



## 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- Possession of Child Pornography

Location: Boone County

Case Number: 2015-3184

#### Details:

On Tuesday, August 25, 2015 a Bethany, Missouri man was arrested for possession of child pornography.

The investigation began in early July 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 May 2015, to an email account.

A Cyber Crimes investigator was able to identify the account holder as Richard Ortega who was living at 1213 Haven Road in Columbia when the child pornography as young as babies to toddlers was uploaded to an email account.

On August 20, 2015 the Boone County Sheriff's Department Cyber Crimes Task Force served a search warrant at Ortega's residence located on Haven Road. Investigators learned Ortega had moved out of the residence and moved to Bethany, Missouri located in Harrison County Missouri.

The Task Force contacted the Harrison County Sheriff's Department in attempt to locate Mr. Ortega. The Sheriff of Harrison County was able to locate Ortega. Information was obtained from the Sheriff and an arrest warrant was issued for Ortega.

The suspect is identified as 42 year old Richard Ortega of Bethany, Missouri. The suspect was arrested on a Boone County arrest warrant, suspicion of Possession of Child Pornography, over 20 images. Bond was set at \$50,000 cash bond.

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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Release Authorized by: Detective Tracy Perkins

