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TITLE: Marine Recruiter Charged with Identity Theft and Child Pornography

Ashwaubenon, WI – In August of 2012 Investigators from Ashwaubenon Dept. of Public Safety, Elmhurst Illinois Police and Naval Criminal Investigative Services (NCIS) engaged in an investigation of a Marine Recruiter in the Ashwaubenon Armed Forces Recruiting office.

A young Ashwaubenon man was recruited by Sgt. Andrew Curran. It is alleged that Sgt. Curran gained user names and passwords from recruits to their personal Facebook and/or email accounts. He is alleged to have done this to check their backgrounds.

Sgt. Curran is alleged to have used this information to solicit young female acquaintances of the recruits and pretend to be the recruit who was in boot camp. It is alleged he then would solicit photographs depicting nudity and would also solicit their email addresses and passwords saying he couldn't access his own email.

During the same time Ashwaubenon Investigators were contacted by Elmhurst Police Department Investigators who were investigating similar conduct of a person hacking into emails and posting pictures of girls on a pornographic website. A tracing of the IP address led Investigators to a US Government server. This is when Special Agents from Naval Criminal Investigative Services (NCIS) became involved.

The investigation led to the determination that Sgt. Curran had accessed the victims Facebook account numerous times and had conversations with over 40 females, pretending to be the victim; the Marine recruit. The investigation further revealed that Sgt. Curran hacked into approximately 40 female's computers and stole intimate photos, re-posting them onto other websites.





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In addition to these events, Investigators obtained a search warrant for Sgt. Curran's house and recovered a computer from him which ultimately was forensically analyzed revealing numerous images of Child Pornography.

Sgt. Curran was taken into custody with the assistance of NCIS and appeared in court yesterday afternoon, March 20 and is being held on \$100,000 cash bond.

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