



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

2121 County Drive; Columbia, Missouri 65202  
573-442-4302

Web Site: [WWW.BCSDCYBERCRIMES.COM](http://WWW.BCSDCYBERCRIMES.COM)

---

### 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 Conviction

Location: Boone County, 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  
Jefferson City Police  
Department  
Holt's Summit Police Dept.  
Mexico Department of Public  
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 Monday, October 21, 2013 a Sturgeon Missouri man plead guilty to possessing child pornography and failing to register as a convicted sexual offender.

This conviction is the result of an investigation that began on May 9<sup>th</sup> when the Boone County Cyber Crimes Task Force received a report generated 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. That suspect was arrested and remained in the Boone County Jail.

As a part of this investigation investigators discovered the defendant had been convicted in Oklahoma in 1990 for sexual offenses against minors under the age of 16. The defendant reportedly moved to Boone County Missouri after his release from prison on those charges but never registered in Boone County as convicted sexual offender. The defendant was subsequently charged by the Boone County Prosecuting Attorney's Office with possessing child pornography and failing to register as a convicted sexual offender. On Monday, October 21, 2013 the defendant plead guilty both charges.

The defendant is identified as 42 year old Karl M. Ball of 306 East Davis Street, Sturgeon, Missouri. Final sentencing is scheduled for November 25, 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 Investigations.

This project is supported by funding made available through the State of Missouri and administered through the Missouri Department of Public Safety.

The Boone County Sheriff's Department Cyber Crimes Task Force is part of the Missouri Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force is and supported by funding made available through MO ICAC from the US Department of Justice-Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Release date & time: 10-22-2013 / 08:15  
Release authorized by: Andy Anderson