



BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CYBER CRIMES TASK FORCE

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Primary Agencies:

Boone County Sheriff's Dept.
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Attorney's Office
University of Missouri Police
Department
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Incident: Cyber Crime Arrest

Location: Cannon Falls, Minnesota

Details:

On Wednesday, February 1, 2012 law enforcement officers in Cannon Falls Minnesota served a court ordered search warrant at a residence there and arrested a 23 year old Minnesota man on a Boone County Missouri arrest warrant pertaining to a cyber crime investigation.

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
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Department
Holt's Summit Police Dept.
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Safety
Moberly Police Department
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Audrain County Sheriff's Office
Cole County Sheriff's
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Cooper County Sheriff's
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Callaway County Sheriff's
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Howard County Sheriff's
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Randolph County Sheriff's
Department

This arrest is the result of an investigation that started in late September 2011 when a Boone County Sheriff's Department Cyber Crimes Task Force investigator masquerading as a 14 year old Columbia Missouri girl was contacted in an Internet chat room by the suspect. Between late September and Mid-December 2011 the suspect engaged in several Internet chat conversations with the decoy child and on at least two occasions exposed himself to her through his webcam. During the conversations the suspect also allegedly attempted to persuade the girl to engage in sexual activity by touching herself sexually and with a foreign object as well as taking sexually graphic photographs of herself and sending the photographs to him.

The Cyber Crimes investigator was able to trace the transmissions to a residence in Cannon Falls, Minnesota. Assistance was sought from the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehensions who is also a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. On February 1, 2012, the Boone County Missouri Prosecuting Attorney's Office filed felony charges against the suspect. On the early

evening of Tuesday, February 2, 2012 the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehensions served a court ordered search warrant at the suspect's residence and arrested the suspect on the Boone County Missouri charges. Electronic and computer evidence seized at the suspect's residence is expected to be transported to the Boone County Sheriff's Department Cyber Crimes Task Force to be analyzed.

The suspect is identified as Joshua Daniel Anderson of Cannon Falls, Minnesota. The suspect is charged with two counts of Attempted Sexual Misconduct Involving a Child Under 15 and is currently in custody in the Goodhue County Minnesota Jail on a \$40,000 bond and pending extradition to Missouri. No photograph of the suspect is available at this time.

The Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force is a national task force with member agencies in every state. Both the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and the Boone County Sheriff's Department Cyber Crimes Task Force are affiliate members of this organization. The ICAC Task Force allows localized and specially trained task forces to network and work together in a common effort to protect children and families across the United States. Results of this investigation is due to the cooperative effort between the Boone County Sheriff's Department Cyber Crimes Task Force, Boone County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehensions, and Minnesota State Prosecutors.

The Boone County Sheriff's Department Cyber Crimes Task Force is comprised of investigators from the Boone County Sheriff's Department, the University of Missouri Police Department, and the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

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

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