

ARREST: Taken off sex offender registry

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entice the children into posing in a sexual position.

Eastman, 45, had served 10 years on the state's sex offender registry after he was convicted of fourth-degree sexual assault, but he was taken off of that list in 2009.

Detective Peter Morgan began investigating Eastman after city police were contacted by a Vermont state trooper. That trooper told city police a family complained that a Skype user named "Harry.Styles888" had tried to entice three girls to pose for him online. The girls refused, but believed they were chatting with Styles, records indicate.

Police traced that user name to Eastman's address on the third floor of 157 Congress Ave.

Multiple complaints about the user name were found online, police reported. One complaint found during an online search Thursday alleged that the user offered to trade concert tickets in exchange for showing body parts.

Eastman was interviewed by police in late 2012 and willingly gave them his computer, according to his arrest warrant.

Eastman admitted to police that he made up several online accounts posing as singers from One Direction in the hopes they would attract underage teenagers. When he was contacted by girls who asked to see him on a web cam, Eastman told police he had old video footage of the singers "ready to play."

"My hope is that the girl will show me herself on camera and then pose in a sexual manner, or perform some kind of sex act for me to see," Eastman told detectives, according to his ar-

rest warrant.

Using specialized computer equipment, Morgan searched Eastman's computer, finding video footage of several singers, including Justin Bieber and Styles, which had been recorded using a web cam.

In two separate folders, Morgan reported finding 519 photographs and videos of suspected child pornography. Some of the children appeared to be as young as 5 years old. Some of those were recorded using a web cam and appeared to show underage girls performing sex acts, according to Eastman's arrest warrant.

In addition to targeting young children online, police say they received complaints about Eastman's behavior around family members. A family member told police Eastman had abused animals when they were younger, including forcing a dog's head into an oven, and had constantly tried to see female family members naked.

Eastman has a long criminal history that dates back to the 1980s.

Court records indicate he was placed on the state's sex registry in 1999 after he was convicted of pulling a 9-year-old girl's underwear down as she slept. He has multiple convictions for public indecency and was convicted of making obscene communications in Florida, according to a court official.

Eastman, whose last known address was Virginia Beach, Va., was charged with first-degree possession of child pornography, employing a minor in an obscene performance and using a computer to entice a minor, among other charges.

His bond was raised to \$500,000 after he appeared Thursday in Waterbury Superior Court.