



MID-MISSOURI INTERNET CRIMES TASK FORCE

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Primary Agencies:

Boone County Sheriff's Dept.
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Department

Incident: Child Pornography Conviction

Location: Boone County

Associate Agencies:

Ashland Police Department
Auxvasse Police Department
Boonville Police Department
Centralia Police Department
Columbia Police Dept.
Fayette Police Department
Fulton Police Department
Hallsville Police Department
Jefferson City Police
Department
Holt's Summit Police Dept.
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Safety
Moberly Police Department
Sturgeon Police Department
Audrain County Sheriff's Office
Cooper County Sheriff's
Department
Callaway County Sheriff's
Department
Howard County Sheriff's
Department
Randolph County Sheriff's
Department

Details:

On Tuesday, June 15, 2010 a Boone County Jury found a Columbia man guilty of the Class B Felony of Possession of Child Pornography in Boone County Circuit Court.

In Mid-November 2009 Boone County Sheriff's Department Detectives assigned to the Mid-Missouri Internet Crimes Task Force identified a Columbia residence that was offering child pornography through an Internet file sharing program. On November 23, 2009 Boone County Sheriff's Department Detectives assigned to the Mid-Missouri Internet Crimes Task Force served a court ordered search warrant on the identified residence during which a laptop computer was seized. A subsequent examination of the computer located several videos depicting the sexual molestation of minors, some believed to be as young as 6 or 7 years of age.

As a result of this investigation including the examination of the computer and interviews of witnesses, the Boone County Prosecuting Attorney's Office filed criminal charges against the defendant for Possession of Child Pornography on December 29, 2009. The defendant was arrested by Task Force detectives at his residence the following day.

The defendant is identified as 22 year old Joshua M. Edmond of 1514 Sylvan Lane, Apartment 104, Columbia, Missouri. Final sentencing is set for July 19, 2010.

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