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Incident: Child Pornography Arrests

Location: Cooper County

Details:

Within the past week two Cooper County men have been arrested on Child Pornography charges.

On the evening of Thursday, July 28, 2010 a Prairie Home man was arrested on outstanding warrants for the Possession and Promoting Child Pornography as a result of a joint investigation between the Mid-Missouri Internet Crimes Task Force and the Cooper County Sheriff's Department.

This investigation began in August 2009 when Boone County Sheriff's Department Detectives assigned to the Mid-Missouri Internet Crimes Task Force obtained information that a residence in the Prairie Home area was offering child pornography through an Internet file sharing program. On December 7, 2009 Deputies with the Cooper County Sheriff's Department and the Mid-Missouri Internet Crimes Task Force served a court ordered search warrant at the Cooper County residence. During that search various items were seized including a computer. A subsequent examination of that computer by Task Force officers located numerous child pornography photographs and videos.

As a result of the investigation the Cooper County Prosecuting Attorney's Office filed charges against the suspect for possession and promoting child pornography. On the evening of July 28th the suspect was arrested by the Cooper County Sheriff's Department on the outstanding warrant. This suspect is identified as 23 year old Christopher Rowden of 11500 Highway 87, Prairie Home, Missouri.

A second man was arrested on July 22, 2010 on outstanding warrants for the Possession and Promoting Child Pornography as a result of a joint investigation between the Mid-Missouri Internet Crimes Task Force and the Boonville Police Department. This investigation began in July 2009 when Boone County Sheriff's Department Detectives assigned to the Mid-Missouri Internet Crimes Task Force obtained information that a residence in Boonville was offering child pornography through an Internet file sharing program. On October 14, 2010 detectives with the Mid-Missouri Internet Crimes Task Force and the Boonville Police Department served a court ordered search warrant at the Boonville residence. As a result of that search several computers and other evidence was seized. An examination of the computers by the Task Force also resulted in locating numerous child pornography photographs and videos.

Again as a result of this investigation the Cooper County Prosecuting Attorney's Office filed charges for possession and promoting child pornography. On July 22, 2010 the Boonville Police Department arrested this suspect on the outstanding warrant. This suspect is identified as 26 year old Andrew Williams of 808 Christus Drive, Boonville, Missouri. A photograph of Mr. Williams can be obtained from the Boonville Police Department.

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

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