



Boise Police Department

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Utah Man Arrested for Enticing Boise Girl over the Internet

April 30, 2010 - A Utah man arrested in Salt Lake City accused of enticing a 13 year old Boise girl on over the Internet has been transferred to the Ada County Jail to face the local charges.

Arrested: Troy Kahea, 28, Salt Lake City, UT

Charge: Enticing of Children over the Internet ISC 18-1509A

What Happened: In January, 2009, a witness reported to Boise Police sexually explicit text messages sent to the Boise girl allegedly by the suspect, Kahea. In cooperation with the Idaho Crimes Against Children Task Force, Boise Police continued to investigate and found the reported cell phone contacts between the suspect and victim also involved internet chats that included an exchange of lewd images and evidence the suspect attempted to entice the victim to participate in sexual acts.

Kahea was arrested by police in Utah last November on the above charges. Boise Police have been told he faces additional, similar charges in Utah.

Preventing Internet Crimes Against Children:

Boise Police strongly urge parents to take advantage of educational materials on internet use and dangers.

An excellent source is [ProtectTeens](#), a newly updated video program for parents on internet safety for children produced by the [Idaho Attorney General's Office](#):

Here are other tips for parents to help safeguard your children, courtesy of Boise PD, [The Idaho Crimes Against Children's Task Force](#) and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children:

- Get informed about computers and the Internet. Let your children show you what they can do online, and visit their favorite sites.
- Keep the computer in an open, common area of your home. Be aware of any other computers your child may be using.
- Talk to children about what personal information is and why you should never give it to people online.
- If your children use chat or E-mail, talk to them about never meeting in person with anyone they first "met" online. Know who your children are exchanging E-mail with, and only let them use chat areas when you can supervise.
- Talk to your children about not responding to offensive or dangerous E-mail, chat, or other communications. Report any such communication to local law enforcement. Do not delete the offensive or dangerous E-mail; turn off the monitor, and contact local law enforcement.
- Clear, simple, easy-to-read house rules should be posted on or near the computer. The rules should include the time of day that children may be online, the length of time they may be online, whom they may communicate with while online, and appropriate areas for them to visit while online.
- Look into safeguarding programs or options your online service provider might offer. These may include monitoring or filtering capabilities.
- Internet accounts should be in the parent's name with parents having the primary screenname, controlling passwords, and using blocking and/or filtering devices. Children should not complete a profile for a service provider and children's screennames should be nondescript so as not to identify that the user is a child.
- If you suspect online "stalking" or sexual exploitation of a child, report it to the Boise Police Department at 377-6790 or 911 for emergencies. You may also report online via the CyberTipline® at www.cybertipline.com or 1-800-843-5678. The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) has a system for identifying online predators and child pornographers and contributing to law-enforcement investigations. Leads forwarded to the site will be acknowledged and shared with the appropriate law-enforcement agency for investigation.