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# Media Release



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## EDUCATOR ARRESTED

On July 29, 2011, **44-year old Joseph Chanecka**, of Tucson, turned himself in to detectives at the Tucson Police Department headquarters building. Chanecka, a 4<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher at Van Buskirk Elementary School at 725 East Fair Street, was wanted in connection with a child pornography investigation.

In late May 2011, detectives in the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Unit received a report that Chanecka had images of child pornography on his home computer. The ICAC Unit began investigating the claims. In the course of the investigation, search warrants were served at his residence as well as at Van Buskirk. Thousands of images were recovered that depicted suspected child pornography. Based on the evidence collected by detectives, an arrest warrant was obtained on June 22, 2011.

Chanecka, who was believed to have left the country for several weeks during the investigation, surrendered himself to detectives this morning without incident. He was charged with **one count of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor**, and was booked into the Pima County Jail.

The investigation is ongoing and detectives anticipate filing additional charges.

The Tucson Police Department urges anyone with information about this case to contact **911** or **88-CRIME**.



**Joseph Chanecka**

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