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Incident: Child Pornography Conviction

Location: Boone County Missouri

Details:

On Monday, August 16, 2010 a 50 year old Columbia man entered guilty pleas on two counts of the Possession of Child Pornography in Boone County Circuit Court. This conviction stems from a joint effort by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security-Customs and Immigration Enforcement, The Mid-Missouri Internet Crimes Task Force, the Boone County Sheriff's Department, the Missouri State Technical and Assistance Team, and the Boone County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

The investigation began in March 2008 when Customs and Immigration Enforcement officers identified the suspect as downloading child pornography over the Internet. On April 2, 2009 Federal agents from the Kansas City Office of US Homeland Security-Customs and Immigration Enforcement assisted by detectives with the Mid-Missouri Internet Crimes Task Force, and the Missouri State Technical and Assistance Team, served a federal court ordered search warrant at the suspect's residence. As a result of that search, numerous items of evidence were seized. The seized evidence was subsequently examined by the federal agents who located photographs of naked children believed to be between nine and twelve years of age. Due to the close working relationship between the US Department of Homeland Security Customs and Immigration Enforcement and the Mid-Missouri Internet Crimes Task Force federal

agents referred this investigation to the Task Force on March 1, 2010 for prosecution in Boone County Circuit Court. After reviewing the investigation the Boone County Prosecuting Attorney's Office filed charges against the suspect for two counts of the possession of child pornography on March 15, 2010 and the defendant was subsequently arrested at his place of employment on March 16, 2010 by the Jefferson City Police Department.

On Monday, August 16, 2010 the defendant, 50 year old Max John Boneta of 5900 Webster Grove Drive, Columbia, Missouri, entered guilty pleas to both counts of the possession of child pornography. Final sentencing is scheduled for October 12, 2010.

This conviction is an example of federal, state, and local law enforcement along with prosecutors working together to protect the children of Missouri.

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