

TURLOCK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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CyberTip Leads to Search Warrant and Arrest of Local Elementary School Campus Supervisor for Possession of Child Pornography

On Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at approximately 10:30 a.m., Turlock Police Department Detectives arrested 42-year-old John Snoke, resident of Turlock, after receiving a CyberTip regarding child pornography distribution. This tip was investigated by Turlock Police Detective Giovacchini which led to the identity of the individual who had uploaded images to an internet-based application.

Snoke was contacted during the service of a search warrant at his residence. Snoke was brought to the Turlock Public Safety Facility for questioning. Additional electronic devices were located at Snoke's residence and are being processed for further evidence.

Following the interview, Snoke was arrested at the Turlock Police Department without incident. Snoke is facing two separate felony child pornography charges; possession of child pornography and sending or selling obscene matter depicting a minor. Additional charges may be added once all electronic devices have been analyzed.

Snoke is currently employed as a campus supervisor at a local Turlock Unified elementary school. At this time, investigators do not believe there are any local student victims who were targeted but are working diligently to confirm this.

Detective Giovacchini said, "We are leveraging technology and working hard to stop child exploitation in Turlock. Keeping children safe is my number one priority."

The Turlock Police Department asks that anyone with information to contact Detective Giovacchini at (209)668-6539. You may also contact the Turlock Police Department's Tip Line at (209)668-5550 extension 6780 or email at tpdtipline@turlock.ca.us.

The Turlock Police Department is an active participant in the Crime Stoppers Program. Callers can leave an anonymous tip by calling Crime Stoppers at (209)521-4636 or (866) 602-7463 and you may be eligible for a cash reward. You can also leave an anonymous tip online at www.stancrimetips.org or by texting "StanCS" to 738447. The P3 app is also available for download for Apple and Android devices.

To receive more detailed, up-to-date information directly from the Turlock Police Department via e-mail or text message, register for "Nixle" alerts at www.Nixle.com or more directly at https://local.nixle.com/register/.

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