



## 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

#### Associate Agencies:

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Auxvasse Police Department  
Boonville Police Department  
Centralia Police Department  
Columbia Police Department  
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Department  
Howard County Sheriff's  
Department  
Randolph County Sheriff's  
Department

Incident: Arrest by Cyber Crimes Task Force

Location: Columbia, Missouri

Case Number: 2013-3658

#### Details:

During the early morning hours of Thursday, July 25, 2013 detectives with the Boone County Sheriff's Department Cyber Crimes Task Force and Detectives with the Pro-Active Unit arrested a 29 year old Jefferson City man on a variety of sexual offenses regarding the solicitation of a minor child.

This investigation began the first week of July, 2013 when the Cyber Crimes Task Force received information from a local resident. Cyber Crimes Task Force investigators discovered the suspect had reportedly been offering money to have sexual contact with a young child. Task Force investigators began an undercover investigation posing as a mother of a child who would allow such contact with her for money. During the next few weeks the suspect is alleged to have negotiated with the child's mother regarding payment for this service. The suspect is also alleged to have sent the child's mother child pornography depicting a 9 year old girl in an attempt to gain the mother's trust.

On the early morning of Thursday, July 25, 2013 arrangements were made for the suspect to meet the child's decoy mother at a specific Columbia location where he would give the woman the agreed upon payment. When the suspect arrived at the meeting site, he was arrested by undercover detectives and a cellular telephone was seized from the suspect. This cell phone is alleged to have over

20 photographs of child pornography on the device. Children depicted in these photographs are believed to be as young as toddlers.

The suspect is identified as 29 year old Jeremy Ryan Bappert of 815 Locust Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. The suspect was arrested for the suspicion of the distribution of child pornography, the possession of child pornography, attempted statutory rape, attempted statutory sodomy, and a felony offense of patronizing prostitution. The suspect is currently in the Boone County Jail awaiting the filing of formal charges by the Boone County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. A bond has not yet been set.

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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