



## Youth minister arrested on child pornography charges in Plainville

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BRISTOL, CT (WFSB) - A self described minister admitted to police he was downloading child pornography and Eyewitness News has also learned, he is involved in activities with children at his church.

Jonathan Spann, who is married, was arrested by Bristol police after he allegedly downloaded thousands of images and videos of child pornography, preferring younger boys, over a seven year period starting around 2005.

The New Life Fellowship, located inside an industrial building in Plainville, is where Spann was a minister and where he was involved with children programs at the church.

Spann would not elaborate when Eyewitness News went to his apartment. He told the station to talk to his attorney before slamming the door.

Eyewitness News checked with the courts and there was no attorney listed for Spann.

Officials with the New Life Fellowship also had no comment for Eyewitness News.

"Recently one of our investigators received information that he was involved with a youth group at the church he's affiliated with in Plainville," said Bristol police Lt. Donn Watson. "We just want to make sure that nothing is reported there."

When police first confronted Spann, he denied that he did anything wrong, then admitted to it when police executed a search warrant at his home late last fall.

The arrest warrant said Spann's wife never suspected anything, except for one suspicious incident four years ago when she noticed a picture of a half naked boy on his cell phone.

She said they discussed it and thought it was all behind them.

Spann, who was charged with first-degree illegal possession of child pornography, is due back in court on May 16.

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