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Bloomington Man Arrested on 44 Counts of Child Pornography
Following Cyber Crimes Investigation

Bloomington, IL - On Thursday, August 28, 2025, the Bloomington Police Department Street Crimes Unit, Criminal Investigations Division and the United States Marshals Service arrested Aaron Ringo on 44 counts of child pornography after an investigation by the Bloomington Police Department's (BPD) Cyber Crimes Unit.

The investigation began when a technology company made a report, to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, regarding the uploading and sharing of videos believed to be child sex abuse material. Detectives with the BPD Criminal Investigations Division executed several search warrants related to the case. Evidence of child sex abuse material (CSAM) was located.

ARRESTED: Aaron Ringo, 35, of Bloomington, Illinois
- **CHILD PORN/POSS PHOTO/VIC <13 - Class 2 Felony (12 Counts)**
- **CHILD PORN/POSS/MOVING DPTN - Class 2 Felony (6 Counts)**
- **CHILD PORN/REPRODUCE/MOVING DPTN - Class X Felony (10 Counts)**
- **CHILD PORN/REPRODUCE/VIC <13 - Class X Felony (16 Counts)**

Ringo was denied pre-trial release and remains in custody at the McLean County Detention Facility.

Chief Jamal Simington stated, "Although these crimes are very complicated, complex, and tough for our detectives, they remain laser focused in working cyber crime cases with a high level of determination. The victims deserve the very best protection and justice, and it is our focus and mission to do that."

Anyone with information on this case should contact Detective Tyrel Klein at 309-434-2366 or Tklein@cityblm.org.

The BPD participates in the Illinois Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force that investigates child exploitation crimes and trains law enforcement agencies. BPD receives CyberTips, or online reports of child pornography, from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). The BPD will continue their efforts in investigating cases of child sexual exploitation occurring over the internet. If you believe you

or someone you know is a victim of sexual exploitation, you can submit a tip with NCMEC at https://report.cybertip.org/.

All suspects are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in the court of law.

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If you wish to submit a crime tip and remain anonymous, please contact the Crime & Intelligence Analysis Unit (CIAU) at 309-434-2963 or email CIAU@cityblm.org. You can also text the number 847411 by texting the word "BPDTIPS", then a space, followed by your tip information.

The tip line is not monitored 24/7. The CIAU office is staffed from 8am-4:30pm, weekdays. If no one is available to answer your call, please leave the information on the voicemail or send it by e-mail.

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