THE SCHOOL'S ROLE IN SUPPORTING FEDERAL CHILD EXPLOITATION INVESTIGATIONS AND MITIGATING SOCIAL MEDIA DANGERS FOR STUDENTS

PART 1

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What are we going to cover today?

- How the FBI approaches investigations concerning children

- Social media dangers/juvenile behaviors

- Intersections between law enforcement and the school, exploring the use of the high risk assessment tool

- Sextortion

- This afternoon: a worst case scenario case study

FBI: Violent Crimes Against Children

Innocence Lost Task Force

- Underage Human Trafficking
- Task Force Officers from all over Metro Denver
- Missing children Command Posts
- Operation Cross Country

Innocent Images Task Force

- Child pornography
- Deals with distribution and production of child pornography images and videos
- ICAC/NCMEC

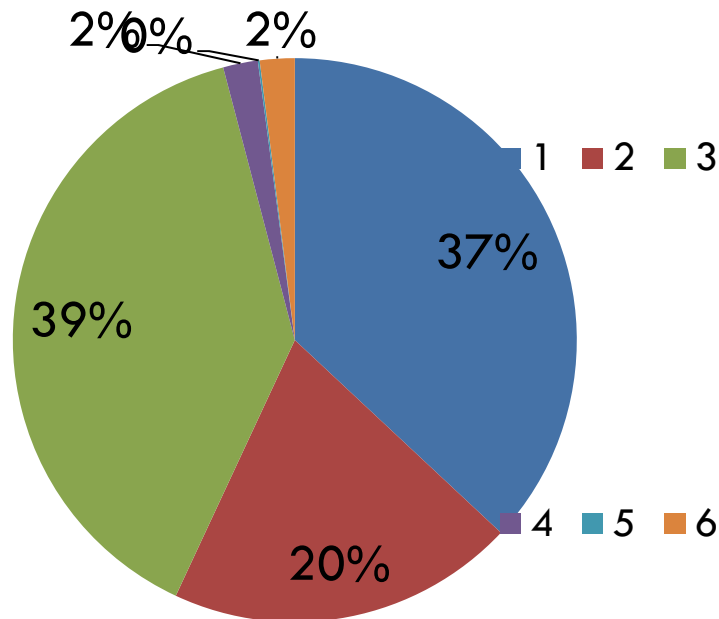# Underage Human Trafficking Problem in Colorado

Trafficking is not (just)…

- Foreign children being brought to the US to be sex workers against their will
- Occurring on street corners "Colfax"
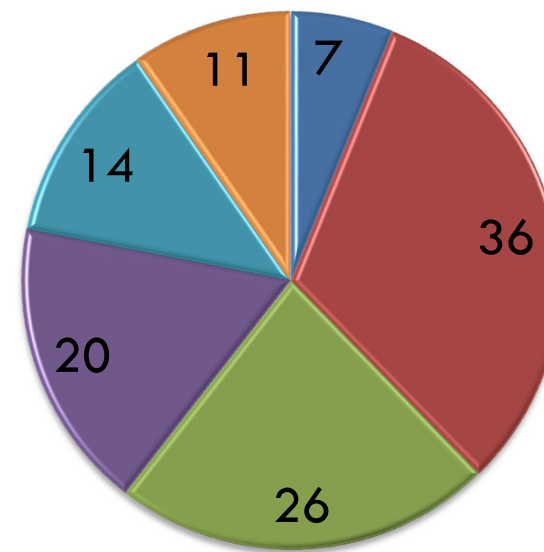- One set demographic

Trafficking IS…

- <u>Prevalent</u>
- Occurring online, every day, on every app or website you can think of
- All kinds of children (different genders, races, economic backgrounds, family situations)

Underage Human Trafficking Problem in Colorado

Race of Recovered Juveniles

2% 0% 2%

37%

39%

20%

1 ■ 2 ■ 3

4 ■ 5 ■ 6

Age Recovered From Juvenile Prostitution

7

36

26

20

14

11

- Recovered as adult:
- Recovered at age 17:
- Recovered at age 16:
- Recovered at age 15:
- Recovered at age 14:
- Recovered at age 13 or younger:

IF IT CONNECTS TO THE INTERNET AND KIDS USE IT, IT CAN BE USED FOR CHILD EXPLOITATION. (YES, THAT TOO)

Apps Used for Human Trafficking

- Instagram
- Snapchat
- Facebook
- Kik
- Meetme
- Grindr
- Tindr
- Music.ly
- Skype
- Viber
- Telegram
- Reddit
- Swarm by Foursquare
- Shots
- Live.me
- Peach
- Moco Space
- OKCupid
- Badoo
- Omegle
- Tagged
- Bumble
- Recon
- Textfree
- WhatsApp
- Facebook Messenger
- QKSMS
- Periscope
- Skout
- Hot or Not
- Badoo
- Down
- Pure
- WhipLr
- CasualX
- Wild
- Hook Up Dating
- Blendr
- Tingle

How do juveniles present on apps?

- Facebook Generation
- Boys exercise less internet savvy
- Rapid escalation
- Rise in self-produced child pornography

- Juveniles don't use rational choice thinking/long term thinking
- Easily give up true names, home addresses, identifying information

Child Exploitation Example:
Jon Christopher Baker

- Peer to Peer Software
  - Sharing 20,000+ images
- Posed as a teenage girl
- Solicited 25+boys
- Recorded them masturbating
- Distributed those recordings to other child pornographers
- Victims had no idea they were victims

Sextortion PSA

Let's talk about sex(tortion)

- Sextortion: sexual exploitation, coercion through abuse of power, typically includes threatened or real release of sensitive images
- Majority of victims are female
  - 78% of sextortion cases involved female children
  - 12% involved male children

- Average age of victim is 14 years old
  - female children ranged from 8-17 years old
  - male children ranged from 11-17 years old

6%
VIDEO SHARING SOCIAL SITES

23%
VIDEO VOICE CALL APPS

41%
MESSAGING/ PHOTO APPS

4%
GAMING PLATFORMS

54%
SOCIAL NETWORKS

Today 10:30 PM

WHERE DOES IT HAPPEN?

Today 10:35 PM

45%

INVOLVED MORE THAN ONE PLATFORM

Delivered

9% DATING APPS

12%
EMAIL

3%
IMAGE BOARD SITES

Sextortion Victims

- Victims often withdraw from family members
- Can experience anxiety, isolation, hopelessness
- Psychological, physical and emotional trauma (without a hands-on offense)
- Bullying
- Increased risk of suicide
- Increased drop out rates
- Think they will go to jail and be registered sex offender (told this by some jurisdictions)

SEXTORTION CAUSES SERIOUS HARM

1 in 4 victims saw a medical or mental health professional.

VICTIMS ARE STAYING SILENT

1 in 3 victims did not tell anyone, often because of shame, embarrassment and self-blame.

VICTIMS ARE UPROOTED

1 in 8 victims move from their homes for fear of their safety.

Sextortion Predators

- Spend as much as **12 hours a day** searching for victims
- Have substantial amount of children in contacts on social network sites
- Keep "meticulous" notes on these victims or contacts
- Force children to victimize themselves

- 43 cases were looked at for victim and offender statistics
  - Of 43 subjects, eight were hands on offenders
  - Average age of subject is 24 years old
  - Subjects use multiple user names and aliases
  - Subjects often use female online personas

What do sextortionists want?

- Additional sexual photographs or videos from the respondent – 51%
- For the respondent to stay in or return to a relationship with the perpetrator – 42%
- To tell the respondent how to look or what to do in pictures or videos – 28%
- To meet the respondent in person (usually for sexual activity) – 26%
- To meet the respondent online for sexual activity – 24%
- To tell the respondent to hurt themselves – 10%
- To blackmail the respondent for money – 9%
- To make the respondent take sexual images of someone else – 7%

How Sextortion Unfolds

45%
OF PERPETRATORS CARRIED OUT THREATS

60%
KNEW PERPETRATORS IN PERSON BEFORE THREATS

40%
MET PERPETRATORS ONLINE

How can schools/teachers help?

- Finding the line between instilling caution and instilling fear

- Be the person who stops the snowball/be a trusted adult

- RUMINT

- Develop familiarity with apps/services

- Apply your school's rules and regulations about physical bullying to cyberbullying to sextortion

Intersection of Schools and Law Enforcement

- Innocence Lost Task Force uses high risk victim tool

- Been in use for 5 years, 2016 became legislative mandate

- Tool assesses variety of factors

- Assessments come from variety of sources

Child Victim

- Law Enforcement and Victim Advocate
- DYC, Probation
- Child Welfare
- Courts, Prosecutor, GAL
- Mental Health, School, Other
- Juvenile Assessment Center

Identifiers

X	Three + runs in 12 months
	First run at the age of 12 or younger
	Longest run more than 30 days
	Credible report of commercial sexual exploitation
	Charges for prostitution
X	Picked up in motel or known area of prostitution with an adult other than a family member

Enhancers

	Drug charges/substance abuse
	Tattoos/Brands
X	Truancy
X	Relationships with/found in presence of adult men
	Possession of expensive items (cell phones, jewelry)
	Giving false info/no ID/lying about age
	Homeless
X	Allegations of Sexual Abuse, Physical Abuse or Neglect

MAKING THE INVISIBLE VISIBLE

Additional Red Flags

	Involvement in chat rooms, apps and/or commercial sex websites
X	Sexually explicit online profile
	Not in control of his/her money
X	Using lingo associated with the "life"
	Unable to make eye contact/afraid to speak
	STIs, pregnancy, abortions
	In controlling relationship with older partner
	Cannot identify address or residence
	Gang Involvement
X	Family dysfunction
	Bruises/unexplained marks
	Fear, anxiety, depression, paranoia
	Malnourishment
X	Charges for Survival Crimes
	Shoplifting/Theft , Trespassing Assault , Disorderly Conduct

18th Judicial District High Risk Victim Identification Tool

Youth Name: _____ **Youth DOB:** _____

Date: _____2/11/15_____

Completed by: _____Zac Abdulbaki_____

Identifiers: (Check all that apply) **Source: (Indicate self report or documentation)**

Identifiers	Source
☒ Three + runs in 12 months	
☐ First run at the age of 12 or younger	
☒ Longest run more than 30 days	Been gone for 3+ months
☒ Credible report of commercial sexual exploitation	Admits to having a pimp and he always finds her.
☐ Charges for prostitution	
☒ Picked up in motel or known area of prostitution with an adult other than a family member	mom believes she is prostituting.

Enhancers: (Check all that apply) **Source: (Indicate self report or documentation)**

Enhancers	Source
☒ Drug charges/substance abuse	Admits to drug use / was med. cleared (weed)
☐ Tattoos/Brands	
☒ Truancy	
☒ Relationships with/found in presence of adult men (woman)	
☐ Possession of expensive items (cell phones, jewelry)	
☐ Giving false info/no ID/lying about age	
☐ Homeless	
☐ Allegations of Sexual Abuse, Physical Abuse or Neglect	

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THE HIGH RISK ASSESSMENT TOOL WORKS.

It would not work without the input of teachers and schools.

High Risk Assessment Tool

- How can schools/teachers help?
  - If you see something, say something
  - Trust your gut
  - Cooperate with law enforcement
  - Maintain confidentiality, sensitivity to potential victimhood
  - Family Education Rights Privacy Act (FERPA)

QUESTIONS?

This afternoon we will work through a case study of a worst case scenario.

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