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GUILTY OF POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

(Sherman, Texas)

A 45-year-old Frisco, Texas resident has pleaded guilty to possessing child pornography.

BILLY BOB DUNFIELD pleaded guilty Monday afternoon to one count of Possession of Sexually Explicit Visual Depictions of Minors.

According to information prosecutors presented in court, Dunfield possessed eight pictures on his computer of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct in violation of federal law.

Matthew D. Orwig, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas, says this case is very troubling, "Child Pornography is a serious crime that victimizes children. These innocent children are exploited by those who produce child pornography and those who collect it. It is especially troubling when the defendant is a public servant. We expect a high degree of professionalism and integrity from those sworn to uphold the law."

Dunfield could face a maximum sentence of five years in prison and a fine of \$250,000.

The FBI is investigating the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrew Williams is prosecuting the case.