



BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CYBER CRIMES TASK FORCE

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Incident: Columbia Man Sentenced for Possession of
Child Pornography

Location: Boone County, Missouri

Details:

Associate Agencies:

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Centralia Police Department
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Department
Randolph County Sheriff's
Department

On Monday, October 24, 2011 a 27 year old Columbia man was sentenced in Boone County Circuit Court on Child Pornography charges as a result of a Boone County Sheriff's Department Cyber Crimes Task Force investigation.

The investigation began in early February 2011 when the Boone County Sheriff's Department Cyber Crimes Task Force obtained information that a residence in the Columbia area was offering to disseminate child pornography through a file sharing program. A Task Force investigator downloaded video files from the computer suspected of offering the child pornography that did in fact show the molestation of pre-pubescent children.

Task Force investigators identified the specific location from where the files were offered and on February 16, 2011 served a court ordered search warrant at the residence. As a result a computer and various other items of evidence were seized. Examination of the evidence located what is believed to be as at least thirty videos and possibly hundreds of photographs of child pornography.

On March 1, 2011 the suspect was charged by the Boone County Prosecuting Attorney's Office with one count of the Possession of Child Pornography and one count of Promoting Child Pornography. The suspect turned himself

into the Boone County Circuit Court on March 2, 2011 and was released after posting a \$9,000 bond.

On Monday, August 29, 2011 the defendant, identified as 27 year old Thach Hoang Nguyen of 410 North College Avenue, Apartment E., entered a guilty plea in Boone County Circuit Court for one count of the possession of over 20 images of child pornography and one count of the possession of more than one video of child pornography. On Monday, October 24, 2011 the defendant was sentenced to eight year prison term for each count to run consecutively. Sentence was suspended and the defendant was placed on five years supervised probation.

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 Investigation.

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