



BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CYBER CRIMES TASK FORCE

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Incident: Man Sentenced to 53 years for Sexual
Exploitation and Statutory Sodomy Charges
Against a Minor

Location: Columbia, Missouri

Associate Agencies:

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Department
Randolph County Sheriff's
Department

Case Number: 2013-3046

Details:

On Monday, December 30, 2013 53 year old Gary D. Foster of 312 East Clay Street, Linneus, Missouri was sentenced to 53 years in prison in Boone County Circuit Court for child sexual exploitation and statutory sodomy charges.

The investigation began in Mid-May 2013 when the Kirksville Task Force received a complainant the defendant had been having a sexual relationship with a minor male. After conducting several interviews, the Kirksville Task Force along with the Linn County Sheriff's Department served a court ordered search warrant at the suspect's residence in Linneus, Missouri. As a result of that search the Kirksville Cyber Crimes Task Force seized several items of electronic evidence. During subsequent examination of the electronic evidence, several sexually graphic photographs of a 13 year old boy were located including a photograph of the suspect engaging in sexual conduct with the minor. A Kirksville Task Force Detective located the boy in the photographs who indicated they were taken in a wooded area north of Columbia during the spring of 2012. Subsequently the Boone County Cyber Crimes Task Force was contacted. A Boone County Cyber Crimes investigator identified a location north of Columbia as where the photographs were taken.

On Monday, June 10, 2013 investigators with the Boone County Cyber Crimes Task Force, the Kirksville Regional Cyber Crimes Task Force, and the Sullivan County Sheriff's Department contacted the suspect at his place of employment in Milan, Missouri where he was arrested without incident. Boone County Task Force investigators transported the suspect back to Columbia where he remained in the Boone County Jail. The Boone County Prosecuting Attorney's Office filed charges against the defendant for the offenses of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor and Statutory Sodomy in the First Degree involving deviate sexual intercourse with a person less than 14 years old. On Monday, November 4, 2013 the defendant pled guilty to those charges.

On Monday, December 30, 2013 a Boone County Circuit Judge sentenced the defendant to 23 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections for the sexual exploitation of a minor and 30 years in prison for 1st degree sodomy with a person less than 14. These sentences are to be served consecutively.

This investigation is a prime example of law enforcement and prosecutors working together across Missouri for the protection of families and children and the importance and productivity of Missouri's Cyber Crimes Task Forces.

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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