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Pettit was released from jail last night (05/05) after hiring a bonding company to post a \$500,000.00 bond. At this first court appearance this morning he was taken back into custody in the courtroom after Judge Spencer increased his bond to \$750,000.00.

Original release below.

Half Million-dollar bond set for former middle school teacher

On 05/05/2011 Sheriff's Deputies, US Department of Homeland Security, and the NC State Bureau of Investigation arrested Walter Allen Pettit, 52, of Park Villa Apartments located off Old Murdoch Rd in Morehead City.

Pettit has been charged with two counts of Second Degree Sexual Exploitation of a Minor and two counts of Third Degree Sexual Exploitation of a Minor.

Sheriff's Lt. Deborah Stevens said the charges stemmed from Pettit downloading, copying, and possessing countless images of child pornography from the internet.

The former Broad Creek Middle School teacher was arrested following the execution of a search warrant on Pettit's home by Federal Authorities, NCSBI, and Sheriffs officials.

Pettit was placed in the Carteret County Jail under a \$500,000.00 bond and is scheduled for his first court appearance Friday morning. No further information is being released at this time.

