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Newton teacher faces porn charges

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A 34-year-old second-grade teacher who has been with the Newton public school system for more than a decade was charged yesterday with possessing child pornography and will face additional charges of creating child pornography today, according to authorities.

David Ettlinger, a teacher at Underwood Elementary School, had a not-guilty plea entered on his behalf when he was arraigned yesterday in Brighton District Court on two counts of possessing child pornography, which allegedly was on his personal computer, according to the Suffolk district attorney's office. The felony charges are punishable by up to five years in state prison, prosecutors said.

A judge set Ettlinger's bail at \$10,000 and ordered that he be held without bail on a related warrant out of West Roxbury District Court, where Ettlinger is set to be arraigned today on charges of creating child

pornography.


School Superintendent David Fleishman of Newton said there are no reports that any of Ettlenger's students are among the victims. The superintendent said Ettlenger has worked for the school system for 12 years, most of that time at Underwood.

As part of the federal investigation, Ettlenger was arrested and had his residence at 1415 Commonwealth Ave. in Allston searched, said Jake Wark, spokesman for the district attorney. Wark declined to say what specifically led authorities to Ettlenger.

A search of Ettlenger's personal computer led to the recovery of images depicting children under 18 in "sexualized contexts," Wark said.

Ettlenger, who earns \$72,925 annually, is on paid administrative leave pending the investigation, Fleishman said.

"People here are just stunned," he said.

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