



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

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### Media Release

#### Primary Agencies:

Boone County Sheriff's Dept.  
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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  
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Department  
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Department  
Cooper County Sheriff's  
Department  
Callaway County Sheriff's  
Department  
Howard County Sheriff's  
Department  
Randolph County Sheriff's  
Department

Incident: Child Pornography Conviction

Location: Randolph County, Missouri

#### Details:

On February 8, 2012 a 41 year old Huntsville, Missouri man pled guilty in Randolph County Circuit Court on child pornography charges.

The investigation began in Mid-May 2011 when investigators from the Boone County Sheriff's Department Cyber Crimes Task Force obtained information that child pornography was being offered for distribution from a residence in the Randolph County area. On two separate occasions during the investigation child pornography was transferred from the suspected location to a Task Force investigator. As part of this investigation Task Force investigators were able to specifically identify a residence in Huntsville, Missouri as the location from where the child pornography was being offered.

In conjunction with the Randolph County Sheriff's Department a search warrant for the residence was obtained and on June 27, 2011 investigators with the Cyber Crimes Task Force and the Randolph County Sheriff's Department served that warrant seizing numerous items of evidence including computers and electronic media. During a subsequent examination of the computers and associated media over one hundred child pornography files including photographs and videos were located.

On January 17, 2012 the Randolph County Prosecuting Attorney Mike Fusselman filed charges against the suspect for the offenses of Possession of Child Pornography and Promoting Child Pornography in the First Degree. On January 19, 2012 the suspect was subsequently arrested by the Randolph County Sheriff's Department and on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 the defendant pled guilty to the charges.

The defendant is identified as 41 year old Ralph Edward Woods Jr. of 825 Heather Street, Huntsville, Missouri. Sentencing is scheduled for March 22, 2012 at 9am in Randolph County Circuit Court.

This conviction is the result of the Cyber Crimes Task Force, Randolph County Sheriff's Department, and Randolph County Prosecuting Attorney's Office working together to protect Missouri's children and families.

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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