



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: Child Pornography Arrest

Location: Sturgeon, Missouri

Case Number: 2013-2599

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
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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 Monday, June 3, 2013 a 41 year old Sturgeon, Missouri man was arrested on child pornography charges.

The investigation began on May 9, 2013 when the Boone County Sheriff's Department Cyber Crimes Task Force received a report initiated by Microsoft Corp., that child pornography photographs had been uploaded to their servers from a computer network that appeared to be in the Mid-Missouri area. Task Force investigators obtained subscriber records which lead them to a residence in Sturgeon, Missouri. On Monday, June 3, 2013 Task Force investigators along with the Sturgeon Police Department served a court ordered search warrant at the Sturgeon residence. As a part of that search Task Force investigators located over 1,200 child pornography photographs and approximately 20 videos showing children, some believed to be as young as 9 years of age engaged in sexual conduct. Investigators also located the files that had been uploaded to the Microsoft computers. As a result of an on-site investigation, Task Force investigators were able to identify a specific suspect allegedly responsible for the possession and uploading of the illegal files.

The suspect is identified as 41 year old Karl M. Ball of 306 East Davis Street, Sturgeon, Missouri. The suspect was arrested for the suspicion of Promoting Child Pornography in the 1st Degree and the Possession of More Than 20

photographs or one video of Child Pornography. As of the time of this release the suspect is in the Boone County Jail pending the filing of formal charges by the Boone County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. The suspect was allegedly convicted in 1990 in the state of Oklahoma of sexual offenses against a minor.

As of the time of this release a photograph of the suspect is not yet available. A photograph can be obtained at a later time from the Boone 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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