



BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CYBER CRIMES TASK FORCE

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Primary Agencies:

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Incident: Internet Crime Conviction

Date: July 2, 2012

Case Number: 2011-3837

Associate Agencies:

Ashland Police Department
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Department
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Department

Details:

On Monday, July 2, 2012 a 34 year old Mora Missouri man plead guilty in Boone County Circuit Court to the attempted use of a child in a sexual performance as the result of a joint investigation between the Boone County Sheriff's Department Cyber Crimes Task Force and the Pettis County Missouri Sheriff's Department.

This conviction is the result of an investigation that began in May 2011 when an investigator with the Boone County Sheriff's Department Cyber Crimes Task Force was masquerading as a 14 year old Boone County girl on the Internet when she was contacted by the suspect. Between May 2011 and July 2011 the suspect is alleged to have contacted the decoy child numerous times through the Internet and cell phone. During these conversations the suspect solicited the child to engage in sexual conduct with him and encouraged and persuaded the child to engage in a sexual performance over the Internet.

The Internet and cell phone transmissions were traced to the suspect and his residence near Mora, Missouri in southern Pettis County. On Thursday, July 28, 2011 investigators with the Boone County Sheriff's Department Cyber Crimes Task Force and Pettis County Sheriff's Department obtained a search warrant for the suspect's residence. During the search of the suspect's residence numerous articles of evidence were seized including two

computers and thumb drives. On the early evening of Thursday, July 28, 2011 investigators from the Task Force and Pettis County contacted the suspect when he arrived home. At that time the suspect was arrested and two cell phones were seized. The suspect was then transported to the Boone County Jail in Columbia, Missouri.

The defendant, identified as 34 year old Jason Ray Zimmerschied of 36212 Wessel Road, Mora, Missouri, was charged by the Boone County Prosecuting Attorney's office with the attempted enticement of a child and the attempted use of a child in a sexual performance. The defendant was released from the Boone County Jail on August 4, 2011 after posting a \$50,000 bond. On the afternoon of July 2, 2012 the defendant plead guilty to the attempted use of a child in a sexual performance and was sentenced to 4 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections.

This conviction is due to the cooperative effort of the Boone County Sheriff's Department Cyber Crimes Task Force, the Pettis County Sheriff's Department, and the Boone County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. This conviction is another example of law enforcement agencies working together in a cooperative effort to protect Missouri's families and children.

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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