Spotsylvania woman convicted of producing child porn with 4-year-old

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Spotsylvania County woman pleaded guilty to two felony charges Thursday involving the sexual exploitation of a 4-year-old girl.

Teresa Ann Tate, 54, also known as Teresa Edwards, pleaded guilty in Spotsylvania Circuit Court to producing child pornography and possessing child pornography. She will be sentenced on Sept. 10.

Court records show that Spotsylvania authorities began investigating Tate last summer after being contacted by the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office in Fort Worth, Texas. Texas authorities had been investigating a man there in connection with the molestation of children, and one of those victims was a child with connections to Tate, court records state.

Texas investigators found a video of the child dancing and removing her clothes, along with pictures of the child naked. They also found online chats between the man and Tate that including conversations of past abuse of the child and planned future abuse.

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Spotsylvania prosecutor Allan Budny said Tate's convictions Thursday had nothing to do with the case involving the Texas man, but he said detectives were able to prove that the child pornography she possessed was produced in Spotsylvania in November of 2016.

Budny would not comment when asked if the case involving the Texas man was still being investigated.

Tate, who has been in the Rappahannock Regional Jail, is also charged in Stafford County with 20 counts of possessing child pornography. A trial in Stafford Circuit Court is scheduled for Sept. 24.



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