



## BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CYBER CRIMES TASK FORCE

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### Media Release

#### Primary Agencies:

Boone County Sheriff's Dept.  
Boone County Prosecuting  
Attorney's Office  
University of Missouri Police  
Department  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Incident: Child Pornography Conviction

Location: Boone County, Missouri

#### Details:

On Monday, December 27, 2010 a 20 year old Columbia man entered a guilty plea in Boone County Circuit Court on one count of the Possession of Child Pornography and was sentenced to 6 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections.

#### Associate Agencies:

Ashland Police Department  
Auxvasse Police Department  
Boonville Police Department  
Centralia Police Department  
Columbia Police Dept.  
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  
Cole County Sheriff's  
Department  
Cooper County Sheriff's  
Department  
Callaway County Sheriff's  
Department  
Howard County Sheriff's  
Department  
Randolph County Sheriff's  
Department

In late December 2009 in their on-going effort to protect children and families in Mid-Missouri the Boone County Sheriff's Department Cyber 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.

On Friday morning, February 26, 2010 detectives with the Cyber Crimes Task Force arrested the defendant for suspicion of the possession of child pornography and suspicion of promoting child pornography with charges filed later that day by the Boone County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. On Monday December 27, 2010 the defendant entered the guilty plea in Boone County Circuit Court. The defendant is identified as 20 year old Anthony M. Thompson of 4000 Kirkwood Court, Columbia, Missouri.

This conviction is a prime example of multiple agencies working together with local prosecutors sharing talents and resources for a common cause in the protection of families and children.

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