



BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CYBER CRIMES TASK FORCE

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

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Boonville Police Department
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Department

Incident: Child Pornography Arrest

Location: Boone County, Missouri

Case Number: 2011-0891

Details:

On Tuesday morning March 8, 2011 at approximately 9am detectives with the Boone County Sheriff's Department Cyber Crimes Task Force assisted by a Boone County Sheriff's Department Patrol Officer arrested a 38 year old Columbia man on suspicion of the possession of child pornography.

This arrest stems from an investigation that began on January 13, 2011 when the Columbia Police Department received a tip that the suspect had child pornography on his computer. The Columbia Police contacted the Cyber Crimes Task Force and on March 1, 2011 a court ordered search warrant was served at the suspect's residence. As a result of that search two computers as well as other evidence were seized. A subsequent examination of one of the computers seized located a very large number of pictures and videos of children including children believed to be as young as two to four years of age engaged in sexual conduct.

The suspect, identified as 38 year old Joel W. Hartenbower of 2004 Park De Ville Place, Columbia, Missouri, was arrested at his home without incident and booked into the Boone County Jail. He was later formally charged by the Boone County Prosecuting Attorney's Office with three counts of the possession of child pornography and was released after posting a \$60,000 bond.

This investigation is another example of the benefits of the public, law enforcement agencies, and prosecuting attorney's working together for the common cause of protecting our children and families.

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

The Boone County Sheriff's Department Cyber Crimes Task Force is comprised of investigators from the Boone County Sheriff's Department, the University Of Missouri Police Department, and the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

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