



BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CYBER CRIMES TASK FORCE

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Incident: Child Pornography Arrest

Location: Boone County

Case Number: 2016-1264

Details:

On Monday, April 18, 2016, a 29 year old Boone County man was arrested on child pornography charges.

This is direct result of the Boone County Sheriff's Department Cyber Crimes Task Force, and South Central Missouri Computer Crime Task Force working to protect children being victimized through the Internet.

The investigation leading to this arrest began at the beginning of March 2016 when an investigator with the South Central Task Force located an IP address in Columbia, Missouri who is believed to be in possession of child pornography.

On April 18, 2016 a court ordered search warrant was served at a Columbia residence. As a result, a computer was seized. During the search warrant a Task Force forensic investigator conducted an overview search locating multiple videos depicting the sexual molestation of prepubescent children.

The suspect is identified as 29 year old Nicholas A. Ross of 704 Alton Avenue, Columbia, Missouri. The suspect was arrested on suspicion of Possession of Child Pornography, (2nd offense-1 video or 20 still images). Bond is to be set. Photo was not available at the time of this release. A photo will be available on the 0700 report tomorrow morning.

All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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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