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Senior Church of England minister suspended in pornography scandal



A senior Church of England minister, questioned by police about child pornography, has been suspended from his position.

A Church spokesman says the action has been taken against Dr. John Marsh, the Archdeacon of Blackburn. He says the suspension is in line with national guidelines under the Safe From Harm procedures. The press reported that a statement was issued which said: "Archdeacon Marsh was on Thursday (May 17th) arrested by police investigating child pornography on the internet. He was later released on police bail."

The spokesman says Dr. Marsh has no comment to make. Pornographic material was found on his computer when it was left in for repair.

Bishop of Blackburn, the Rt. Rev. Alan Chesters, said: "I was deeply saddened to learn of this investigation." He said he could not comment any further because of possible legal implications. This is but another dreadful indication of the evil that has infiltrated society and is a further sign of the apostasy in the land.