



BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CYBER CRIMES TASK FORCE

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Media Release

Incident: Man Sentenced to Prison- Sexual Exploitation of a Child

Location: Boone County

Case Number: 2012-6938

Details:

On February 17, 2015 a 25 year old Hannibal man, Ian Burow was sentenced in Boone County Circuit Court. The defendant was sentenced to 15 years, 7 years and 4 years to run concurrent with a Federal sentence of 20 years the defendant received in January 2015. The Federal sentence stemmed from the same investigation.

The investigation began in November 2011 when the Cyber Crimes Task Force received a complaint from the Boy Scouts of America regarding inappropriate conversations that several Scouts had been getting through Facebook. Information received indicated a Facebook account belonging to an 18 year old female from Columbia was soliciting minors to take nude photographs. Investigators with the Task Force determined the account to be false and the person soliciting the minors was actually Ian Burow, a current Scout leader.

In March 2012 the Task Force served a search warrant on the defendant's residence in Columbia, Missouri and subsequently arrested the defendant. Through evidence recovered from Facebook, email accounts and the evidence seized from the defendant it was believed the defendant had been soliciting minors between the ages 14 to 17 years old for over a year before law enforcement learned of the criminal acts. A majority of the victims were either current or former Boy Scouts that resided in several areas of the State. Furthermore, Task Force investigators were able to identify at least 7 victims.

The defendant, Ian Burow of Hannibal, Missouri was sentenced to 15 years for the Sexual Exploitation of a minor, 7 years for Promoting a Sexual Performance by a Child and 4 years for Attempted Promoting a Sexual Performance by a Child. The sentence will run concurrent with the Federal sentence of 20 years.

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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