

Rochester-area teacher held on child porn charges

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A Rochester-area teacher is facing child pornography charges and is accused of having hundreds of images of child pornography on his computer, the U.S. Attorney's Office announced this week.

Kevin Burns, 45, of Irondequoit, was charged with receipt and possession of child pornography, according to federal prosecutors.

The investigation launched in October 2023 when it was reported to New York State Police from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children that someone in the Rochester area was uploading child pornography from the Internet.

Prosecutors said an investigation traced the images to Burns, a teacher employed by a school in Monroe County. The specific school district where he worked was not released.

In November, investigators executed a search warrant at Burns' residence and seized his computer. Authorities recovered more than 450 images of child pornography including sexual images of children engaged in sexual acts with adults and restrained, masked and blind-folded infants and toddler-aged children, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Burns appeared in federal court on Thursday and was held pending a detention hearing, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

If convicted of the charge, Burns faces between five and 20 years in prison and a \$250,000. fine Burns is also facing state-level charges, according to New York State Police. Last month he was charged with possessing a sexual performance by a child, a felony, in connection with the same investigation, troopers said. He was issued an appearance ticket and is scheduled to be arraigned in Irondequoit Town Court on Monday, June 9.

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