



MID-MISSOURI INTERNET CRIMES TASK FORCE

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Incident: Child Pornography Arrest

Location: Columbia, Missouri

Details:

On Friday, July 30, 2010 around 1:40PM, a 44 year old Columbia man was arrested by the Mid-Missouri Internet Crimes Task Force Detectives and the Boone County Sheriff's Department for suspicion of Possessing Child Pornography as a result of a Task Force investigation.

The investigation began in May 2010 when the Mid-Missouri Internet Crimes Task Force received a Cyber-Tip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. The Cyber-Tip reported that a Columbia man had received a computer from the defendant and asked to repair the computer because it was not working properly. While the computer was being examined child pornography was located. An on-line report was then made to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children regarding the discovery.

Mid-Missouri Internet Crimes Task Force Investigators subsequently obtained the computer from the repair person. During a subsequent examination of the computer by the Task Force, numerous videos showing the sexual molestation of children as well as a large amount of child erotica was located.

On June 17, 2010 Task Force detectives served a court ordered search warrant at the defendant's residence in Vandiver Village. As a result of that search additional child pornography was seized.

The suspect, identified as 44 year old Norman Troxel of 1501 Vandiver Drive, Lot 138, was arrested for suspicion of the possession child pornography. Soon after his arrest the Boone County Prosecuting Attorney's Office filed charges against the suspect charging him with six counts of the possession of child pornography. The suspect is currently in the Boone County Jail pending the posting of a \$120,000 bond.

All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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Norman Troxel