

## Rabbi arrested, roommate wanted on child porn charges in Passaic

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PASSAIC — PASSAIC — A rabbi has been accused of possessing more than 1,000 pornographic images involving children following a four-month investigation that culminated in the search of the man's home, authorities said Friday.

Rabbi Gabriel Toledo, 50, was arrested Thursday at his home on Pennington Avenue. His 22-year-old roommate, who is also charged, had not been apprehended by police Friday and is considered a fugitive.

The Passaic County Sheriff's Office has charged both men with possession of child pornography. The roommate, Joseph Vasquez, also is charged with distribution of child pornography.

Toledo has worked at Foremost RAM Caterers in Moonachie, assisting the company in making ensuring its food is glatt kosher, a strict standard for cooking and eating that is rooted in Jewish law. The rules define the kinds of food, particularly meat, that's permitted to be eaten and how it should be prepared.

Toledo does not lead a congregation in the United States or in his native Argentina. He is in the United States on a visa, the sheriff's office said.

Vasquez fled from detectives and is being sought by authorities, including federal immigration officials. Vasquez, who is from Honduras, is in the United States illegally and also is wanted on a federal deportation warrant, according to the sheriff's office.

The investigation into Toledo and Vasquez was led by the sheriff's Internet Crime Task Force, which obtained a search warrant before storming Toledo's address.

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