



MID-MISSOURI INTERNET CRIMES TASK FORCE

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Boonville Police Department
Centralia Police Department
Columbia Police Dept.
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Department
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Department
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Department

Incident: Child Enticement Arrest

Location: Boonville, Missouri

Details:

On Wednesday, October 6, 2010 Detectives with the Boone County Sheriff's Department and University of Missouri Police Department assigned to the Mid-Missouri Internet Crimes Task Force assisted by the Boonville Police Department arrested a 30 year old Boonville, Missouri Man on suspicion of enticement of a child.

This investigation began in March 2010 when a Boone County Sheriff's Department Detective assigned to the Mid-Missouri Internet Crimes Task Force was masquerading as a 14 year old Columbia girl in an Internet chat room. The decoy child was contacted by a Boonville, Missouri man who engaged the child in several sexually graphic conversations both over the Internet and through cellular telephone text messaging one as late as Tuesday, October 5, 2010. During several of these conversations the suspect solicited the child to engage in sexual conduct with him.

Task Force investigators identified the suspect and where he was living. On Wednesday, October 6, 2010 Task Force detectives along with Boonville police contacted the suspect at his residence where he was arrested by the Mid-Missouri Task Force detectives. The suspect was then transported to Columbia and turned over to the Boone County Jail.

The suspect is identified 30 year old Samuel Twain Henson of 629 4th Street, Boonville, Missouri. Mr. Henson was arrested on suspicion of two counts of the Enticement of a child under 15 years of age. As of the time of this release the suspect is in the Boone County Jail pending the filing of formal charges.

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

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