

Human Trafficking Cases

Former Schoolteacher From Cary Sentenced to 12 Years On Child Pornography Charges

Chip Hollingsworth of Cary, North Carolina, was sentenced to 144 months in prison after pleading guilty to eleven counts charging receipt and possession of child pornography. According to court documents and statements made in court, in summer 2018, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) was conducting an undercover investigation on the chat and file sharing platform called, "Gigatribe."

On August 6, 2018, an unknown user contacted the undercover investigator, transmitted child pornography, and requested images of 10-12-year-old boys in recorded conversations.

After obtaining account information from Gigatribe and an internet service provider, law enforcement identified the user as the defendant Chip Hollingsworth at a residence in Cary, North Carolina. Law enforcement further determined that Hollingsworth had been employed as an elementary school teacher.

Read press release here: <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ednc/pr/former-schoolteacher-cary-sentenced-12-years-child-pornography-charges?fbclid=IwAR1kamTjcBnPSEaeOa8M0VVdptZHczZQPIzNEHwFLcjcfbk60hg9H7970>

14-year-old recovered after online exchanges result in disappearance

A 14-year-old girl has been found after she was reported missing on Feb. 11 from her home in Davidson County.

During the investigation of her disappearance it was discovered that, using a school-issued computer, she had been in communication with William Robert Ice, 38, of Pennsylvania.

Ice was reportedly talking to several other young girls in Alamance County.

Ice took the girl from her home in Davidson County and was subsequently charged with first-degree kidnapping and soliciting a child by computer.

Leads generated by several law enforcement bodies on state and federal levels indicated Ice was in the areas of a McDonalds in Lonoke County, Arkansas near I-40 with the victim.

When Arkansas State Police recognized a Dodge matching the case in a McDonald's parking lot around Saturday night, they approached the vehicle, and discovered two people inside.

The driver, later identified as Ice, aimed a gun at officers and started shooting, injuring one officer.

An Arkansas state trooper in the area heard the report of the officer down and pursued Ice's car through Lonoke along Arkansas Highway 31 until the Dodge became disabled in a snowbank.

The 14-year-old fled the car and was secured by a trooper. Inside the SUV, Ice was found with what appeared to be a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Ice died at a Little Rock hospital later.

It was discovered that Ice was wanted by Pennsylvania law enforcement in connection with other child predator cases.

NOTE: PCCAHT will not be linking any media coverage of this case due to the 14-year-old being identified.

Man arrested, accused of kidnapping 15-year-old

A man has been arrested after he allegedly kidnapped a teenage girl from a home in Lexington, according to the Davidson County Sheriff's Office.

On Feb. 16, deputies responded to a report of a missing teenager at the American Children's Home in Lexington.

Early reports said that the 15-year-old had left the home with an adult man.

Detectives learned that Christopher Steele Boles, 36, of Moore County, had picked up the 15-year-old at the home on Feb. 16 after she contacted him using her school-issued laptop.

After finding the child, detectives obtained warrants to arrest Boles on one count of abduction of a child and one count of first-degree kidnapping.

Deputies were able to find Boles in Moore County and arrested him.

Boles was also in possession of heroin, marijuana and drug paraphernalia, according to the sheriff's office.

The suspect was turned over to the Davidson County Sheriff's Office and received a \$1 million secure bond.

He also received an additional \$2,000 secure bond for the drug possession and paraphernalia charges.

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