



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

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### Primary Agencies:

Boone County Sheriff's Dept.  
Boone County Prosecuting  
Attorney's Office  
University of Missouri Police  
Department  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

### Media Release

Incident: Man Arrested—Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, Possession of Child  
Pornography, and Invasion of Privacy 2<sup>nd</sup> degree

Location: 2300 Block of Hastings Ct, Columbia, Missouri

Case Number: 2015-3710

### Associate Agencies:

Ashland Police Department  
Auxvasse Police Department  
Boonville Police Department  
Centralia Police Department  
Columbia Police Dept.  
Fayette Police Department  
Fulton Police Department  
Hallsville Police Department  
Holt's Summit Police Dept.  
Jefferson City Police  
Department  
Mexico Department of Public  
Safety  
Moberly Police Department  
Sturgeon Police Department  
Audrain County Sheriff's Office  
Cooper County Sheriff's  
Department  
Callaway County Sheriff's  
Department  
Howard County Sheriff's  
Department  
Randolph County Sheriff's  
Department

### Details:

On August 10, 2015 a 35 year old Columbia man, Steve O'Neill, was arrested for sexual exploitation of a minor, less than 14, possession of child pornography and Invasion of Privacy 2<sup>nd</sup> degree.

The investigation began August 5, 2015 when the Cyber Crimes Task Force received a CyberTip report from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. An anonymous person reported a person in the Columbia area, Steve O'Neal was in possession of child pornography.

An investigator with the Task Force made contact with several individuals that led the Task Force to the suspect's residence. A Task Force forensic examiner completed an on scene preview of a computer thought to be involved. During the preview, investigators determined the computer contained numerous images created by the suspect who had videotaped and photographed females without the victim(s) knowledge while in various state of undress. Investigators learned one of the victims to be a child less than 14 years old.

The Task Force Investigators arrested Mr. O'Neill without incident at his residence.

The suspect is identified as 35 year old Steve O'Neill of 2305 South Hastings Court Columbia, Missouri. The suspect was arrested on suspicion of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, less than 14, Possession of Child Pornography and Invasion of Privacy 2<sup>nd</sup> degree. The Sexual exploitation of a minor is to be set bond.

At the time of release no mugshot photo was available. See [www.showmeboone.com/sheriff](http://www.showmeboone.com/sheriff) 0700 report at 7 am.

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, the Federal Bureau of Investigations and the Boone County Prosecuting Attorney's office.

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The Boone County Sheriff's Department Cyber Crimes Task Force is part of the Missouri Internet Crimes against Children Task Force.

Release date & time: August 10, 2015 @ 1700 hrs

Release Authorized by: Detective Tracy Perkins