

# David Ashely arrested for possession of child porn

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Sheriff Ken Mascara announced the arrest of David Ashely, 38, of Port St. Lucie on 10 counts of possession of child pornography.

According to the Sheriff, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children received a tip from Google that pornographic images of children had been uploaded to a Google+ photo account. The National Center confirmed that information and forwarded it to the South Florida Crimes Against Children Task Force who was able to further refine the metadata of the photo and identify they were uploaded from a user in St. Lucie County.

“The technology that exists today to track information over the Internet greatly helps in our investigation of these types of heinous crimes against helpless children,” said Sheriff Ken J. Mascara.

According to the Sheriff, the user uploading these photos was identified as a resident in the 3600 block of S.E. Mariposa Avenue in Port St. Lucie.

“Our detectives determined that David Ashley was the individual responsible for uploading these images and as a result conducted a search warrant at the home where numerous photographic and digital evidence was seized,” Mascara said.

Ashley was arrested on Friday, May 25 in the 2500 block of North U.S. 1 on an outstanding warrant.

According to the Sheriff, 10 pornographic images depicting children under the age of eight were initially discovered, however an ongoing forensic investigation into the computer and other digital devices may reveal more resulting in additional charges.

“Individuals like this are a fungus in our community,” Mascara said. “They use these photos to satisfy their twisted desires, often times starting out with digital images, then escalating to more deviant behavior. With this arrest, Ashley will not only face jail time, but a lifetime of registration and monitoring restrictions to ensure he isn’t a harm to anyone else.”

Ashley was booked into the St. Lucie County Jail on a \$100,000 bond.

## ABOUT THE SHERIFF:

The Florida Constitution establishes the Office of the elected County Sheriff who is responsible for preserving the peace, carrying out the orders of Florida courts and the Board of County Commissioners, and providing deputies at court sessions and meetings of the Board of County Commissioners. The Sheriff is the chief correctional officer of the county. Sheriff Ken J. Mascara is elected by the people of St. Lucie County and is accountable to them.