

Former priest arrested again, charged with possessing child sex abuse videos

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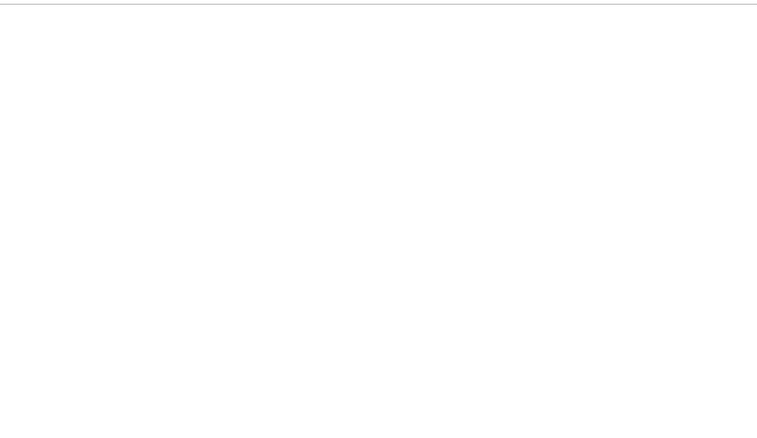
LUZERNE, LUZERNE CO, (WOLF) — A former priest was arrested Monday after allegedly downloading videos of children engaged in sex acts.

According to the affidavit, 56-year-old Robert Michael Timchak Jr., a registered sex offender, told detectives that he downloaded the videos from websites associated with pornography.

One video Timchak downloaded involved a boy, according to court records.

Officials say Timchak was a priest in the Diocese of Scranton and also served at several churches and parochial schools in the region in the 1990s and 2000s.

He was initially arrested in Pike County where he was an assistant pastor at St. Vincent de Paul, Milford, and St. John Neumann, Lord's Valley, in 2009.



At the time, State Police at Blooming Grove found child sexual abuse materials on Timchak's computers he attempted to delete, according to previous reports.

Timchak pled guilty to sexual abuse of children and was sentenced to 6 to 72 months in state prison. He was also ordered to register his address as a sex offender for 10 years. He was released in June 2012.

For his latest arrest, county detectives say they received a tip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children that was linked to Timchak's email.

The tip alleged that the email was used to download two videos of child sex abuse materials.

When speaking with detectives, Timchak admitted to visiting pornography websites but said his preferred age is 18 years old.

"He stated that he likes 'young' but legal," detectives stated in court records supporting Timchak's charges.

Timchak was arraigned on four counts of dissemination of photos or films of children involved in sex acts, two counts of criminal use of a communication facility, and a single count of child pornography.

He was jailed at the Luzerne County Correctional Facility for lack of \$20,000 bail.