

# Six teenagers in court over porn

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CAPE TOWN: Six teenagers have appeared in court after police raided several homes across Cape Town, as part of an investigation into cellphone porn clips.

Police spokesman Billy Jones said the six, who appeared in the Bellville Magistrate's Court, have been charged with rape, soliciting, and the distribution and production of child pornography.

The arrest follows a police investigation after the publication of explicit pictures

of teenagers engaging in daring sexual acts.

The video clips, purported to have been made at Cape Town shopping malls, had spread through bluetooth-enabled cellphones across schools in the city.

## Analysis

Jones said police swooped on the six suspects at their homes in Mitchells Plain and Belhar between 10pm on Tuesday and 8pm yesterday.

Jones said detectives had also seized five cellphones that

would be sent for analysis.

He said that because the case involved child pornography and that several of the suspects were minors, the particulars of the suspects would not be released by the police.

"The production, distribution and possession of child pornography – whether it is a video clip or on your cellphone – remains a serious criminal offence," said Jones.

All six suspects, some writing their matric exams, were released into the care of their parents until their next appearance on November 26.

