

Other Forms of Online Child Exploitation

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Overview of Presentation

Role of Internet in child exploitation

- Online enticement of children for sexually-oriented interactions
- Child sex tourism industry
- Child trafficking
- Child modeling websites

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Unwanted Exposure to Pornography

- 34% youth exposed to porn on Internet w/out searching for it.
- Spam
- Email or IM by peers or predators trolling for victims
- Deceptive website addresses purposely direct minors to pornographic materials

www.bobthebuilder.com

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Online Enticement

Offenders ID and contact potential victims:

- Social networking sites
- Chat rooms
- Gaming sites
- Gaming consoles – i.e., X-Box, PS3, etc.
- Webcams
 - > ensure they aren't talking to cops
 - > induce child to send pornographic pictures

Online Enticement:

- Grooming: offender offers friendship, attention, and sympathy or concern, which is reinforced through gifts.
- Hook-Up: offender starts with ASL, immediately tries to discuss sex and coerce child to send pornographic photos

Grooming in 10 easy steps

1. Offender meets child in public chat room geared toward teens
2. Moves conversation to private chat room / IM
3. Est. rapport & trust through conversation, photos
4. Determines child's vulnerabilities: self-esteem, problems @ home
5. Considers if child would be good victim
6. Weighs chances of being caught
7. Blackmails child to produce sexual photos
8. Talks to child on phone
9. Face to face meeting
10. Sexual abuse

Child Sex Trafficking

- Trafficking of Children – 3rd most profitable industry in the world
- At least 100,000 American children each year are victims of commercial child prostitution and child trafficking. (NCMEC)
- Girls – entry age is 12-14
- Boys – entry age is 11-13

Playground

Internet Facilitated Child Sex Trafficking

- Traffickers post pics on escort service websites
- Sexual services sold via websites, chat rooms, Craigslist etc.
- Those who exploit children share their experiences via Internet

Child Sex Traffickers

- Any child under 18 who engages in commercial sex act is a victim of trafficking
- Often use Internet to find vulnerable minors, i.e. ads for modeling opportunities
- Use force, threat of force, psychological manipulation, threat of exposure
- Advertise via websites where and when child will be available for sexual service

Pimping and Trafficking

Illegal to recruit, entice a minor or benefit from such activities knowing that the minor will be caused to engage in commercial sex acts. 18 U.S.C.A. 1591

Neither victim nor defendant have to travel.

Internet Facilitated Trafficking

18 U.S.C.A § 2422(b) criminalizes use of any means of foreign/interstate commerce to coerce, entice, induce one under 18 to engage in prostitution or criminal sexual activity

D. must only believe victim is a minor

D. Attempted to travel to Costa Rica to have commercial sex w/ minor.

Used Internet web site (Costa Rica Taboo Vacations), email w/ administrator to facilitate tour

Trafficking

- TVPRA of 2008:
- Amended TVPA of 2000
- Creates and enhances tools to address forced labor and sex trafficking
- Addresses trafficking in US and throughout world
- Increases protections to trafficking victims in US

18 U.S.C.A § 2251A selling, buying, transferring custody of child (or offering to do so) knowing or w/ intent that child will be used in production of cp

2422(b) and "Attempt"

What is necessary to prove attempt?
Substantial step: looks at what D. has done
Proximity: looks at what remains to be done

2422(b) targets D's attempts at persuasion, *not* his attempts at performance of sexual acts.

One violates 2422(b) by attempting to persuade a minor to engage in illegal sexual activity.

Concrete actions beyond talking

U.S. v. Zawada (7th Cir.)
D. Moved beyond "mere talk" in chat room when he had relatively concrete conversation about making a date, i.e., time of day, etc.

Encouragement

U.S. v. Bailey (6th Cir.)
D. contacted minors online
Urged minors to meet him
used graphic language to describe what he wanted to do to them

Child Sex Tourism

Technology, including websites facilitates child sex tourism

Sex tourists use Internet to share photos and info on planning sex tours

Use chat rooms, message boards, websites to get info on potential sex tourism destinations

Travel agents publish sex tour brochures on Internet

Child Sex Tourism

18 U.S.C. A. § 2423(b) and (c) prohibits U.S. citizens and permanent residents to travel in Interstate or foreign commerce with intent to engage in illicit sexual conduct, and penalizes those who do engage in illicit sexual conduct

2423(d) prohibits arranging or facilitating for financial gain, another person's travel to engage in illicit sexual conduct.

Transmitting Info About Minor

• **18 U.S.C. 2425 prohibits**

- Use of mail or any means of interstate or foreign commerce
- knowingly initiate transmission
- of identifying info about person under 16
- w/ intent to entice, offer, solicit
- any person to engage in sexual activity
- Includes attempt

Child Modeling Web sites

Webe Web Corp designs and hosts sites

“Does your child or client have an interest in being a model on the Internet? Webe Web Corp. offers an easy Cost Free way to get started. Here’s how it works. All we need from you are quality images! We build and manage the site. You get paid based on the orders the site receives.”

<http://child-supermodels.net/>



- Each girl has her own sub-site
- Includes her bio
- Most are girls in tweens
- Girls pose in costumes, swimsuits, underwear
- Subscribers pay monthly memberships
- Can also purchase videos
- Includes online forum where fans post comments and requests for her to pose in certain garments
- laurie

- Legitimate sites: NewFacesTalent Inc.**
- Displays thumbnails
 - Visitor clicks to see portfolio
 - Portfolio contains model's experience, region, type of work for which model is available
 - No memberships
 - Contains boys
 - All fully clothed
 - One must send for booking information
 - Testimonials from models and agencies
- EastonLee Paige

- Cummings v. State*, 110 S.W.3d 272**
- 2003 conviction in Arkansas of parents for their daughter's website:
cindysworld2000.com
- Producing, directing, or promoting a sexual performance, and
 - Permitting a child to engage in sexually explicit conduct for use in visual or print medium.

Court rejected argument that videos and website were for modeling, not sexual purposes

Ct found that 2 of the images (exposed breast and pubic area) depicted sexually explicit conduct under Ark. law

Prosecution under fed. CP laws:

- Distasteful, probably not illegal
- First Amendment Concerns
- Abundance of clear cut cases to prosecute instead
- Bills aimed at child modeling websites have failed

Thank You

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