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Section: Danville News

Technician's tip led to Danville child porn search

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Article Text:

A computer technician called to 112 Sweetbriar Drive on Monday to work on a computer came across approximately 5,000 files with sexually explicit names, according to the search warrant police obtained by the Danville Register & Bee filed in Danville Circuit Court.

The technician opened one of the files, according to the search warrant, and saw a nude photo of a female who was obviously under the age of 18. The warrant states the technician soon left the house and "became physically ill" on the front lawn because of the images he saw.

Just after 8 a.m. Wednesday, investigators and police officers from the Danville Police Department arrived at the house to execute a search warrant based on information they received from the computer technician. Later that day, a resident of the house, Don Jeffrey Scott, 54, died from a gunshot wound to the chest after police spent the day searching for him regarding the search warrant.

During the course of the search of 112 Sweetbriar Drive on Wednesday morning, investigators recovered notepads containing passwords, computers, optical drives, flash drives, external hard drives and hundreds of DVDs and VHS tapes. Investigators also recovered multiple cell phones and miscellaneous adult pornographic magazines, according to the warrant.

It is unknown what material was on the hard drives, flash drives, DVDs and VHS tapes.

Detective J.N. Williams of the Danville Police Department said the department could not comment further on the case because it is an ongoing investigation. The search warrant does state the computer technician is willing and able to testify to what he saw on the computer in the house.

Police contacted Scott early Wednesday to inform him the warrant was being executed, but further attempts to reach Scott were unsuccessful, according to a news release from the Danville Police Department. His family eventually contacted him and felt he was suicidal and informed police, according to the release.

Police and investigators located Scott in his car at Danville Memorial Gardens on Riverside Drive at 3:44 p.m. Wednesday. When they ordered him out of the car, they heard what they thought was a gunshot. A gun was found at the scene, according to police.

Scott was not named in the search warrant. The computer technician was working on a "personal desktop computer" when he discovered the files with sexually explicit names, according to the search warrant.

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Police find child porn in Danville home; Homeowner found dead in cemetery

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Article Text:

A Danville man facing child pornography charges shot and killed himself while police were looking for him.

Officers say they searched Don Scott's home on Sweetbriar Drive Wednesday morning.

He wasn't home, but someone called and told him about the search.

Law enforcement were put on alert to look for Scott and his vehicle. His car was spotted just before 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at a Danville cemetery.

When officers pulled up behind his car, they heard a gunshot.

They say Scott had shot himself in the chest.

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