



BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CYBER CRIMES TASK FORCE

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Incident: Child Enticement Conviction

Location: Boone County, Missouri

Details:

On the afternoon of Tuesday, January 17, 2011 a 40 year old Salem, Missouri man pled guilty in Boone County Circuit Court to three counts of the attempted enticement of a child less than 15 years of age.

Associate Agencies:

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Centralia Police Department
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Department

This conviction stems from an investigation that began in late February 2010 when a Boone County Sheriff's Department Cyber Crimes Task Force investigator was posing as a 14 year old Boone County girl in an Internet chat room. The decoy child was contacted by the defendant on numerous occasions between late February and early April 2010. During these Internet conversations the suspect solicited the decoy child to engage in sexual conduct with him. As a result of this investigation the Boone County Prosecuting Attorney's Office file three counts of Child Enticement against the defendant.

On October 7, 2010 the defendant turned himself into the Boone County Circuit Court and was released after posting a \$75,000 bond. On January 17, 2012 the defendant entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to five years in the Missouri Department of Corrections on each count to be served concurrently.

The defendant also entered a plea of guilty for the Enticement of a Child less than 15 in Christian County Circuit Court on January 13, 2012 and was sentenced to five years in the Missouri Department of Corrections. In St. Charles County the defendant is also charged with the

Enticement of a Child less than 15, however that case remains pending in the St. Charles County Circuit Court.

The defendant is identified as 40 year old James Thomas Swinney of Salem, Missouri. At the time of the Boone County incident and his arrest Swinney was living in Rolla, Missouri. A photograph of the defendant is not available.

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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