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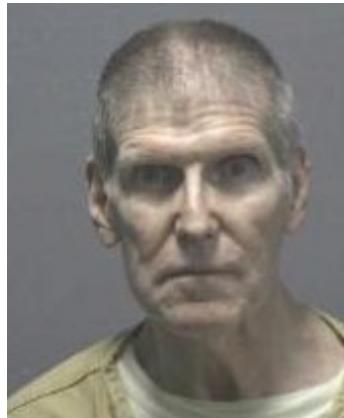
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CFCC Employee Pleads in Child Sexual Abuse Material Case

James Allen Walters pled guilty on Wednesday, January 14, 2026 in New Hanover County Superior Court to twelve counts of Second Degree Sexual Exploitation of a Minor and twelve counts of Third Degree Sexual Exploitation of a Minor.

Walters, age 68, was working at Cape Fear Community College when the IT department discovered disturbing images of children on Walters's work computer. A subsequent investigation by the New Hanover County Sheriff's Office found a large amount of child sexual abuse material on the defendant's cellphone.

The Hon. R. Kent Harrell, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, sentenced the defendant to 48 - 178 months active prison time in the NC Division of Adult Correction. Upon his release from prison the defendant will be required to register as a sex offender for 30 years.



James Allen Walters