained pending a preliminary hearing on July 24.

Anyone with additional information about potential victims may contact the FBI at

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