



MID-MISSOURI INTERNET CRIMES TASK FORCE

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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: COLUMBIA MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CHILD
PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

Location: JEFFERSON CITY, Mo

Case Number: 2008-5234

Details:

OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

MATT J. WHITWORTH

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. - Matt J. Whitworth, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Columbia, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to distributing child pornography.

James Lee Melvin, 57, of Columbia, pleaded guilty before U.S. Magistrate Judge William A. Knox this morning to the charge contained in a March 2, 2009, federal indictment.

Melvin admitted that he downloaded child pornography over the Internet, and that he used a file-sharing program to distribute child pornography to others over the Internet. During a forensic examination of Melvin's computer, investigators found nearly 300 images of child pornography.

Under federal statutes, Melvin is subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in federal prison without parole, up to a sentence of up to 20 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lawrence E. Miller. It was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Mid-Missouri Internet Crimes Task Force.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

<http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/mow/index.html>

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