



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

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Boone County Sheriff's Dept.
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Attorney's Office
University of Missouri Police
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Media Release

Incident: Callaway County Man Arrested

Location: Callaway County

Case Number: 2016-5402

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

Details:

On February 8, 2016, a 50-year-old Callaway County man, Anthony Hodges, was arrested in Fulton for the Possession and Promoting of Child Pornography

The investigation began in late October 24, 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 in the Callaway County area had uploaded child pornography using Google.

During the investigation, the Fulton Police Department took a report reference a Fulton citizen finding an abandoned cell phone in their driveway. When the citizen attempted to identify the owner of the phone, the citizen found child pornography on the phone and immediately contacted Fulton PD. The Task Force examined the cell phone and determined the owner was the defendant. In addition, the examiner located over 90 child pornography images of nude prepubescent children were located on the cell phone.

The suspect is identified as 50-year-old Anthony Hodges of 7487 Dustin Lane, Fulton, Missouri. The suspect was arrested on suspicion of 3 counts, Possession of Child Pornography (More than 20 images) and 1 count Promoting Child Pornography (child less than 14 years old). The defendant was booked into the Callaway County Sheriff's Department. Bond was set at \$100,000.

We appreciate the assistance from the Fulton Police Department, and the Callaway County Sheriff's Department with this investigation.

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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