

Crescent City man jailed for child porn

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Crescent City Police, with the assistance of other law enforcement agencies, arrested Walter Neeley, age 70, for sending child pornography to other adults via Facebook Messenger.

Neeley was arrested at his residence in the 1000 block of 6th Street in Crescent City following the execution of a search warrant that was focused on child pornography.

Other agencies assisting the investigation were the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Pelican Bay CRT and K9 Units.

Police Chief Richard Griffin stated police received an investigation request from the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force regarding Neeley sending child pornography to other adults via Facebook Messenger.

Officer Alex Pearson was assigned to conduct follow up investigation and obtained a search warrant for Neeley's residence on March 28.

During the search warrant, Neeley was located inside his garage and was interviewed. Chief Griffin stated Neeley admitted to possessing and distributing child pornography.

Neeley was then booked in the Del Norte County Jail for a violation of 311.11 of the California Penal Code.

The investigation is ongoing. CCPD will be conducting a forensic examination of the devices seized from Neeley's residence and will be forwarding the investigation to the Del Norte County District Attorney's Office for review.