

West Hartford Police Department

Press Release

Thursday, November 29, 2007

WHPD Case # 07 - 24857

Incident Type: Child Pornography Investigation

Incident Description:

On 05/20/2007, West Hartford Police were dispatched to a residence on Griswold Drive for a report that the homeowner found a large quantity of child pornography.

The resident had been renovating the household basement, and while removing paneling from the wall found a secret storage area where thousands of slides and video containing images of child pornography had been hidden.

There were approximately 50,000 35 mm slides. There were also over 100 8 mm video reels. The number of victims depicted appears to be in the hundreds.

The evidence indicates that the pictures belonged to a previous homeowner, Dr. George Reardon. Dr. Reardon, now deceased, had practiced medicine at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center for over 30 years, serving as Chief of Endocrinology.

We are concerned that these photos may have been shared with others. The West Hartford Police Department is working with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) to identify the victims in these images. Identifying the victims would allow for the prosecution of anyone possessing these images nationwide.

We ask that anyone who believes their photo may be in this collection to contact the Case Officers listed below to assist us in identifying the children in the photos.

We understand that this is an emotional issue for anyone who may have been exploited in these images. Any information gathered will be kept in strictest confidence

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Case Officers--

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