



**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

Incident: Child Pornography Arrest
Location: Columbia, Missouri
Case Number: 2013-3529

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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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 the morning of Monday, July 1, 2013 detectives with the Boone County Sheriff's Department Cyber Crimes Task Force arrested a 67 year old Columbia man on child pornography charges. This arrest is the result of a joint investigation between the Columbia Police Department and the Boone County Sheriff's Department Cyber Crimes Task Force.

The investigation began on June 22, 2013 when a Columbia computer repair business contacted the Columbia Police Department. They reported the suspect had requested repairs on his computer during which technicians discovered child pornography. The Columbia Police Department subsequently forwarded the investigation to the Cyber Crimes Task Force.

During an examination of the hard drive in the suspect's original computer investigators located over 25,000 pornographic photographs of males believed to be in their teens a large number of which are believed to be minors. Some of the illegal photographs are of children believed to be as young as 8 years of age.

On Monday morning, July 1, 2013 investigators with the Cyber Crimes Task Force served a court ordered search warrant at the suspect's residence. As a result

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investigators recovered a new computer the suspect allegedly purchased to replace the computer taken to the repair business and some external media. During an on-site investigation additional child pornography was discovered.

The suspect is identified as 67 year old John S. Littell of 4000 Hyde Park, Apartment 65, Columbia, Missouri. The suspect was arrested for the suspicion of the possession of child pornography. He is currently in the Boone County Jail pending the filing of formal charges by the Boone County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

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 Investigation s.

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