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Ex-head of AIDS charity pleads guilty in child-porn case

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The former executive direcof Kentucky's oldest AIDS anization pleaded guilty terday to downloading and sessing child pornography. Collin Schwoyer, 49, adted to receiving images of

nude children via the Internet while he was head of the Com- 22. munity Health Trust.

"I downloaded the images ... at the place of my employment, your honor," Schwoyer told U. S. District Judge Edward Johnstone.

Schwoyer pleaded guilty to three counts of downloading the images and one count of possessing videos, magazines and other materials that depicted minors in sexual acts.

The government agreed to drop two other counts in exchange for the plea.

He will be sentenced Aug.

Schwoyer could have been sentenced to up to 80 years in prison and fined up to \$1.5 million. However, under the plea agreement, the government recommended the minimum sentence.

That minimum won't be determined until a sentencing report is completed, Schwoyer's attorney, Scott C. Cox, said yesterday. But, Cox said, it's likely to be about three years in prison.

Johnstone agreed yesterday

to Schwoyer's request that he be allowed to sell his duplex. which he'd posted as bond in February, after being arrested.

"He wants to get his affairs in order before he is incarcerated," Cox said after the hear-

Schwoyer oversaw the Comuntil last October, when a coworker found child pornography on his office computer.

He was fired shortly thereafter and was indicted by a federal grand jury in February.

The health trust was formed

15 years ago to help people rector for the Jewish Commuwith AIDS and HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

Community Health Trust store at 1975 Douglass Blvd., which has offbeat and ritzy items, such as posters autographed by Broadway stars, Banana Republic clothes and stylish Fossil watches. The store's proceeds go to the organization.

Last month, the health trust board hired Toby Drucker, 55, as its new executive director. Drucker previously was the campaign and endowment di-

nity Federation of Louisville. She has also been executive di-The agency operates the rector of an arts foundation in Palm Beach, Fla.

Drucker, who started her new position last week, said she plans to use her experience with non-profit organizations to help the health trust.

"We're in transition now, obviously. We are putting together all the resources, and the board is hard at work and I'm hard at work," she said. "We hope to turn the organization around."

