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MI MAN ARRESTED ON CHILD PORN CHARGES

Man linked to thousands of illegal images after detectives track him through the web.

Detroit (December 16, 2011)—**Wayne County Internet Crimes Unit Investigators**, in partnership with the **Michigan Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force**, **arrested a 24-year-old man on 12 felony counts related to possession and distribution of child pornography**. On Sunday, December 11, 2011, Tavis Greene of Monroe, Michigan was arraigned by video in 35th District Court. He was arrested on December 9, 2011 at a friend's Plymouth Township home where he was staying after investigators found evidence of child pornographic materials—some appearing as young as 10—on a computer belonging to Greene.



“Tracking this individual was our highest priority because the next level of offense is physically abusing a child and we can’t let that happen,” Sheriff Benny N. Napoleon. “Thanks to the expansive network of web investigators we’re putting these individuals on notice—you can’t hide behind technology. We will find you.”

Greene’s case was forwarded to Michigan ICAC Task Force investigators’ attention in April 2011 from the Colorado ICAC Task Force. At training for peer to peer software in May of 2011, it was then officers began comparing notes with other investigators throughout the country on a Michigan subject who appeared to be engaging in illegal file sharing activities. The subject was considered the largest and most active trader utilizing the peer to peer software. Detective Clayton Blackwell of the Colorado ICAC Task Force was the only Law Enforcement personnel throughout the country to gain access to the password protected folder that contained Child Sexual Abusive Material (Child Pornography) belonging to Greene. That allowed the MI ICAC officers to obtain search warrants for the Plymouth Township home leading to Greene’s arrest on December 9th.

“This is an excellent example of cooperation between the Michigan State Police and Wayne County Sheriff to identify and arrest a potentially dangerous child predator and collector of child pornographic material. The excellent investigative work by Cpl. Raymond Johnson is typical of the high quality work done each day at ICAC Task Force offices across the State in our mission of child protection,” said Lieutenant Tim Kish, Michigan State Police.

The computer seized that belonged to Greene is said to contain thousands of images. Greene posted a \$100,000 cash bond and is expected to be back in court on December 19, 2011 at 35th District Court.

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