

Arrest made using ICAC program

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Officers with Holyoke Police Department, Phillips County Sheriff's Office and the District Attorney's office took Jason Borland, 24, of Holyoke into custody Monday, Feb. 7 after discovering child pornography on his personal computer.

Holyoke City Council approved the signing of the Intergovernmental agreement for the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) regional task force during last week's meeting. Holyoke Police Chief Phil Biersdorfer said the investigation and arrest would've taken place regardless of the agreement being signed as they were working in cooperation with the sheriff's office.

The investigation began using the ICAC program. The IP address of Borland's computer appeared on the ICAC program which prompted law enforcement to obtain a search warrant for Borland's home. After the search, an arrest warrant was requested due to the findings on the computer.

Borland was taken into custody Monday with no bond set on the warrant. Biersdorfer said Borland would be advised of his charges within a day or two after the arrest at which time a bond may be set.

The ICAC program searches for computers in the area with file sharing programs that also have known child pornography such as videos or photographs of underage children.

Officials didn't think any local underage children were involved with the findings on Borland's computer.