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UNK Professor Arrested for Child Pornography

LINCOLN - Attorney General Jon Bruning today announced University of Nebraska-Kearney psychology professor Joseph J. Benz, Ph. D., 52, was arrested and charged with three counts each of possession of child pornography and distribution of child pornography. The arrest stemmed from an investigation by the Attorney General's Office cybercrimes unit and was made late yesterday by the Kearney Police Department.

"Each time a pornographic image of a child is traded online, the child is revictimized," said Bruning. "We will do everything in our power to ensure he is held accountable for this appalling exploitation."

A search warrant was executed at Benz's home on Tuesday, May 21, 2013. A search of one computer uncovered upwards of 20,000 questionable image files. The investigation of at least two other computers is ongoing.

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