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### Haskell Man Arrested by Cyber Crimes

ABILENE, TX – Abilene Police assisted in the arrest of a 37 year old Haskell, TX., man for Promotion of Child Pornography. The Abilene Police Department's Cyber Crimes Unit along with the Texas Department of Public Safety Criminal Investigation Division executed a search and arrest warrant on Monday, March 31, at a home located in the 700 Block of South 11<sup>th</sup> Street in Haskell, TX., after receiving a tip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC).

Joseph Cooter Payne (37 yoa) was arrested on scene for Second Degree Felony Child Pornography. Payne is accused of downloading and sending over 200 images of child exploitation material to include child pornography. Electronic evidence was seized from the home. Child Protective Services was notified due to children being present at the home. He is being held at the Rolling Plains Detention Center on a \$100,000 bond.



Joseph Cooter Payne

Respectfully,

Rick Tomlin  
Public Information Coordinator

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