



La Porte Man Charged in Child Pornography



Bret Garder | La Porte Police Department photo

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LA PORTE, Texas - A task force investigation into child pornography led police to arrest a La Porte resident.

Bret Lee Gardner, 22, was charged Friday with two counts of promotion of child pornography and three counts of possession of child pornography. With each count carrying a bond amount of \$100,000, Gardner's total bond is \$500,000.

Detectives with the La Porte Police Department, assigned to the Houston Metro Internet Crimes against Children Task Force, found several thousand images on Gardner's computer that showed children engaged in various sexual acts. During the investigation, detectives obtained a search warrant for Gardner's home and charges were filed against him.

After a series of investigative efforts by contributing detectives, a search warrant was obtained from the 339th District Court for the defendant's residence.

A joint effort among detectives with the La Porte Police Department, Houston Police Department, Harris County District Attorney's Office, Pasadena Independent School District Police Department, along with special agents from the U.S. Secret Service and Immigrants and Customs Enforcement, executed the warrant that led to Gardner's arrest.