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Incident: Man Sentenced to Life in Prison

Location: Columbia, Missouri

Case Number: 2012-5833

Details:

On Friday, January 24, 2014 40 year old Charles D. DeCarr III of Columbia, Missouri was sentenced to life in prison for numerous charges stemming from a child pornography investigation conducted by the Boone County Sheriff's Department Cyber Crimes Task Force and Prosecuted by the Boone County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

The investigation began on November 5, 2012 when agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Ohio contacted an FBI agent assigned to the Boone County Sheriff's Cyber Crimes Task Force. FBI agents in Ohio had seized a cellular telephone pursuant to an Ohio investigation. As a result of examining that cell phone agents discovered another person had sent child pornography to the Ohio suspect and recovered text messages indicating the sender had personally taken the photographs. The federal agents in Ohio obtained subscriber records for cell phone number from which the photographs were sent and identified a Mid-Missouri man as a possible suspect. By the next morning, Tuesday November 6, 2012, the location of the suspect in Columbia, Missouri had been determined and a court ordered search warrant was obtained

During the service of the search warrant on November 6, 2012 the two children depicted in the photographs, ages 2 and 5, were located and taken into protective custody.

Numerous items of evidence were seized including the suspect's cell phone and other evidence indicating the photographs sent to Ohio were taken at this residence and the defendant who was also present was arrested. An on scene investigation indicated the photographs seized by the authorities in Ohio were taken in the Columbia residence where the children were recovered. The defendant was subsequently charged by the Boone County Prosecuting Attorney's Office for the offenses of Possession of Child Pornography, Promoting child Pornography in the First Degree, and the Sexual Exploitation of a Minor.

During the continuing investigation over the next several months investigators examined a variety of electronic evidence and seized e-mail accounts. As a result of that ongoing investigation evidence was obtained indicating the defendant had produced child pornography involving the children on several occasions sending those files to various other individuals. Some of the child pornography produced by the defendant had been made in a local motel room. Subsequently, in March 2013 the Boone County Prosecuting Attorney's Office filed additional charges against the defendant charging him with the Sexual Exploitation of Minor and Statutory Sodomy in the 1st Degree with a person under the age of 12. As a result of this investigation, numerous leads have been sent to a variety of law enforcement agencies around the country identifying suspects who allegedly received these files. Some of the illegal photographs of the children have been recovered by police as far away as Sweden.

As the investigation continued investigators also discovered the defendant had engaged in Internet conversations with several individuals offering the children for sex. Some of this e-mail correspondence indicated he would provide the children for money yet other e-mail correspondence indicated he would allow the recipient to molest the children along with the defendant.

On Wednesday, November 27, 2013 the defendant plead guilty in Boone County Circuit Court to all of the charges filed by the Boone County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. On Friday, January 24, 2014 Prosecuting Attorney Dan Knight presented evidence at a sentencing hearing after which the defendant received the following sentences:

Count 1-Statutory Sodomy in the First Degree with a person under 12 years of age: The defendant was sentenced to life in the Missouri Department of Corrections.

Counts 2& 3-Sexual Exploitation of a Minor Child (2 Counts): The defendant was sentenced to 20 years for each count in the Missouri Department of Corrections.

Count 4-Promoting Child Pornography in the First Degree: The defendant was sentenced to 15 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections.

Count 5-Possession of Child Pornography Of More Than 20 Photographs Or One Video: The defendant was sentenced to 15 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections.

Counts 2 through 5 were ordered to be served concurrently with count 1 ordered to be served consecutively to the other counts.

This investigation including the recovery of the two children, arrest of the defendant, and the successful prosecution of the defendant is an excellent example of what can be accomplished when enforcement and prosecutors, especially federal and local agencies, work together in a cooperative task force effort.

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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