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Man suspected of dealing in kid porn

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SACRAMENTO -- A 49-year-old South Lake Tahoe man was arrested Friday on suspicion of trafficking images of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct, according to the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department.

Karsten Gronwold was arrested at his home after being served a warrant by members of the Sacramento Valley High Technology Crimes Task Force, the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force-Sacramento and the El Dorado County Sheriff's Department, according to a news release issued Tuesday by Sgt. Tim Curran, spokesman for the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department.

The arrest stemmed from an investigation by ICAC-Sacramento and the Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Members began looking into tips that a man was posing naked with minor children in sexually explicit conduct and trading the images online, the news release says.

The case is being prosecuted by the U.S. attorney's office.

Gronwold, who is being held in the Sacramento County main jail, will appear in federal court Sept. 19, the news release says.

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