



## MID-MISSOURI INTERNET CRIMES TASK FORCE

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### Primary Agencies:

Boone County Sheriff's Dept.  
Boone County Prosecuting  
Attorney's Office  
University of Missouri Police  
Department  
Columbia Police Dept.

### Associate Agencies:

Jefferson City Police  
Department  
Ashland Police Department  
Auxvasse Police Department  
Boonville Police Department  
Centralia Police Department  
Fayette Police Department  
Fulton Police Department  
Hallsville Police Department  
Jefferson City Police  
Department  
Holt's Summit Police Dept.  
Mexico Department of Public  
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

### Partnerships:

Missouri Internet  
Crimes Against  
Children Task Force  
  
Boone Electric Coop.  
  
Tranquility Internet Services  
  
Marathon Office Interiors  
  
Rainbow House/  
Child Advocacy Center  
  
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### Media Release

Incident: Juvenile Arrest-Possession and Promoting  
Child Pornography

Location: Boone County

Case Number: 2009-00503

### Details:

On Monday, September 28, 2009 Detectives with the Mid-Missouri Internet Crimes Task Force arrested a 15 year old Columbia male for the possession and distribution of child pornography.

This investigation began in late January 2009 when the Mid-Missouri Internet Crimes Task Force obtained information that child pornography was being distributed from a south Columbia residence. In late February a residence from where the illegal files were suspected of being offered was identified and computers were seized. During an examination of one of the computers approximately 57 photographs and 133 videos were located that involved minors and children engaged in sexual acts. Some of the videos depicted the sexual molestation of children suspected of being as young as four years of age. During the investigation and from evidence gathered from the computer the juvenile was identified as the person responsible for both downloading and distributing the illegal files.

This is the third arrest of juveniles during the past four months on charges related to the distribution of child pornography. These arrests seem to indicate a very concerning trend of younger people becoming involved in the collection and distribution of photographs and videos depicting the sexual molestation of pre-pubescent children. In each of these incidents the juveniles apparently first obtained and subsequently traded the illegal files through file sharing programs.

File sharing programs are frequently used to share files between personally owned computers. Most of the files shared are songs and movies. Pornography is also increasingly shared through these programs and more recently the distribution of child pornography has become increasingly more prevalent through these programs.

The Task Force urges parents to be aware of the pitfalls of these programs. Parents should be aware of all programs installed on teen's computers and computers with Internet access should not be in teen's rooms. Monitor what is being downloaded and offered to others and talk with your teens about pornography on the Internet.

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

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