



## BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CYBER CRIMES TASK FORCE

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### Media Release

#### Primary Agencies:

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Boone County Prosecuting  
Attorney's Office  
University of Missouri Police  
Department  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

#### Associate Agencies:

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Department  
Randolph County Sheriff's  
Department

Incident: Child Pornography Arrest

Location: Boone County, Missouri

#### Details:

On the early afternoon of Tuesday, February 7, 2012 detectives with the Boone County Sheriff's Department Cyber Crimes Task Force arrested a 32 year old Boonville Missouri man on child pornography charges.

This arrest stems from an investigation that began in mid-December 2011 when a Cyber Crimes Task Force investigator developed information that child pornography was being offered from a computer in the mid-Missouri area. As part of this investigation the Task Force investigator downloaded at least two photographs that are identified as child pornography. The Task Force investigator was eventually able to trace the transmission to a specific residence in Cooper County just south of Boonville.

On Thursday, February 2, 2012 Boone County Sheriff's Department Cyber Crime Task Force investigators, FBI, and the Cooper County Sheriff's Department served a court ordered search warrant at the residence in question. Numerous items of evidence were seized including a computer, numerous hard drives, and other electronic evidence. A preliminary examination of the seized computer located over eighty child pornography files including both photographs and videos. Some of the children are believed to be as young as five to seven years of age.

On Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at approximately 12:30pm the suspect was arrested by the Boone County Sheriff's Department at a Columbia business. The suspect who was

arrested on suspicion of the Promotion of Child Pornography in the First Degree is identified as Paul Durham of 16865 Farris Circle, Boonville, Missouri. The suspect is currently in the Boone County jail pending the filing of formal charges.

This arrest is the direct result of the cooperative effort by the Boone County Sheriff's Department Cyber Crimes Task Force, FBI, and Cooper County Sheriff's Department working together to protect children and families.

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.

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

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