

Crescent City teacher arrested on possession of child pornography

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A criminal investigation is underway after Sheriff's deputies executed a felony search warrant at the home of sixth grade Crescent Elk teacher Dennis Jace Drury age 57, valid Certificated Staff #230236004 issued by the Commission on California Teacher Credentialing.

Deputies discovered child pornography images on a computer located at the suspect's Gingers Way home in Hiouchi. Drury was arrested on Penal Code violation 311.11 Possession of Child Pornography. The suspect posted bail, late in the evening the day he was arrested. The Del Norte Unified School District (DNUSD) administratively removed Drury from the classroom.

DNUSD Superintendent Jeff Harris issued the following statement: "While there is currently no indication that any students within the district were involved, the District takes seriously the responsibility of each staff member to ensure the safety of every student within our community.

The physical, mental and emotional safety and wellbeing our children and youth should never be compromised. The District is making additional counseling services available for students and staff and is fulling cooperating with the Del Norte Sheriff Dept."

