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Press Release

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On March 25, 2009, the Christiansburg Police Department executed a search warrant on Cleveland "Richard" Castleberry (62 year old white male) for possession of child pornography. During the search hundreds of images were seized to include a VHS tape of the suspect molesting a 6 year old child. The tape was several years old. Mr. Castleberry was arrested and on February 10, 2010 entered a guilty plea for possession of child pornography 2nd or subsequent offense X10. He received 2 years on each count for a total of 20 years. He was ordered to serve 7 years and 6 months with the remaining balance suspended and 10 years Supervised Adult Probation.

The victim in the VHS tape was located and subsequently Mr. Castleberry received 18 Indictments in the state of Georgia, some of these indictments carry Life Sentences according to Georgia Officials Those cases are still pending.

We do know that the suspect spent most of his life in the New River Valley to include the Giles County area. We have several hundred disc containing images of child pornography. We are asking that anyone who may have been victimized contact us. We would like to be able to recognize these individuals in order to resolve these terrible and unfortunate occurrences.

If anyone has information or was victimized by this individual, we ask that they contact Investigator Phillip Townley (Internet Crimes Against Children Unit) @ 540-382-6123.

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