

# Student found with child pornography files

A Penn State junior will go to trial on four felony charges of sexual abuse of children.

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When police showed up at his apartment building, Penn State student William Swarmer, 20, told police he had downloaded pornography portraying a nine-year-old girl having sex with an adult man. Now, Swarmer (junior-

Japanese) will go to trial on four charges of felony sexual abuse of children after waiving his right to a preliminary hearing Wednesday.

Police found several image files and nine video files on Swarmer's computer that they suspected to be child pornography after executing a search warrant on his 1918 Weaver St. apartment in November, according to the criminal complaint.

Those files were sent to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) to see if the files matched any from the database of victims of

sexual abuse, according to the complaint.

Four of those files were identified as depicting known victims of sexual abuse, police said.

Ferguson Township Police explained to residents of Swarmer's apartment building that someone in the building had been downloading child pornography, police said.

"While talking to all of the residents and explaining to them that I was there because someone in this residence has been downloading child pornography, the defendant raised his hand and stated

that it was him that has been downloading child pornography," police wrote in the criminal complaint.

Police first suspected Swarmer was in possession of child pornography after he shared pornographic files over the Internet, police said.

An undercover police officer downloaded a file directly from Swarmer's computer through peer-to-peer sharing software that showed a nine year-old female engaging in sexual acts with an adult male, police said.

The undercover officer retrieved the Internet Protocol (IP) address of Swarmer's computer, which eventually allowed the officer to track down where Swarmer lived, police said.

Officers seized his computer and discovered the files they had suspected to be child pornography, police said.

Some of the videos ranged between eight to 14 minutes in length, according to the criminal complaint.

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# State College census below U.S. average

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Centre County's return rate for 2010 census forms is already higher than it was for the 2000 census, but officials said they will not be satisfied until they reach 100 percent participation.

"Any time any area is above the national average and the state average for response rate is very good," U.S. Census Bureau Media Specialist Pam Golden said. "But we need to count everyone, so we need to get as close to 100 percent as possible."

As of Wednesday, 70 percent of State College residents had returned census forms, Golden said.

As a whole, Centre County has a 79 percent return rate, while Pennsylvania as a whole clocks in at 76 percent. Both are above the national rate of 72 percent.

Currently, Centre County is 2 percent above the return rate of the 2000 census, she said. Information about the 2000 census participation is not available for State College.

But State College Mayor Elizabeth Goreham is worried that as students depart for the summer, the borough will suffer because of their incomplete census forms.

The deadline for mailing back census forms has passed, but census officials will be sent out to knock on doors, she said.

The census workers will go door to door to get the last 30 percent of people to complete their forms, Golden said.

They'll continue to make their rounds through the end of July.

With most students gone by the time the census employees start

working, State College may be unable to get an accurate picture, Goreham said.

"That's where we really miss the boat every time," Goreham said.

"If somehow the census would begin early, that would be very helpful for us"

The 100 percent goal is important, Golden said — the census results not only determine federal funding, but also draw the lines for congressional districts.

Golden encouraged students to fill out the form before leaving for the semester. They can also call a toll-free number — (866)-872-6868 — to fill out the census in less than 10 minutes, she said.

Aside from asking citizens to complete their census forms, the census workers will also record vacancies — ensuring the county has an accurate population count, Golden said.

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## BY THE NUMBERS

**70 percent of State College residents to return census**

**72 percent of United States residents to return census**

**76 percent of Pennsylvania residents to return census**

**79 percent of Centre County residents to return census**

## POWER FACE



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Tracy Ekong (sophomore-crime, law and justice) plays cards with her sorority sisters during the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. spaghetti benefit dinner Wednesday afternoon in Shulze Hall.

# Obama OKs first offshore wind farm

By **Jay Lindsay**  
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BOSTON — A whole new way of generating electricity in the U.S. drew a big step closer to reality Wednesday, and it could look like this: 130 windmills, 440 feet tall, rising from the ocean a few miles off Cape Cod.

After more than eight years of lawsuits and government reviews, the Obama administration cleared the way for the nation's first offshore wind farm.

"We are beginning a new direction in our nation's energy future," U.S. Interior Secretary Ken Salazar declared in announcing his approval of the \$2 billion

Cape Wind project, which would finally allow the U.S. to join the list of major countries that are producing electricity from sea breezes.

The project has faced intense opposition from two Indian tribes and some environmentalists and residents, including the late Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, who warned that the windmills could mar the ocean view. They would be visible from the Kennedy compound at Hyannis Port.

Salazar said the project's developers can protect local culture and beauty while expanding the nation's supply of renewable energy.

The developers are hoping to

begin construction this year and start generating power by late 2012 — provided the venture isn't stopped by further lawsuits.

Members of the Aquinnah Wampanoag Tribe of Martha's Vineyard have vowed to go to court, saying the project would interfere with sacred rituals and desecrate long-submerged tribal burial sites.

Other groups said they would sue immediately.

"It's far from over," Cape Cod resident Audra Parker of the Alliance to Protect Nantucket Sound. "Nantucket Sound needs to be off limits to Cape Wind and any other industrial development."

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