

CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION
PART ONE

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WHAT IS CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION?

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A commercially sexually exploited child (CSEC) is a person under the age of 18 who has been exploited through human sex trafficking, prostitution, survival sex, sex tourism, pornography and/ or sexual venues.

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A PERSON IS GUILTY OF CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR IF THE PERSON: 4

- a. compels a minor by threat or force to engage in sexually explicit conduct, knowing that such conduct will be photographed or part of a live performance;
- b. invites, employs, authorizes, or causes a minor to engage in sexually explicit conduct, knowing that such conduct will be photographed or part of a live performance; or
- c. being a parent, legal guardian, or person having custody or control of a minor, permits the minor to engage in sexually explicit conduct, knowing that the conduct will be photographed or part of a live performance.

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Child sex exploitation is very rare and doesn't happen where we live.	Child sexual exploitation only happens to children in "care", who comes from a "bad" family, or are of a particular race, religion or economic background	All pimps are males
Child sexual exploitation only happens to girls and young women	Child sexual exploitation only happens in brothels or motels	They can't be exploited if they are already sexually active
Child sexual exploitation only happens to older children		Children and youth lure and prey on unsuspecting men/ women

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Myth 1: Sexual assault and rape victims are always hysterical, emotional or crying following an attack.

Myth 2: Contradictory, partial or inaccurate statements mean the victim is lying.

Myth 3: Avoiding eye contact, shifting in a chair or showing discomfort means a sexual assault victim is lying.

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Myth 4: If the victim didn't fight back or resist the assailant, she or he consented or the sexual activity was mutual and not forced.

Myth 5: If victims recant, that means they made false accusations and if they are uncooperative, the case should be dropped.

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Myth 6: All sexual assault victims are female, all perpetrators are male and sexual assaults only occur in the heterosexual population.

Myth 7: "Real rape" only happens if the perpetrator is a stranger, and past consent makes future consent unnecessary. If a victim has a casual sex partner, he or she is at fault.

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National	State of FLORIDA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15% of sexual assault and rape victims are under the age of 12 1 in 3 girls and 1 in 6 boys are sexually abused before the age of 18 Sexual exploitation impacts 70% of human trafficking victims At least 100,000 to 300,000 youth are at risk for commercial sexual exploitation annually in the U.S. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Florida is ranked 3rd in the U.S. for human trafficking 1 in 5 youth received a sexual approach or solicitation over the internet in the past year Nearly 30% of child sexual assault victims identified by child protective services were between 4 and 7 years of age

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- ❖ Feeling Isolated
- ❖ Being Bullied/ peer pressure
- ❖ Unstable family environment
- ❖ Previous experience of abuse

- ❖ Homelessness
- ❖ Learning disabilities
- ❖ Difficult life experiences
- ❖ Going missing/ running away/ staying out late

- ❖ Poor social support system
- ❖ Rebellious against parents/ authority figures
- ❖ Risk taking behaviors
- ❖ Experimentation with alcohol and drugs

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Four Most Prevalent Ways:

- ❖ Inappropriate Relationships
- ❖ Trafficking
- ❖ Gang and Group Exploitation
- ❖ Commercial Exploitation

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Inappropriate Sexual and non-sexual Relationships

These relationships usually involves one perpetrator who has inappropriate power or control over a young person

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Trafficking

Trafficking involves the “buying and selling” of children and youth

Children and youth are passed through networks and towns/cities; where they may be forced or coerced into sexual activity with multiple people

Young people are often used to recruit other young people

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Gang and Group Sexual Exploitation of Children

Young people in gangs or groups may be sexually exploited as part of gang initiation or as punishment

Young people may also be encouraged to recruit peers into the gang; exposing them to similar child sexual exploitation treatment and making it difficult to identify perpetrators who control the gang

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Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC)

CSEC includes child prostitution, child pornography, and child sex tourism

Children are often victims of more than one of these forms of exploitation

There is a cyclical nature to this victimization and multiple returns to their exploiters is not uncommon before reaching independence

The "system" often treats these children/ youth as criminals rather than victims

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Exploited young people are at increased risk of rape, sexual assault, physical violence, sexually transmitted infections, trafficking and pressure to use drugs and alcohol.

CSEC can impact every aspect of a child/young person's life, such as:

- ✦ Physical and Mental Health
- ✦ Education and training
- ✦ Family relationships
- ✦ Friends and social relationships
- ✦ How they view others
- ✦ Their relationships with their own children in the future

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Anxiety, depression, addiction, low self-esteem, eating disorders, PTSD, self-image, nightmares, flashbacks, and attachment problems.

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Physical injuries, pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections, weight loss, sickness, self-harm, general ill health, fertility problems, hair loss, poor diet, and addictions.

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Isolation from friends and family, education, hobbies and interests, risky/dangerous situations and people, difficulty developing and maintaining relationships, avoiding certain places and people, and social isolation.

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Drug/Alcohol 'debt', financial difficulty, stealing, unable to work, housing problems, trouble supporting children, benefit claims, and difficulty accessing mainstream education.

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SOME WARNING SIGNS THAT COULD SUGGEST THAT A CHILD/ YOUTH IS BEING SEXUALLY EXPLOITED OR AT RISK OF BEING SEXUALLY EXPLOITED: 24

- ❖ Frequently going missing from home or school
- ❖ Going out late at night and not returning until morning
- ❖ Being picked up in cars by unknown adults
- ❖ A significantly older friend, boyfriend or girlfriend
- ❖ Unexplained money, possessions, mobile phone credit or a new mobile phone
- ❖ Changes in behavior, for example becoming secretive or aggressive
- ❖ Increased use of mobile phone and/or internet activity
- ❖ Involvement in criminal activity

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Former US Air Force member in Montana admits to child sexual exploitation charges
ICE Newsroom (3/15/19) 26

A former U.S. Air Force service member on Thursday admitted to enticing minor boys in Montana he met online into sending him sexually explicit images. Prosecutors said an investigation began in February 2017. This investigation found that Kennedy met a minor boy who lived in Montana on Snapchat and ultimately determined that Kennedy had met six minor boys who all lived in Montana.

In Kennedy's online communications with the boys from about July 2015 through June 2017, he received sexually explicit images of the boys' genitals. The boys were all younger than 18 and lived in Kalispell, Big Fork and Great Falls. Law enforcement determined that Kennedy induced and persuaded one of the boys to produce a sexually explicit image of himself, which he sent to Kennedy.

This case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), and the Montana Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

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Local couple sentenced to 60 years in child sexual exploitation case
CBS(4/24/19) 27

A Killeen man and his wife, described as "serial child abusers," and the man's brother were sentenced to federal prison terms Wednesday in Waco in a child sexual exploitation case. The married couple admitted that in December 2017 "they uploaded sexually explicit videos of themselves sexually assaulting children as young as eight months old."

According to court records investigators compiled a list of approximately 25 potential minor child victims, ranging in age from infants to fourteen years of age, from the Central Texas area," the U.S. Attorney's Office said in a press release. The two have been in custody since they were arrested earlier this year.

Complaints filed showed U.S. Secret Service agents began investigating Feb. 21, 2018 after the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children notified the Texas Attorney General's Child Exploitation Unit about a Cyber Tipline report the national center generated based on a report provided by Facebook.

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82 People arrested in 8 states in child pornography, sexual exploitation case
NBC News (5/3/19)

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More than 80 people were arrested across eight states after an investigation into the sexual exploitation of children and child pornography distribution, authorities said Friday.

The investigation called Operation Southern Impact III began four months ago and involved more than 170 agencies from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia, according to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. They focused on tracking down people who possessed and distributed child pornography and those who may have been using the internet to prey on minors. A total of 82 people were arrested.

"The arrestees ranged in age from 20 to 70," the Georgia Bureau of Investigation said in a news release. "Some of their occupations included non-profit employee, small business owner, store clerk, mechanic, daycare administrator, youth group leader, former high school band director, freelance photographer, construction worker and painter."

A total of 17 children were either recovered or identified as victims. Investigators executed hundreds of search warrants and seized 1,613 digital devices.

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Former pediatric assistant gets more than 12 years in child sexual exploitation case
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS (5/6/19)

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The U.S. District Attorney in Philadelphia announced Monday that a former pediatric medical assistant was sentenced to 151 months in federal prison and 10 years of supervised release. Cameron Carlucci, 27, was convicted of possessing and distributing child pornography over a two-year period, an FBI investigation found. Between 2016 and his arrest in 2018, he amassed more than 56,000 images and videos of prepubescent boys, toddlers and infants.

Carlucci received five years of probation in 2011 in Philadelphia for possession of obscene and other sexual materials and began committing exploitation crimes against children after his probation ended.

In order to secure his medical technician job at Valley Pediatrics in Warminster, Pa., Carlucci lied on his employment application by omitting his criminal history.

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Sextortion- is a relatively new form of sexual exploitation that occurs primarily online and in which non-physical forms of coercion are utilized, such as blackmail, to acquire sexual content (photos/videos) of the child, obtain money from the child or engage in sex with the child.

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YOUTUBE VIDEO

Sextortion & Online Enticement - A Look at a New Epidemic (Sextortion 90 Second PSA)

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78% of the reports involved female children and 15% involved male children (In 8% of reports, child gender could not be determined).

Male and female children each ranged in age from 8-17 years old and had an average age of fifteen years old; however, compared to female children, it was less common for male children to be on the younger end of the spectrum.

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Sextortion most commonly occurred via phone/tablet messaging apps, social networking sites and video chats.

Of the reports in which an online location was mentioned, the total number of platforms that offenders used to communicate with children ranged widely from one platform to as many as seven platforms.

In 39% of incidents, there was enough information to determine the waiting period between the time the offender acquired the sexually explicit content of the child and the time they blackmailed them with it. Of the cases in which it was known, most (80%) appeared to occur the same day.

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Many different manipulation tactics were used by offenders, often in combination, to achieve their apparent objectives. The most common tactic that reporters indicated were the offender threatening to post previously acquired sexual content online (67%) and, often, specifically threatening to post it in a place for family and friends to see (29%) if the child did not comply.

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Female children were blackmailed significantly more often for sexually explicit content (84%) compared to male children (53%).

Male children were blackmailed significantly more often for money/goods (32%) compared to female children (2%).

There was no statistically significant difference between male (3%) and female (5%) children in the rate that they were blackmailed to meet for sex.

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To prevent Child Sexual Exploitation and keep children safe, it is vital that we:

- ❖ raise public and professional awareness of the signs
- ❖ teach children and young people about healthy relationships
- ❖ make sure everyone knows how to report concerns
- ❖ identify and prosecute perpetrators

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If you have information about suspected child sexual exploitation, including the exploitation of children by the possession, manufacture, distribution or receipt of child pornography report it to NCMEC's **CyberTipline®** at www.cybertipline.com
or
Call **1-800-843-5678**

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