



## Press Release

### Age no Barrier?

Yesterday a Blenheim man admitted to 20 charges of storing objectionable child pornography. The 37 year old was convicted and remanded for sentencing according to the Marlborough Express.

The Police seized his three laptops and identified over 1,200 images of an objectionable nature.

Mr Bell, Director of the child protection agency ECPAT Child ALERT says "Many people do not realise how objectionable some of these images are. Many of the child pornography sites depict the sexual abuse of very young children and even babies and toddlers. "

The images revealed in this prosecution included 622 images of children under eight years old and 300 of the images showed infants under the age of two.

"This is abhorrent "says Bell "It is repulsive to think that people gain some sort of satisfaction viewing children as young as this being sexually abused. Even though they may not be directly abusing the child themselves, by pursuing these images they help to create a demand for even more children to become victims. These are real children and they feel real pain at being raped and sexually abused."

The convicted man will be sentenced in February.

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