



MID-MISSOURI INTERNET CRIMES TASK FORCE

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Incident: Arrest for Child Pornography Charges

Location: 4000 Kirkwood Ct., Columbia, MO

Case Number: 2009-7623

Details: On Friday morning, February 26, detectives with the Mid-Missouri Internet Crimes Task Force arrested a 19 year old Columbia man for suspicion of the possession of child pornography and suspicion of promoting child pornography.

In late December 2009 in their on-going effort to protect children and families in Mid-Missouri the Mid-Missouri Internet Crimes Task Force identified a Columbia residence that was offering to share child pornography through a file sharing program. On January 22, 2010 Task Force investigators served a court ordered search warrant at the suspect's residence seizing a computer. During a subsequent analysis of the computer a large quantity of photographs and videos of child pornography were recovered. Some of the illegal files depict the sexual molestation of children as young as 7 or 8 years of age.

The suspect is identified as 19 year old Anthony M. Thompson of 4000 Kirkwood Court, Columbia, Missouri. The suspect was arrested at his home without incident and is currently in the Boone County Jail awaiting the filing of formal charges by the Boone County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

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

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