

COMPUTER CASE Psychiatrist worked at Children's Service Center; he is no longer employed there

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Doctor faces child porn charge

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KINGSTON – A child psychiatrist was charged Wednesday with downloading images of nude children that were turned over to a therapist during a marital counseling session.

Dr. John Francis Theroux, 53, of Charles Avenue, surrendered with his attorney, Frank Nocito, at District Judge Paul Roberts' office where he was charged with 66 counts of possession of child pornography and a single count of criminal use of communication facility.

Investigators allege Theroux's estranged wife turned over a file containing pictures of nude children to a therapist at a marital counseling session on Aug. 22. The therapist reported the pictures to Kingston police.

Police searching the Theroux residence on Aug. 26 allegedly uncovered 66 images of nude children on a hard drive, according to charges filed.

Theroux was jailed at the Luzerne County Correctional Facility for lack of \$75,000 bail. He was attempting to post bail through a bondsman and Wednesday night Nocito said his client posted bail.

Nocito said during the arraignment that Theroux retired from the U.S. Army in 2006 as



John Francis Theroux, at right, was arrested Wednesday. [click image to enlarge](#)

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(Dr. John Francis Theroux) believed since the children weren't engaged in sexual acts, the images he was downloading were not considered child pornography, according to the criminal

a colonel, serving in Iraq and assigned at the West Point Military Academy in New York.

complaint.

Roberts ordered Theroux to surrender his passport, not to use a computer with Internet access and to stay away from children under 18 years old if he is released on bail.

Theroux recently resigned as a child psychiatrist at the Children's Service Center of the Wyoming Valley on South Franklin Street in Wilkes-Barre. The center provides adoption, psychiatric evaluations, substance abuse screenings and family therapy services.

"Dr. Theroux was an employee of Children's Service Center in the past; however, he is not currently employed at the organization. Children's Service Center has no knowledge of any inappropriate activity while Dr. Theroux was employed at CSC," stated Mike Hopkins, chief executive officer/president at Children's Service Center, in an email.

According to the criminal complaint:

Mary Theroux told a marital therapist that "she was not holding back anymore" and revealed that her husband was involved in child pornography. She had a folder containing pictures of four young girls, not engaged in lewd acts, lying next to one another.

Theroux admitted during the session that looking at pictures of young girls is "not illegal if there isn't any sex acts involved," the complaint says.

Theroux claimed his interest in looking at young girls increased when his wife made him leave their bedroom.

Investigators searched the Theroux house, where Mary Theroux turned over a hard drive and pictures that were in a basket under clothes inside a bedroom closet.

Theroux admitted to investigators he used certain keywords to search for child pornography, and even researching the state child pornography laws. He believed since the children weren't engaged

in sexual acts, the images he was downloading were not considered child pornography, according to the complaint.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled on Sept. 16 before Roberts.

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