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ST. JOHNS COUNTY MAN ARRESTED FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IMAGES

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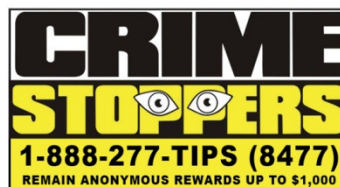
A 39-year old St. Johns County man was arrested on 20 counts of possession of child pornography this (Thursday) morning following the execution of a search warrant. The suspect, identified as **Christopher Michael Richard**, 39, 611 Ponte Vedra Lakes Blvd. #4303, was located at his residence and taken into custody without incident.

The investigation began a month ago when Sheriff's Office Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Detectives received information that an individual had uploaded numerous images of suspected child pornography.

A search warrant was obtained this week and executed early this morning and detectives seized numerous items of electronic devices and storage that was and will be forensically searched. Numerous images and videos depicting the sexual abuse of children were located on a computer belonging to Richard. Detectives charged Richard with twenty felony counts.

Richard was booked into the County Jail on no bond pending a first appearance hearing Friday morning. Additional charges are pending further investigation by SVU/ICAC Detectives of the Sheriff's Office.

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