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Incident: Conviction for Child Pornography

Location: Boone County

Case Number: 2009-5393

Details:

On Monday January 4, 2010 a 23-year-old Columbia man plead guilty to Possession and Promotion of Child Pornography in the First Degree.

This conviction is the result of an investigation by the Mid-Missouri Internet Crimes Task Force into the distribution of child pornography. In early August 2009 Task Force detectives discovered child pornography was being offered for distribution from a residence in the north central Columbia area through a file sharing program. Information received during the initial investigation indicated the suspect was using the unsecured wireless network of a neighbor, however.

By Mid-September the exact location of the source was identified and on September 15, 2009 detectives with the Task Force served a search warrant at the suspect's residence located in north central Columbia. As a result of that search numerous items were seized including a laptop computer, external hard drives. During a subsequent examination of the electronic media approximately 40 videos were recovered depicting the sexual molestation of children some of which are believed to be as young as 5 or 6 years of age.

On September 21, 2009 the defendant was arrested by detectives with the Mid-Missouri Internet Crimes Task Force and charges were filed by the Boone County Prosecuting Attorney's Office charging the defendant with the Possession and Promotion of Child Pornography in the First Degree. On Monday, January 4, 2010 the defendant plead guilty to both charges in Boone County Circuit Court. Under current law Promoting Child Pornography in the First Degree carries a minimum three-year sentence. Final sentencing is scheduled for March 1, 2010.

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