



BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CYBER CRIMES TASK FORCE

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Incident: Child Pornography Arrest
Location: Callaway County, Missouri
Case Number: 2012-6415

Associate Agencies:

Ashland Police Department
Auxvasse Police Department
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Department
Randolph County Sheriff's
Department

Details:

On the afternoon of Tuesday, April 2, 2012 a 50 year old Callaway County man was arrested on child pornography charges as a result of a joint investigation between the Boone County Sheriff's Department Cyber Crimes Task Force, the Callaway County Sheriff's Department and the Nixa Police Department.

The local investigation began in early December 2012 when the Boone County Sheriff's Department Cyber Crimes Task Force was contacted by the Nixa Missouri Police Department. Over several days the Nixa police had downloaded child pornography through a file sharing program from a computer believed to be in the Mid-Missouri area. On April 2, 2013 investigators with the Cyber Crimes Task Force and the Callaway County Sheriff's Department served a court order search warrant at the residence from where the illegal files were believed to have been distributed. During a subsequent on scene investigation numerous movie files were located on a computer showing children, some believed to be as young as 3 years of age, being sexually molested. As a result of this investigation the files recovered at that time were linked to a particular suspect living in the home. During the search of the residence numerous computers and other associated media were seized. Additional examination of the evidence seized is yet to be conducted.

The suspect is identified as 50 year old Frederick W. Lawson of 755 Halifax Road, Holt's Summit, Missouri. The suspect was arrested for suspicion of Possession of Child Pornography in the First Degree and was transported to the Callaway County Jail pending the filing of formal charges. Lawson was also charged with suspicion of Possession of Marijuana , Possession of an Imitation Controlled Substance, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Photographs of the suspect can be obtained from the Callaway County Jail.

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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