



## 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

### 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

### Media Release

Incident: Man Arrested—2 counts felony Harassment

Location: Centertown, Missouri (Cole County)

Case Number: 2015-4716

### Details:

On September 29, 2015, a 48 year old Centertown man (Cole County), Matthew Frye was arrested for felony Harassment involving juveniles.

This is a direct result of the Boone County Sheriff's Department Cyber Crimes Task Force, the Cole County Sheriff's Department and Cole County Prosecuting Attorney working together to protect children.

The investigation began September 28, 2015 when the Cyber Crimes Task Force received a call from the Cole County Sheriff's Department reference a possible enticement of a child. The suspect was communicating with two 14 year old females from the Cole County area through Facebook messenger.

An investigator with the Task Force interviewed the female juveniles and learned the communication had been going on for more than a year. Furthermore, the investigator reviewed over a thousand messages between one of the juveniles and the suspect. The investigator learned the suspect was a volunteer wrestling coach for a private wrestling club geared towards 8 to 14 years old wrestlers in Jefferson City, Missouri.

On September 29, 2015 the Task Force investigator and the Cole County Sheriff's Department contacted the suspect at his residence located in Centertown, Missouri. Investigators executed a search warrant for the residence and seized several electronic items to be examined.

The suspect arrested is identified as 48 year old, Matthew Frye of 359 Route U, Centertown, Missouri. The suspect was arrested on suspicion of 2 counts Harassment, a class D felony which involves two victims under 17 years old. Bond was set at \$25,000, surety.

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.

This project is supported by funds made available through the State of Missouri Cyber Crimes Grant administered by the Missouri Department of Public Safety.

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

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Release Authorized by: Detective Tracy Perkins

