



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: Arrest
Location: East Prairie, Missouri
Case Number: 2009-4722

Details:

On Tuesday, November 17, 2009 a 23 year old East Prairie Missouri man was arrested on felony charges stemming from a joint investigation by the Mid-Missouri Internet Crimes Task Force, East Prairie Police Department, Mississippi County Sheriff's Department, and the Southeast Missouri Cyber Crimes Task Force.

The investigation began in early August 2009 when the suspect contacted whom he believed to be a 14 year old Columbia girl over the Internet but was actually a Task Force detective posing as a child. The suspect allegedly told the child that he was 18 years of age and encouraged the child to take "sexy" pictures of herself. During this Internet conversation the suspect also is alleged to have exposed himself to the child through a web cam and masturbated in front of the child. With the assistance of the East Prairie Police Department, Mid-Missouri Internet Crimes Task Force detectives were able to trace this activity identifying the suspect and discovering the suspect lied about his age.

As a result of this incident the Boone County Prosecuting Attorney's Office filed charges against this suspect and issued an arrest warrant on November 17, 2009. Later that day the suspect was arrested in Mississippi County on the outstanding Boone County arrest warrant and a search warrant was served at the suspect's residence.

The suspect is identified 23 year old Ryan Heath Rayburn of East Prairie, Missouri. Rayburn is charged with one count of Attempted Sexual Misconduct Involving a child under 15 and at the time of this release is believed to be in custody in southeast Missouri pending the posting of a \$40,000 bond.

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

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