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McLean County Sheriff's Office & Bloomington Police Department

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## ***Stanford Man Arrested on 34 Counts of Child Pornography Following Cyber Crimes Investigation***

Bloomington, IL - On Wednesday, March 18, 2026, after an investigation by a McLean County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) Detective assigned to the Bloomington Police Department's (BPD) Cyber Crimes Unit, Bradley Beyer was arrested on 34 counts of various offenses related to Child Sexual Abuse Material. The investigation began in August when a technology company made a report, to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, regarding the uploading of videos and photographs believed to be child sex abuse material.

Detectives with the MCSO and the BPD Criminal Investigations Division executed several search warrants related to the case. Evidence of child sex abuse material (CSAM) was located.

On Wednesday, a McLean County Grand Jury returned a 34-count indictment on Beyer and an arrest warrant was issued.

At approximately 11:55 a.m., the BPD Street Crimes Unit, BPD K9 Unit, and MCSO initiated a traffic stop on Beyer's vehicle in the area of Morrissey Drive and Hamilton Road. Beyer was taken into custody without incident.

**ARRESTED:** Bradley Beyer, 56, of Stanford, Illinois

- Possession of child pornography / moving depiction (12 counts)
- Possession of Child Pornography with a victim less than 13 (17 counts)
- Child Pornography / possess a computer photo (2 counts)
- Receives / views an obscene depiction (3 counts)

Beyer was granted pre-trial release and is due back in court on April 29, 2026. All suspects are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in the court of law.

Anyone with information on this case should contact Detective Bryan Hanner at [Bryan.hanner@mcleancountyil.gov](mailto:Bryan.hanner@mcleancountyil.gov).

This partnership with the MCSO to strengthen the fight against cybercrimes, particularly those involving children, began in February 2025.

Key benefits of this partnership include:

- **Increased Investigative Resources:** A dedicated detective expands the unit's capacity to process digital evidence, conduct in-depth investigations, and address cybercrime cases more quickly.
- **Expanded Geographical Coverage:** Investigators can now pursue CyberTips throughout McLean County as well as within the City of Bloomington.
- **Enhanced Expertise:** Pooling resources and knowledge provides access to a broader range of investigative skills and best practices.

"The Bloomington Police Department is more focused than ever to work collaboratively with our law enforcement partners to investigate cybercrimes," said Chief Jamal Simington. "The increasing use of technology to victimize children and other vulnerable people makes it essential for us to work steadfastly to protect our community. We will continue to invest our resources and personnel to relentlessly investigate these types of crimes."

This partnership enhances efforts to protect children from online exploitation and supports ongoing collaboration with the Illinois Attorney General's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force. If you believe you or someone you know is a victim of sexual exploitation, you can submit a tip with NCMC at <https://report.cybertip.org/>.



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### Crime Tips

If you wish to submit a crime tip and remain anonymous, please contact the Crime & Intelligence Analysis Unit (CIAU) at 309-434-2963 or email [CIAU@cityblm.org](mailto:CIAU@cityblm.org). You can also text the number 847411 by texting the word "BPDTIPS", then a space, followed by your tip information.

The tip line is not monitored 24/7. The CIAU office is staffed from 8am-8pm, weekdays. If no one is available to answer your call, please leave the information on the voicemail or send it by e-mail.

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