



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

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### Media Release

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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

Incident: Man Arrested- Possession of Child Pornography

Location: Boone County

Case Number: 2016-1266

#### Details:

On Wednesday, April 20, 2016 a Columbia, Missouri man was arrested for possession of child pornography.

The investigation began in early March 2016 when the Boone County Sheriff's Department Cyber Crimes Task Force received a CyberTip report from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. The CyberTip reported a subject thought to be in the Columbia area had uploaded child pornography in February 2016, to an email account.

A Cyber Crimes investigator was able to identify the account holder as Aaron Becker who was living on the MU Campus when the child pornography was uploaded to an email account through Google. After review of the records the investigator learned the user was actively using the account to store and transfer child pornography for several years.

On April 20, 2016 the Boone County Sheriff's Department Cyber Crimes Task Force served a search warrant at Becker's residence locating several electronic devices.

The suspect is identified as 18 year old Aaron Becker of Columbia, Missouri and was arrested on suspicion of Possession of Child Pornography, (3 counts) 1 count- Class C felony less than 20 images and 2 counts Class B felony- More than 20 images or 1 video. Bond was set at \$4,500 on the Class C. To be set bond on the Class B charge.

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.

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