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Capitol Police obtain warrants in obscenity case

RICHMOND – The Virginia Division of Capitol Police obtained warrants Tuesday charging a man with several obscenity-related counts for allegedly transmitting obscene images to staff members of the Virginia General Assembly.

Erik A. Johansson, 50, is named in warrants charging him with one count each of producing/possessing obscene material and using a computer to commit a certain obscenity offense. Each charge is a misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in jail and a \$2,500 fine.

Capitol Police said the warrants, issued in Richmond General District Court, are the result of Johansson sending multiple emails to staff members of several Virginia senators in December 2018. The emails contained photographs of male genitalia, Capitol Police said.

“We have literally thousands of state employees working in and around Capitol Square daily and doing so in a professional manner, and they deserve to know they can carry out their duties without being subjected to this kind of criminal conduct,” said Col. Anthony S. Pike, chief of the Capitol Police. “It is intimidating, it is unwarranted and it will not be tolerated.”

Johansson has a last known address in Tucson, Ariz. Anyone with information about his whereabouts can call the Capitol Police Communications Center at (804) 786-2120 and ask to speak with the investigator on duty.



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