



BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CYBER CRIMES TASK FORCE

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Primary Agencies:

Boone County Sheriff's Dept.
Boone County Prosecuting
Attorney's Office
University of Missouri Police
Department
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Auxvasse Police Department
Boonville Police Department
Centralia Police Department
Columbia Police Department
Fayette Police Department
Fulton Police Department
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Mexico Department of Public
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Cooper County Sheriff's
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Callaway County Sheriff's
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Howard County Sheriff's
Department
Randolph County Sheriff's
Department

Media Release

Incident: Internet Crimes Arrest
Location: Jefferson City, Missouri
Case Number: 2012-4877

Details:

On the morning of Friday, October 12, 2012 the Boone County Sheriff's Department Cyber Crimes Task Force in conjunction with the Jefferson City Police Department arrested a 34 year old Jefferson City man for suspected Internet related crimes involving minors.

The investigation leading to this arrest began on September 14, 2012 when the suspect started conversing through e-mail with whom he believed to be a 14 year old Boone County boy but was actually an undercover detective with the Boone County Sheriff's Department Cyber Crimes Task Force. After exchanging several e-mails the conversations moved to cell phone text messaging which continued through October 6, 2012. The suspect is alleged to have enticed and encouraged the underage decoy child into meeting for the purpose of engaging in sexual conduct. The suspect allegedly attempted to actually meet the child after the child snuck out of his house late one night but could not find the child. The suspect is also alleged to have sent the underage child a sexually graphic photograph of the suspect. In addition the suspect is alleged to have attempted to persuade the child to send sexually graphic photographs of himself to the suspect.

As part of this investigation the e-mail and text messages were traced to the suspect. On the morning of Friday October 12, 2012 the Cyber Crimes Task Force and the Jefferson City Police Department served a court ordered search warrant at the suspect's residence in Jefferson City, Missouri. As a result of that search several items were seized including the cellular telephone allegedly used in this incident by the suspect as well as a computer. The suspect was subsequently arrested and transported to the Boone County Jail in Columbia, Missouri where he is awaiting the filing of formal charges by the Boone County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

The suspect is identified as 34 year old Nicholas Adam Bax of 1506 Martha Lane, Jefferson City, Missouri. The suspect was arrested on suspicion of the attempted enticement of a child, the attempted sexual exploitation of a minor, and the attempted sexual misconduct of a child. As of the time of this release bond has not yet been set.

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, the University of Missouri Police Department, and the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

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