

City man faces porn charges

Police: He had video showing sex assault of child

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WATERBURY — Police arrested a 32-year-old city man who they say had more than 50 images of child pornography on his laptop computer, including a young girl being sexually abused by a man.

Christopher Adkins, of 45 Savings St., Apt. 6H, admitted to obtaining the porn online, but also told police he used his neighbor's wireless connection for some of the downloads.

Watertown Detective Mark Conway was working undercover to find computers that held

illegal porn. While looking for suspect machines in October, he identified a computer that was using a file-sharing program that allows users to swap video and music files.

Conway downloaded part of a 15-minute video from a computer in Waterbury that showed a girl, who appeared to be as young as 8, restrained with ropes being sexually assaulted, according to a city police report.

Waterbury Detective Peter



Adkins

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Morgan traced the computer to a home on Newport Drive, which police later learned belonged to Adkins's family member.

Police seized two computers during the investigation, including Adkins's laptop.

Adkins later admitted to Morgan that he downloaded the porn while he was staying at his grandmother's home, but deleted the images soon afterward because he felt guilty. He also told Morgan he used his neighbor's Internet

connection for some of the downloads.

Authorities often advise people to use a password to protect their wireless routers to prevent unauthorized access to their computers. Hackers also look for wireless computer networks that aren't password protected.

Morgan used specialized computer software to recover the deleted downloads, finding that there were more than 50 images of child porn on Adkins's computer.

Adkins was charged with first-degree possession of child pornography and was held on a \$50,000 bond. He's due in Waterbury Superior Court later this month.