

Presidential Hopeful De Blasio's Aide Sentenced For Child Pornography

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A former close political associate of Democratic presidential hopeful and current New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio is expected to spend up to three years behind bars after pleading guilty to [possessing kiddie porn](#).

Democratic Party operative and de Blasio aide, 31-year-old Jacob Schwartz, pleaded guilty to the most serious count against him: *promoting a sexual performance by a child*. He entered his plea in exchange for one to three years in prison, which is far less than what's usually given to those convicted of child sex crimes and kiddie porn.

For months, Schwartz's lawyers had been pushing for a no-jail sentence, but prosecutors wouldn't budge on their recommendation of prison time.



Jacob Schwartz, who is said to have been a faithful employee in New York Mayor Bill de Blasio's administration, was busted by

New York police detectives and charged with child pornography for his alleged obtaining and storing of 3,000 images and 89 videos on his laptop computer.

The images included those of "young nude females between the approximate ages of 6 months and 16, engaging in sexual conduct...on an adult male," [according to court papers](#).

Conservative Social Media Commentator Mike Cernovich wrote on Twitter that the news media's silence on Jacob Schwartz could have something to do with Schwartz having been a guest on CNN blaming Hillary's loss on "racism" and Russia and his close ties to major players in the Democratic Party including former President Barack Obama. ([Manhattan Democrats](#))

"You better believe he was given every break possible by the city that's run by far-left Democrats and liberal Republicans. It's only conservative Republicans who are held to a high standard by the hypocrites in politics and the media," said former NYPD borough (Staten Island) commander Lester Stevenson.

Schwartz, who had been the target of an investigation since March 2017, surrendered to the New York Police Department computer-crimes detectives in Manhattan's 13th Precinct on

Thursday morning, April 25, 2017. He was charged with promoting a sexual performance by a child and possessing a sexual performance by a child under 16, both felonies, but still he was released on a meager \$7,500 bail, which means only \$750.00 had to be paid despite the seriousness of the crime.

Schwartz is employed as a \$66,360-a-year analyst in the city's Department of Design and Construction. More importantly, Schwartz was the president of the Manhattan Young Democrats and the downstate region vice president of the New



York State Young Democrats. A photo posted last year on *Twitter* shows him with Robby Mook, then the campaign manager for Hillary Clinton's failed presidential campaign.

Schwartz's father is a prominent Democratic insider – labor lawyer Arthur Schwartz, who was New York counsel to Bernie Sanders' failed presidential campaign. Calling his son's case "a personal tragedy," Arthur said: "I understand these are serious charges. He's already in therapy for this." (<https://youtu.be/kpqPqftyp9s>)

Arthur Schwartz had his own brush with the law in 2015, when he was busted for removing hidden surveillance cameras trained on the front door of a \$700-a-month, rent-control apartment occupied by a 93-year-old client who was battling her landlord. Prosecutors agreed to drop felony grand larceny charges in exchange for Arthur paying \$720 in restitution.

The Scourge of Child Pornography: FBI Report

North Hills Man Sentenced to 18 Years in Prison for Producing Sexual Images of Minors. Melrose Man Sentenced to 60 Months for Child Pornography Offenses. Boylston Man Charged with Distributing Child Pornography. Navajo Man from Churchrock Pleads Guilty to Federal Child Sexual Abuse Charge. Vestal Man Pleads Guilty to Distributing and Receiving Child Pornography. Binghamton Man Pleads Guilty to 12 Counts of Distributing Child Pornography.



Rarely a week goes by in the United States that a child pornographer is not charged or sentenced for federal crimes related to the sexual exploitation of

children. The press release headlines above from the Department of Justice were issued on a single day last month.

In coordination with local, state, federal, and international partners – both law enforcement and non-governmental organizations – the FBI devotes extensive resources to fighting the sexual exploitation of children. And while the high number of arrests and convictions speaks to law enforcement's successes, there is still much work to be done. According to a 2016 Department of Justice report to Congress, "The expansion of the Internet has led to an explosion in the market for child pornography."

"After you've been doing this awhile, you think you've seen it all, and then you get a new case," said Special Agent Eric Campbell, who investigates violent crimes against children in the FBI's Phoenix Division. "I am surprised by how often I am surprised at what people will do."

Campbell points to one of his recent cases as an example. In February 2017, a 28-year-old Arizona woman was sentenced to more than five years in prison for mailing child pornography to her imprisoned husband. He was behind bars in Tucson awaiting trial on separate child pornography charges – for which he would eventually receive a 20-year sentence.

Some of the images the woman mailed her husband were of girls as young as 9 years old. “She was trying to sneak them into the prison,” Campbell said, “trying to give her husband what he wanted.”

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