



## 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: Internet Child Solicitation Arrest

Location: Cole County, Missouri

Case Number: 2013-5978

#### 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 December 2, 2013 the Cole County Missouri Sheriff's Department arrested a 49 year old Jefferson City, Missouri man on Internet Child Solicitation charges out of Indiana.

This arrest stems from a joint endeavor between the Boone County Sheriff's Department Cyber Crimes Task Force, the Cole County Sheriff's Department, and the Connersville Indiana Police Department.

In May 2013 the suspect, who is a long distance truck driver, is alleged to have began conversing through the Internet and cell phone text messaging with whom he believed to be a 13 year old Indiana girl but was actually an undercover Indiana police detective. Over the next few months the suspect engaged the girl in explicit sexual conversations and encouraged the girl to meet him, while he was traveling through her area, for the purpose of engaging in sexual conduct. During this period the suspect is also alleged to have sent the girl sexually graphic photographs of himself on at least two occasions.

As a result of the Indiana investigation authorities identified the suspect and filed criminal charges against him. In September Indiana authorities contacted the Boone County Sheriff's Department Cyber Crimes Task Force asking for assistance with this investigation as Cole County

is in the service area of the Task Force. In November Indiana authorities forwarded an arrest warrant to Task Force investigators who, working with the Cole County Sheriff's Department, began looking for the suspect. On Monday December 2<sup>nd</sup> Cole County Sheriff's Department investigators located the suspect and arrested him on the outstanding Indiana arrest warrant. As a part of this arrest a cellular telephone and computer were seized.

The suspect is identified as 49 year old Mark K. Ruediger of 3839 A Del Ray Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. Ruediger has been charged with three counts of Child Solicitation in Indiana. Charges are not anticipated in Missouri. As of the time of this release the suspect is currently in the Cole County Jail pending extradition to Indiana. Photographs of the suspect can be obtained from the Cole County Sheriff's Department and 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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