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# Press Release

## Suspect Pleads to Viewing Child Pornography

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On October 1, 2012, a Library Services Officer assigned to the Main Street Library located at 2601 Main Street, observed a male suspect viewing what he believed was child pornography on one of the city library computers. The suspect left the location, before he could be detained and a police investigation began. On October 9, 2012, the suspect returned to the library and was observed viewing child pornography by a plainclothes officer assigned to the case.

The suspect, 56-year old Richard Gibbons' a registered sex offender from Culver City, was arrested. During a search of Gibbons personal property, he was found to be in possession of knit gloves and duct tape.

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office charged Gibbons' for being in control of child pornography under Penal Code Section 311.11(a). On November 08, 2012, Gibbons pled guilty in court and received a four year state prison sentence. Questions regarding Gibbons plea should be directed to Sandi Gibbons, Director of Communications for the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office at (213) 974-3528.

Due to the fact that Gibbons is a registered sex offender with a history of crimes involving children, the Santa Monica Police Department is asking anyone with information regarding Gibbons to contact Detective Leslie Trapnell at (310) 458-2256, Sergeant Renaldi Thruston at (310) 458-8414 or the Santa Monica Police Department (24 hours) at (310) 458-8495.

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