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Detectives Charge Syracuse Man for Possessing and Promoting a Sexual Performance by a Child

City of Syracuse, New York – The Onondaga County Sheriff's Office reports that sheriff detectives have charged a Syracuse man for possessing and promoting a sexual performance by a child.

Yesterday afternoon at approximately 12:20 pm, members of the Onondaga County ICAC Task Force (Internet Crimes Against Children) executed a search warrant at 132 South Edwards Ave in the City of Syracuse. Detectives arrested the resident, **Walter Pravato (55)** and charged him with the felonies of promoting a sexual performance by a child (D-felony) and possessing a sexual performance by a child (E-felony).



Pravato is accused of promoting performances using the internet and e-mail which included sexual conduct by a child less than seventeen years of age. Pravato was also in possession of child sexual exploitation images and videos which included sexual conduct by a child less than sixteen years of age. The investigation into Pravato began when members of the ICAC Task Force received a tip from the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children's Cyber Tipline.

ICAC Task Force consists of members from the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division, the New York State Police and the Syracuse Police Department.

Pravato was arraigned this morning in the City of Syracuse Court and is currently being held at the Justice Center on \$25,000 cash or bond.

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