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# Child-sex images lead to arrest

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A Southwest Miami-Dade man was arrested at his Westchester home Tuesday, accused of possessing child pornography and transmitting images over the Internet.

"Some of them are very graphic and some of them do involve adults as well," said Paige Patterson-Hughes, a spokeswoman with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

Daniel Evan Kublin, 30, was charged with 72 counts of possession of images depicting sexual performances by a child and one count of transmitting a sexually pornographic image of a child, both violations of Florida.

Bail was set at \$362,500 and Kublin remained at the Dade

County Jail on Wednesday.

Authorities began the investigation last September when the Broward Sheriff's Office and the Law Enforcement Against Child Harm (LEACH), a multiagency task force, received a computer diskette from America Online with information about the transfer of the images.

According to the arrest warrant, someone using the screen name REAL135178 had sent an electronic photograph of a girl under 18 on her hands and knees performing oral sex on an adult male to 65 AOL subscribers. BSO Detective Robert DeYoung subpoenaed AOL subscriber information and determined that REAL135178 was registered to someone at the same home, 2830 SW 92nd Place.

"That person had nothing to do with it," said Assistant State Attorney David Paulus, the lead prosecutor. "It's pretty clear that Daniel Kublin was the only one involved in this. He made statements."

Paulus said the images were either in the form of still photographs or computer movies.

"Nasty stuff. I'm talking about children under the age of 5 ... even infants."

Kublin faces 15 years on the one count of distribution and five years consecutive on every other count of possession, Paulus said.

"He could be put away forever. And the state's position is he will do time. We're taking a very hard line against these people because you have to cut the market down on pornogra-

phy."

But defense attorney John Thornton said his client is not an experienced porn trader.

"Danny is a good kid who is alleged to have inappropriately experimented with the Internet," Thornton said. "There is no evidence of intent to hurt anyone."

Kublin was a traffic enforcement specialist making \$12.78 an hour at the city of Coral Gables until Feb. 7 when he abruptly resigned.

"Due to personal reasons, it is necessary to resign my position as parking enforcement specialist, effective immediately," Kublin said in a handwritten note to the city's parking department.

Kublin will have a bond hearing at 9 a.m. today.

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