

# Media Release

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## *Investigation leads to Arrest of Child Pornography Suspect*

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On June 26, 2014, YCSO detectives arrested 56-year-old George Harb at his home in the 600 block of Star Rock Drive, Prescott, for 13 counts of Possession/Distribution of Child Pornography. He was booked at the Camp Verde Detention Center and remains in-custody on a \$150,000 bond.



Over the last several weeks, YCSO detectives with assistance from investigators at U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), developed information regarding the trafficking of pornographic images involving very young children. The investigation led to Harb's home on Star Rock Drive in Prescott where detectives served a search warrant on Thursday, June 26, 2014. Inside the home, detectives found thousands of video and images involving the sexual exploitation of children. Detectives were able to immediately examine 13 video files all containing children under the age of 15 engaged in sexual contact. Detectives noted that some of the videos contained children who appeared to be under the age of 5 being molested. These 13 videos are the basis for the initial booking charges. Detectives seized computers, hard drives, etc., for further examination.

Harb admitted full knowledge of the child pornography images and videos. He denied ever committing an act of child molestation.

YCSO would like to thank HSI personnel for providing technical tools and expertise during the investigation. Sheriff Mascher is committed to utilizing any resources necessary to find and arrest those in Yavapai County involved in the possession and trafficking of child pornography.

The following is a statement from Jeremy Jolles, resident agent in charge of HSI Flagstaff – "This arrest should serve as a warning to those who would seek to hide behind a computer in order to sexually exploit children. HSI, along with our law enforcement partners at the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office, are committed to protecting our communities by bringing suspected child predators to justice."

Citizens can contact the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office with information or questions at 928-771-3260 or the YCSO website: [www.ycsoaz.gov](http://www.ycsoaz.gov)