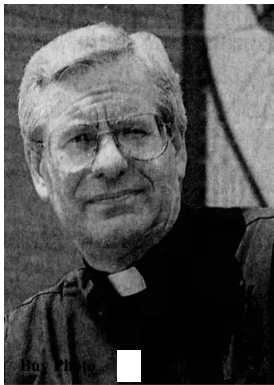


Ex-priest pleads not guilty on child porn charges, remains on supervised release

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At a Tuesday arraignment in federal court, Lothar Konrad Krauth pleaded not guilty to receipt of child pornography after a grand jury officially indicted him on the charge last week.

Krauth, 80, first appeared in November on a criminal complaint before U.S. Magistrate Judge John T. Johnston after Homeland Security Investigations Great Falls received a National Center for Missing and Exploited Children CyberTip identifying a Great Falls IP address as uploading an image of a nude prepubescent male child.

The IP address was identified as belonging to Krauth, who was a Catholic priest assigned to Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Great Falls from 1989 to 2014.

When examining Krauth's computer, HSI agents identified approximately 400 images of child pornography, including children engaging in sexual acts with both adults and other children.

Some of the children depicted were as young as two or three years old, according to the complaint.

Krauth was released pending the indictment and will continue to be on supervised release as the federal case moves forward.

If convicted, he faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 5 to 20 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine and three years of supervised release.

A trial date has not yet been set.

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