



BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CYBER CRIMES TASK FORCE

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Incident: Child Pornography Conviction

Location: Boone County, Missouri

Case Number: 2011-1878

Details:

On the afternoon of Monday, April 30, 2012 a 53 year old Columbia, Missouri man pled guilty in Boone County Circuit Court to the possession of Child Pornography. This conviction is the result of an investigation by the Boone County Sheriff's Department Cyber Crimes Task Force.

The investigation was initiated on March 31, 2011 when the Boone County Sheriff's Department was contacted by a local computer repair business reporting they found child pornography on a computer that had been brought to their business for repair. As a technician was analyzing the computer for operational malfunctions child pornography was discovered. The business contacted the Boone County Sheriff's Department and the computer was seized.

The computer was released to the Boone County Sheriff's Department Cyber Crimes Task Force who began a preliminary examination of the computer. During the preliminary examination a large quantity of child pornography was located involving children believed to be as young as four to seven years of age.

On Tuesday, April 12, 2011, the Cyber Crimes Task Force served a court ordered search warrant at the suspect's residence. During that search two additional computers were seized as well as other evidence. The suspect was also arrested on suspicion of the possession of child

pornography. As a result of this investigation the Boone County Prosecuting Attorney's office charged the defendant with the possession of child pornography.

The defendant is identified as 53 year old Joseph Lynn Clark of 5525 South Bethel Lane, Columbia, Missouri. Final sentencing is scheduled for June 18, 2012 at 1:30p.m.

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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