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(Easton) – The Talbot County Sheriff’s Office Criminal Investigations Division has arrested a Talbot County man for charges stemming from an investigation into the possession of child pornography. Travis O. Schwaninger, 42, of Easton, Maryland has been charged with eight (8) counts of possession of child pornography.

In April 2024, the Easton Police Department Criminal Investigations Division received several National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) cyber tips involving Schwaninger. The Easton Police Department determined Schwaninger lived outside their jurisdiction and requested the Talbot County Sheriff’s Office Criminal Investigations Division to assume the investigation.

Detectives obtained a search warrant for Schwaninger’s residence and executed the warrant on June 11, 2024. Additional evidence was recovered from Schwaninger’s electronic devices. Schwaninger was arrested on scene and was transported to the Talbot County Detention Center. Schwaninger was seen by a Talbot County District Court Commissioner and was released on a $20,000 unsecured bond.

The Talbot County Sheriff’s Office Criminal Investigations Division was assisted in this investigation by the Talbot County Sheriff’s Office Patrol Division, the Talbot County Drug Task Force, the Easton Police Department/Talbot County Sheriff’s Office Crisis Response Unit, Maryland State Police Computer Crimes Unit, and the Easton Police Department Criminal Investigations Division.

Anyone with information about this case is asked to contact Corporal Faggert at (410)‐822‐1020 or email: sfaggert@talbotcountymd.gov.

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