



**BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
CYBER CRIMES TASK FORCE**

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Incident: Child Pornography Conviction

Location: Boone County, Missouri

Case Number: 2012-4628

Associate Agencies:

Ashland Police Department
Auxvasse Police Department
Boonville Police Department
Centralia Police Department
Columbia Police Department
Fayette Police Department
Fulton Police Department
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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 24, 2013 a Jefferson City, Missouri man plead guilty in Boone County Circuit Court to Promoting Child Pornography in the Second Degree. This plea was the result of a joint investigation between the Boone County Sheriff's Department Cyber Crimes Task Force, the Jefferson City Police Department, and the Nixa Missouri Police Department.

The investigation began in mid July 2012 when a Boone County Cyber Crimes Task Force investigator downloaded child pornography showing the molestation of a prepubescent female from a computer believed to be in the Jefferson City area. The investigator also discovered that in Mid July 2012 an officer with the Nixa, Missouri downloaded child pornography from the same computer.

As part of these investigations the specific location of the computer offering the child pornography was identified and on Friday, September 7, 2012 Cyber Crimes Task Force detectives and Jefferson City Police officers served a court ordered search warrant at the Jefferson City residence. During the service of the court ordered search warrant a computer was seized and detectives were able to identify a suspect as the person allegedly responsible for possessing and downloading the illegal files. That suspect was arrested for suspicion of Promoting Child Pornography and transported to the Boone County Jail in Columbia, Missouri.

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The defendant is identified as 23 year old Christopher M. Sabando of , Jefferson City, Missouri. Mr. Sabando has remained in the Boone County Jail since his arrest in September 2012. Final sentencing is scheduled for August 12, 2013.

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 Investigation s.

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