



## 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

#### 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

Incident: Donation to Boone County Sheriff's  
Department Cyber Crimes Task Force

Location: Boone County, Missouri

#### Details:

The Travelers Protective Association Missouri Post P,  
Columbia, Missouri donated \$500 to the Boone County  
Sheriff's Department Cyber Crimes Task Force.

TPA president Wayne Powell presented a check to the Task  
Force this week. The money will be used in a variety of  
ways that may include specialized equipment and special  
training needs. Task Force funding comes from a variety of  
sources including grants and contributions. Currently the  
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.

The Boone County Sheriff's Department Cyber Crimes Task  
Force officially started on January 1, 2007 and since has  
continued to be a leader in the ongoing effort to protect the  
children of Missouri. To date the Task Force has conducted  
473 investigations, made 97 arrests, have one outstanding  
arrest warrant pending, and have 8 cases pending with  
various prosecutors pending consideration of the filing of  
criminal charges.

The mission of the Boone County Sheriff's Department  
Cyber Crimes Task Force is to establish and maintain a joint  
cooperative effort formalizing relationships between and  
among the participating agencies in order to foster an  
efficient and cohesive unit capable of addressing the  
problem of crimes committed through the use of computers  
and the Internet within the Mid-Missouri area. The major

focus of this task force is the investigation and prosecution of Internet crimes committed against children. Investigations may include Internet enticement of children, promotion and possession of child pornography, trafficking of children, cyber bullying, fraud, identity theft, trafficking of illegal narcotics especially to minors, terroristic threats such as threats of extreme violence at schools, or other crimes perpetrated through the use of computers, the Internet, or other electronic media.

The Task Force also provides forensic examinations of computers, cellular telephones, and other electronic media to law enforcement agencies and prosecuting attorneys in the Mid-Missouri area. Investigators also participate in public awareness and education programs to educate parents, grandparents, social workers, school officials, students, teachers, and others about the dangers of the Internet and cell phones. These programs also serve to educate the public on methods to reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim of Internet crime.

The Task Force is extremely grateful for this donation and appreciates the commitment of the Travelers Protective Association Missouri Post P, Columbia, Missouri for its dedication to Missouri's children and families.

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