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Firefighter Charged with Downloading Child Porn at Work

A Los Angeles County Fire Department firefighter was charged today with downloading child pornography while at work, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Matthew David Winters (dob 6/7/67) faces one felony count of possession of child pornography and one misdemeanor count of destroying or concealing evidence in case BA469548.

Winters is accused of downloading the pornography to a computer at a fire station in El Monte from December 2017 to May 2018. He also allegedly destroyed a computer hard drive in order to conceal evidence, according to Deputy District Attorney Teresa de Castro of the Cyber Crime Division, who is prosecuting the case.

He faces a possible maximum sentence of five years and six months in state prison if convicted as charged. The prosecutor is recommending bail be set at \$20,500.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Human Trafficking Bureau.

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