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Incident: Jury Trial-Conviction on Child Pornography
Charges

Location: Columbia, Missouri

Details:

On Tuesday, May 25, 2010 a Boone County Jury found a 23 year old Webster Groves man guilty of Promoting Child Pornography in the Second Degree and Possession of Child Pornography as a result of a Mid-Missouri Internet Crimes Task Force investigation.

The investigation began on July 2, 2009 when the Mid-Missouri Internet Crimes Task Force was contacted by the St. Louis County Police Department Internet Crimes Unit regarding an investigation in the St. Louis area regarding the distribution of child pornography. Subsequently two Boone County Sheriff's Detectives, assigned to the Mid-Missouri Internet Crimes Task Force, contacted the defendant at his residence in Columbia. After Boone County Sheriff's Department Detectives arrived at the defendant's residence they examined the defendant's computer and discovered several child pornography videos were being transferred from the defendant's computer to other computers at unknown locations. Detectives also discovered that several child pornography videos were in the process of being downloaded onto the defendant's computer. All of these transfers were occurring through a file sharing program. The computer was seized and later examined at which time approximately ninety videos showing the sexual molestation of minors and children were discovered.

In September 2009 the Boone County Prosecuting Attorney's Office filed criminal charges against the defendant for Promoting Child Pornography and Possession of Child Pornography. The Jury recommended a prison term of five years on each count. Final sentencing is scheduled for July 6, 2010. Since the initial investigation the defendant apparently moved to Webster Groves, Missouri.

The defendant is identified as 23 year old David Sachs of Webster Groves, Missouri. Arrest photographs were taken by Boone County Services and are not available from the Boone County Sheriff's Department or the MMIC Task Force.

This conviction is another example of the success of Internet crimes task forces, police agencies, and prosecutors across Missouri working together to protect children.

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