

Technology-Assisted Crimes Against Children: Digital Child Pornography

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MATERIALS

- Slide presentations behind each tab
- Selected supplemental materials and additional handouts
- PowerPoint presentations and materials available (in PDF) at www.NCJRL.org
- Tom Clancy article on Computer Searches & Seizures (appendix and on website)
- Supreme Court Fourth Amendment Cases Update - Supplement summarizing decisions since 2008 term (on website)

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FOURTH AMENDMENT INITIATIVE

Promotes awareness of search and seizure principles

- Conferences for state judges
- Computer searches and seizures
- Annual symposium / published lectures

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ANNUAL FOURTH AMENDMENT SYMPOSIUMS

- 2002: Technology
- 2003: Race & Ethnicity
- 2004: "Tools" to Interpret
- 2005: Computer Searches and Seizures
- 2006: Role of Objective v. Subjective Intent
- 2007: Independent State Grounds
- 2008: Border Searches -- digital and physical
- 2009: "Great Dissents"
- 2010: Fourth Amendment Rights of Children
- 2011: The Future of the Fourth Amendment
- 2012: William Rehnquist's Fourth Amendment

CYBER CRIME & DIGITAL EVIDENCE PUBLICATIONS & PROJECTS

Lots accessible online at www.NCJRL.org

Including:

- Email delivered *Cybercrime Newsletter*
- Internet Victimization Symposium
- Materials on Computer-Related Crime

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **May 16-17 – Conference (RENO) – Technology-Assisted Crimes Against Children: Computer Search and Seizure & Other Pretrial Issues**
- **May 20-23 – Conference (RENO) – The Fourth Amendment: Comprehensive Search and Seizure Training for Trial Judges**
- **May 28 – Webinar: Wireless Networks**
- **June 11 – Webinar: Web Browsing 101**

PROPOSED 2013 WEBINARS

- August – Ways Predators Use Technology to Hide Their Tracks on the Net
- September – Uses of Mobile Devices
- October – Recent Supreme Court Developments in Search and Seizure Affecting Investigation of Technology-Assisted Crimes Against Children
- November – Interactive Media
- December – First Amendment Considerations in Child Pornography Cases

HOUSEKEEPING

- Wireless network access
- Cellular signal strength
- Times
- Restrooms
- Lunches and breaks
- Restaurant recommendations
- Room to be secured
- Evaluations

TECHNOLOGY



http://www.becd.org/Department/technology_department

**TECHNOLOGY-FACILITATED
CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN**

- Child pornography
- Online enticement of children for sexual purposes
- Cyber bullying
- Trafficking of children for sexual purposes, i.e., prostitution
- Sex tourism

**OUR PRIMARY TOPIC
TODAY AND TOMORROW**

Digital Child Pornography

CP – AN INCREASING PROBLEM

“Unfortunately, we’ve also seen a historic rise in the distribution of child pornography,
Tragically, the only place we’ve seen a decrease is in the age of victims.
This is – quite simply – unacceptable.”

- Attorney General Eric Holder Jr.

TECHNOLOGY MAKES IT EASIER TO FIND & TRACK CHILDREN

- Provides access to *real* children
- Facilitates “tracking” victims via search engines, info posted by children.
- Aids grooming techniques by online profiles created by children (inside knowledge of likes/dislikes, etc.)



TECHNOLOGY MAKES IT EASIER TO ENGAGE IN CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN

- Access to children with apparent anonymity and without much fear of being identified
- Instantly available – anytime, anywhere
- No expense



"On the Internet, nobody knows you're a dog."
<http://contract.wordpress.com/>

CHILD PORNOGRAPHY & TECHNOLOGY

- Computers and the Internet revolutionized the child pornography industry
 - Easy to produce
 - No developing film
 - High quality images in a variety of formats
 - Easy to store
 - Easy to conceal
 - Easy to transfer
 - No more mail-order or trading pictures in person



CHALLENGES

- Anonymity makes offenders more difficult to find, and it emboldens offenders' actions
- Provides offenders with online communities to:
 - share images & exchange info
 - validate members' behavior
 - remove social stigma
 - desensitize members to the physical/psychological damage being done to children involved



CHALLENGES, cont'd

- Single website can maintain all content on *different computers in multiple jurisdictions*
- Criminals operating sites can do so from yet another jurisdiction.
- One might report unlawful Internet activity (i.e., existence of CP website) to a local agency far from **apparent** location of the site.

DAY 1

- **Characteristics of Collectors/Offenders and Indicators of Other Offenses**
- **Dimensions of Child Pornography Victimization**
- Evolution of Child Pornography **Regulation**
- **“Sexting”** – Where are we now?
- **Technology Uses, Digital Evidence, and Computer Forensics** in Child Pornography Cases

DAY 2

- **Maintaining Wellness** for Judges, Jurors, and Other Judicial Staff Exposed to Child Pornography
- Common **Fourth Amendment Applicability** Issues in Child Pornography Cases
- Common **Fourth Amendment Satisfaction** Issues in Child Pornography Cases
- Selected Litigation and **Adjudication Issues**

WHO ARE YOU?



QUESTIONS?

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