



## 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  
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: Child Pornography Arrest

Location: Fulton, Missouri

Case Number: 2012-3017

#### Details:

On the late morning of Thursday, June 14, 2012 a Fulton, Missouri man was arrested by detectives with the Boone County Cyber Crimes Task Force and the Fulton Police Department for suspicion of the possession of child pornography.

This arrest is the result of a joint investigation between the Boone County Sheriff's Department Cyber Crimes Task Force, the Fulton Police Department, the St. Louis County Sheriff's Department, and the St. Charles County Cyber Crimes Task Force. The investigation began in late April 2012 when a detective with the St. Louis County Cyber Crimes Unit identified a Missouri computer network offering child pornography through a file sharing program. During the course of that investigation several child pornography movies were downloaded by the detective. The St. Louis County Police Cyber Crimes detective worked with the St. Charles County Cyber Crimes Unit to trace the decimated files to a home computer network in Fulton, Missouri. Subsequently the St. Charles County Cyber Crimes Unit forwarded the investigation to the Boone County Sheriff's Department Cyber Crimes Task Force as Fulton is in their task force service area.

Working with the Fulton Police Department, Boone County Cyber Crimes Task Force detectives located the specific residence and on June 14, 2012 served a court ordered

search warrant at the residence in question. As a result of their on scene investigation detectives located numerous videos depicting the sexual molestation of prepubescent children. Detectives were also able to determine the person responsible. Subsequently the suspect was arrested.

The suspect is identified as 27 year old Elias D. Fletcher of 1432 Mokane Road, Apartment 207, Fulton, Missouri. The suspect was arrested on suspicion of the possession of more than one video of child pornography. At the time of this release the suspect is being held at the Callaway County Jail on a \$30,000 bond.

This arrest is a prime example of Missouri and federal law enforcement agencies working together in a cooperative effort to protect children and families.

All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

The Boone County Sheriff's Department Cyber Crimes Task Force is comprised of investigators from the Boone County Sheriff's Department, University of Missouri Police Department, and the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

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