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SFPD Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Unit Makes Arrest in Child Pornography Investigation 24-112

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In April 2024, members of the SFPD Special Victims Unit-Internet Crime Against Children (ICAC) obtained information that an adult male suspect from San Francisco was in possession of and distributing Child Sexual Assault Material (CSAM) commonly referred to as child pornography. Through the course of the investigation, the suspect was identified as 56-year-old Albinus Benus of San Francisco.

On September 12, 2024, a joint operation was conducted by the SFPD ICAC Unit, the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) on the 100 block of Maynard Street. A search warrant was served, and Benus was taken into custody without incident. During the search warrant service, investigators seized multiple electronic devices as evidence. During a forensic review of the devices, large quantities of child pornography were located that were catalogued into numerous specific categories.

Benus was booked into San Francisco County Jail for one count of distribution of child pornography (311.1(a) PC) and one count of possession of child pornography (311.11(a) PC) with the enhancement of over 600 files (311.11(c)(1) PC) and the enhancement of child pornography depicting bondage (311.11(c)(2) PC).

The SFPD will work tirelessly and are relentless in these investigations where the most vulnerable members of our society are targeted and victimized. While an arrest has been made, this remains an open and active investigation. Anyone with information is asked to contact the SFPD at [1-415-575-4444](tel:1-415-575-4444) or text a tip to [TIP411](tel:TIP411) and begin the message with SFPD. You may remain anonymous.

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