



BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CYBER CRIMES TASK FORCE

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Media Release

Incident: Man Arrested-Attempted Sexual Exploitation of Minor and Furnishing
Pornographic Materials to a Minor

Location: Boone County

Case Number: 2015-2536

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
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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 July 8, 2015 a 35 year old Columbia man, Matthew Melton, was arrested for attempted sexual exploitation of a minor and furnishing pornographic materials to a minor.

The investigation began late May 2015 when the Cyber Crimes Task Force received a CyberTip report from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. The report stated a subject in the Columbia area had been soliciting a 15 year old juvenile from Ohio for nude images and in return sent the juvenile nude images of himself through a social media application.

The juvenile's mother found images and communication from a male subject on the juvenile's phone, which in return she reported this information to the CyberTip Hotline. The National Center then reports this information to an Internet Crimes against Children affiliate Task Force for further investigation.

An investigator with the Boone County Task Force obtained records of the suspect's account and was able to identify the person as Matthew Melton.

Investigators located the suspect at his employment where the suspect made statements to law enforcement. The Task Force collected several items as evidence, pending forensic examinations. Investigators arrested Mr. Melton without incident.

The suspect is identified as 35 year old Matthew Melton of 7001 S. Mantauk Court, Columbia, Missouri. The suspect was arrested on suspicion of Attempted Sexual Exploitation of a Minor and Furnishing Pornographic materials to a Minor. Bond was set at \$5000.00. Subject has bonded.

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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