

The Hanover County Sheriff's Office served several indictments today stemming from a child pornography investigation.

Gregory S. Cox, a 40-year-old white male of the 2600 block of Lancraft Road in Chesterfield County, has been indicted on ten counts of possession of child pornography. Cox, a registered sex offender, was observed accessing an Internet enabled computer at his place of business in the 11300 block of Lake Ridge Parkway in Hanover County on November 26, 2006. The witness, having knowledge of Cox's history, contacted the Sheriff's Office.

With the cooperation of the business, the computer was seized and forensically evaluated, by the Hanover Sheriff's Office Computer Forensic Unit, for any suspicious images. Numerous images believed to be explicit images of children were recovered and are the basis for these charges.

This investigation was the result of coordination between several agencies, including the National Center for Exploited and Missing Children, the Virginia State Police, the Virginia Department of Probation and Parole, the Hanover Commonwealth Attorney's Office, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the United States Postal Service, and the VCU Medical Center.

"This case represents the responsibility everyone has in protecting our children. Identifying known sex offenders in our community provides the background necessary to separate mundane activity from the actions of a predator. We are all thankful for the efforts of the citizen who recognized the suspicious actions of Gregory Cox and made the decision to contact law enforcement," said V. Stuart Cook.



Gregory S. Cox