

Former USF dean sentenced for child porn

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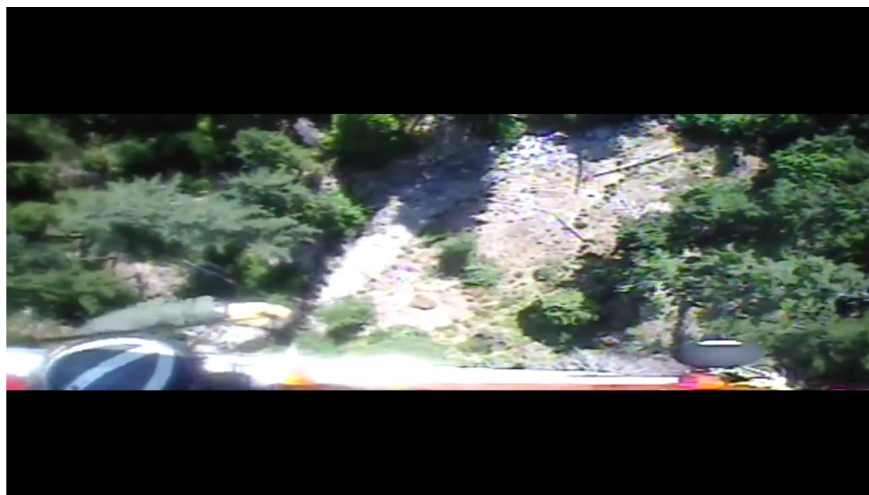
2007-03-28 09:42:00 PDT SAN FRANCISCO -- A former dean of **education** at the **University of San Francisco** was sentenced in federal court Tuesday to five years and three months in prison for possessing child pornography obtained on the Internet.

William Garner, 67, was also ordered by U.S. District Judge Vaughn Walker to pay \$50,000 in restitution to a charity, the **San Francisco Child Abuse Prevention Center**.

The sentence and restitution were agreed to by prosecution and defense when Garner pleaded guilty before Walker in San Francisco in December to one count of pornography possession.

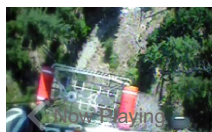
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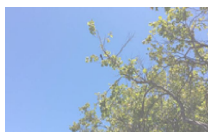


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Attorneys on both sides agreed in sentencing memoranda filed with Walker that Garner had collected 5,537 images of child pornography. Garner told the judge Tuesday, "I deeply regret the shock and embarrassment I caused to my wife, my friends and my colleagues. I deeply regret what I've done to myself."

Garner taught at USF, a **Jesuit Catholic University**, from 1979 until he retired in July 2006 and was dean of the **School of Education** from 1983 to 1987. Walker said the crime was "fueled by defendant's drinking problem" and agreed to a defense request to recommend that Garner be assigned to a prison with a 500-hour alcohol rehabilitation program.

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He ordered Garner, who is now free on a \$50,000 bond, to surrender to authorities no later than June 18 or earlier if he is given an earlier date by whatever institution he is assigned to by the **U.S. Bureau of Prisons**.

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USF prof, ex-dean to plead guilty of child porn

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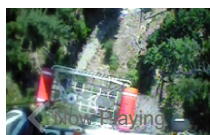
2006-11-15 12:24:00 PST SAN FRANCISCO -- A former **University of San Francisco** professor and dean of the School of **Education** has agreed to plead guilty to possessing more than 15,000 pictures of child pornography, including many depicting sadistic or masochistic content, federal prosecutors said today.

William Garner, 66, has also agreed to a sentence of five years and three months in federal prison, a \$12,500 fine and a \$50,000 payment to a child abuse prevention center, prosecutors said. He is scheduled to be in court Dec. 7.

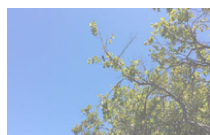
Garner is a former professor at USF's **School of Education** and was co-founder of the school's **Center for Instruction** and Technology in 1984, while he was serving as dean. According to the university's Web site, his most recent job included overseeing graduate courses and programs in educational technology.

USF spokesman **Gary McDonald** said today that Garner severed his ties with the university earlier this year and is no longer an employee.

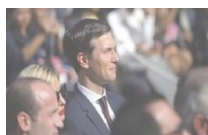
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In his plea agreement, Garner admits knowingly possessing more than 15,000 images of child pornography that he obtained from the Internet, U.S. Attorney **Kevin Ryan**'s office said. "The children depicted in these images are victims of horrible abuse," Ryan said in a statement. "We will vigorously prosecute individuals possessing these materials."

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Garner's lawyer, **Jeremy Blank**, declined to comment.

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SAN FRANCISCO / Ex-USF dean to plead guilty in porn case

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The university said Garner began teaching at USF in 1979 and was dean of education from 1983 to 1987. He co-founded the school's **Center for Instruction** and Technology in 1984. According to the university's Web site, his most recent job included overseeing graduate courses and programs in educational technology.

USF spokesman **Gary McDonald** said Garner resigned as a professor in July and is no longer an employee.

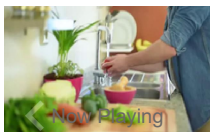
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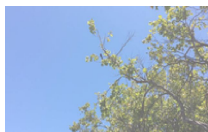


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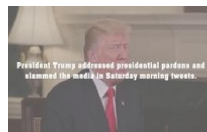
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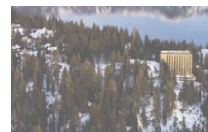
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"The University of San Francisco is shocked and deeply disturbed by this news," McDonald said. "USF had no knowledge of any wrongdoing."

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In his plea agreement, Garner admitted knowingly possessing more than 15,000 images of child pornography that he obtained from the Internet, including images of children before the age of puberty and depictions of violence, U.S. Attorney **Kevin Ryan**'s office said.

The illegal activity took place from June 10 to July 12 and was investigated by federal Immigrations and Customs Enforcement agents, prosecutors said. That agency is generally involved in such cases when the pornography comes from abroad. Prosecutors did not discuss how Garner came to the agents' attention or whether his computer was located at home or at work.

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Garner's lawyer, **Jeremy Blank**, declined to comment.

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