



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

Incident: Internet Arrest-Children Recovered

Location: Columbia, Missouri

Case Number: 2012-5833

Associate Agencies:

Ashland Police Department
Auxvasse Police Department
Boonville Police Department
Centralia Police Department
Columbia 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

Details:

On Tuesday November 6, 2012 Boone County Sheriff's Department Cyber Crimes Task Force officer arrested a Columbia Missouri man on Internet related charges. This arrest is the result of an investigation that began in Ohio when agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigation seized a cellular telephone pursuant to an Ohio investigation. As a result of examining that cell phone agents discovered another person had sent child pornography to the Ohio suspect and recovered text messages indicating the sender had personally taken the photographs. The federal agents in Ohio obtained subscriber records for cell phone number from which the photographs were sent and identified a Mid-Missouri man as a possible suspect.

On the evening of Monday November 5, 2012 the federal agents in Ohio contacted an FBI agent assigned to the Boone County Sheriff's Cyber Crimes Task Force. By the next morning, Tuesday November 6th, the location of the suspect had been determined and a court ordered search warrant was obtained. During the service of the search warrant on Tuesday the two children depicted in the photographs, ages 2 and 5, were located and taken into protective custody. Numerous items of evidence were seized including the suspect's cell phone and other evidence indicating the photographs sent to Ohio were taken at this residence. The suspect was subsequently arrested.

The suspect, identified as 39 year old Charles D. DeCarr III of 504 Oak Street, Columbia, Missouri. The suspect was arrested on suspicion of the sexual exploitation of a minor, promoting child pornography in the first degree, and the possession of child pornography. As of the time of this release the suspect is in the Boone County Jail pending the filing of formal charges. No bond as yet been set. The Boone County Prosecuting Attorney's Office is expected to file charges sometime this morning.

This investigation including the recovery of the two children and the arrest of the suspect is an excellent example of what can be accomplished when enforcement, especially federal law and local agencies, work together in a cooperative task force effort.

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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