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Incident: Internet Crime Against a Child Conviction

Location: Boone County, Missouri

Details:

On Wednesday, April 7, 2010 a 42 year old St. Louis man was found guilty by a Boone County jury for Attempted Sexual Misconduct Involving a child under 15.

This conviction is the result of a Mid-Missouri Internet Crimes Task Force Investigation that began in October 2008 when the defendant contacted whom he believed to be a 14 year old Columbia girl in an Internet chat room. The 14 year old turned out being a Task Force investigator masquerading as a child, however. During numerous Internet conversations the defendant conducted explicit sexual chat with the decoy child and on October 17, 2008 exposed his genitals and masturbated in front of the decoy for the purpose of sexual gratification.

Mid-Missouri Internet Crimes Task Force investigators identified the suspect and in early November 2008 the Boone County Prosecuting Attorney's Office filed criminal charges against the defendant. With the assistance of the St. Louis County Police Department Internet Crimes Unit the defendant was arrested at his St. Louis home and a computer was seized.

Additional charges are pending against the defendant in St. Clair County Missouri where the defendant is charged with the Attempted Enticement of a Child Less than 15 years of age regarding a separate incident.

Final sentencing on the Boone County case is scheduled for June 21, 2010.

This conviction is the result of a joint effort between the Mid-Missouri Internet Crimes Task Force, the Boone County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, the St. Louis County Police Department Internet Crimes Unit, and the St. Clair County Sheriff's Department.

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