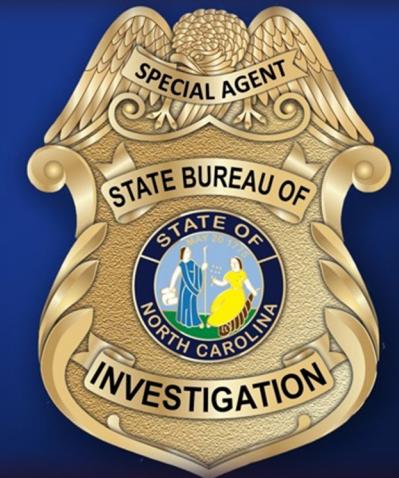


Human Trafficking Prevention Conference

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Child Pornography as a Term

- Words shape attitudes, influence public opinion, and drive social change.
- The term “child pornography” is still the legal term used in the U.S. code, but child sexual abuse material (CSAM) is a more accurate term as this is evidence of actual child sexual abuse.
- Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM) describes the representation (photos/videos) of sexually explicit conduct involving a minor.
- This term better depicts the reality of this horrendous crime as opposed to the legal term “child pornography.”
- Children exploited in this way are not capable of giving consent, and are ALWAYS re-victimized each time the content is shared, sold, traded and when those who view it and fantasize about it masturbate to it.

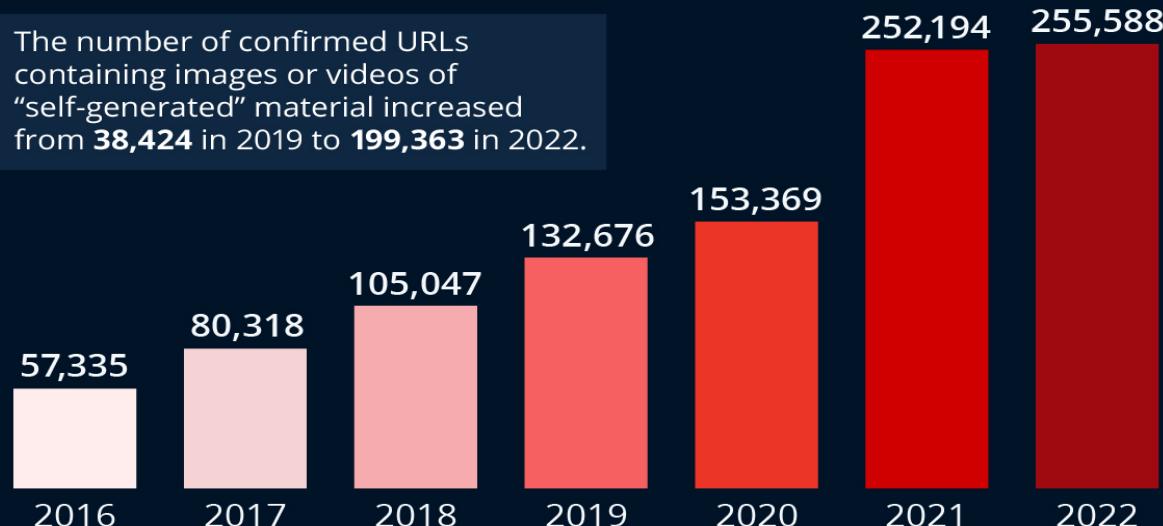
Call it what it is.
#CSAMnotCP

While Pornography Is Insidious and Prevalent – CSAM is Growing at a Rampant Rate

Online Child Pornography Skyrockets

Total number of URLs confirmed as containing child sexual abuse imagery worldwide, by year*

The number of confirmed URLs containing images or videos of "self-generated" material increased from **38,424** in 2019 to **199,363** in 2022.



* Includes links to the imagery or advertising it. Each URL could contain one, tens, hundreds or even thousands of individual child sexual abuse images or videos.

Source: Internet Watch Foundation

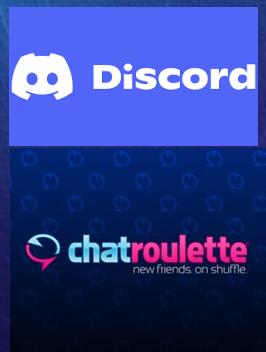


Who is Responsible for CSAM

- Sadly, the majority of CSAM is created by people with legitimate access to the child like parents, uncles, neighbors, and family friends
- Self-generated child sexual abuse material (SG-CSAM)
- CSAM produced without any clear offender present in or to take the images is considered SG-CSAM
- These images or videos result from multiple sources, such as:
 - A romantic exchange with a friend from school
 - A child being groomed and extorted to take explicit images of themselves at the demand of an offender online
 - A screen capture of a live stream
- US Produces more CSAM and Hosts more CSAM Sites than any other country

The Percentage of Self-Generated CSAM is Skyrocketing

- When I first started ICAC and Child Sex Abuse cases in the 90's there was very little self-generated CSAM seen
- As the years went by larger and larger amounts of Self-Generated CSAM became prevalent
 - 8 Year old chatting with 29 Year old in Cary
 - 7 year old first computer- between Christmas and February hundreds of photos
 - 12 year old (boy chatting with other boys)



Direct Correlation Between Human Trafficking of Children Human Trafficking and CSAM



A group of 10 suspected illegal migrants from Asia and Guatemala have been busted in Texas for allegedly possessing child pornography, according to police. Credit - Fox 26

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PROTECTING INNOCENCE
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3,513

CHILDREN RESCUED

15,274

PREDATORS ARRESTED

102

COUNTRIES WORLDWIDE

750,000+

CASES OF ABUSE PREVENTED

2.5 Million

The most shared child abuse file has been seen linked with over 2.5 million unique IP addresses.

50 - 150

Predators typically have between 50 and 150 victims over the course of their lifetimes.

72.5 Million

Since inception, CRC has identified 72.5 million unique IP addresses worldwide sharing and downloading sexually explicit images and videos of children.

7 - 13

Children are most vulnerable to child sexual abuse between the ages of 7 and 13.

1 in 5

As many as 1 in 5 girls and 1 in 20 boys will experience some form of sexual abuse before age 18.

90 %

90% of children who suffered sexual abuse were violated by someone known to the family.

With the amplification of the internet and digital technologies, the circulation of child sexual abuse material – sometimes inaccurately referred to as “child pornography” – has exploded worldwide.

Child Sexual Exploitation Material

- It is a GLOBAL problem.
- Since 2004 there have been over 9 billion child sex abuse media transmissions on the Internet Worldwide.
- 18,000 Unique IP addresses are identified every hour participating in trade of Child Sex Abuse Material on the Internet.
- 27042 unique computer serial numbers in the US.
- 838 unique computer serial numbers in NC alone in recent history.



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Child Sexual Exploitation Material

- Perspective to the previous data sets
 - Offender traffic is currently only captured on a small portion of the Internet (5 out of 10 File Sharing Networks).
 - Many other areas exist that allow offenders to share child exploitation material in closed forums, encrypted on-line file vaults and untraceable networks such as Freenet and Tor.
 - The real numbers are significantly higher than what we are able to currently capture.



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CSAM and Human Trafficking Links

- “CSAM plays a unique role in Sex Trafficking.” *
- “It can be a form of sex trafficking and a major factor of demand by creating and fueling demand for itself.” *
- “Nearly all buyers of commercial sex acts are also pornography users.” *
- “It often leads users to seek to act out what they have viewed.” *
• “Every person who provides a sexually abusive image to someone else is saying that it is OK to exploit children and sex trafficking victims.” *
- It “enables, and emboldens others.” *
- It validates others in their sexual abuse preferences with SHARED FANTASIES

* Busnik, R. N. (2014). *Blurred lines or bright line? Addressing the demand for sex trafficking under California law*. *Pepperdine Law Review*, 42(2), 333-376.

CSAM and Its Effect on Offending

Butner Study

“This study compared two groups of child pornography offenders participating in a voluntary treatment program: men whose known sexual offense history at the time of judicial sentencing involved the possession, receipt, or distribution of child abuse images, but did not include any “hands-on” sexual abuse; and men convicted of similar offenses who had documented histories of hands-on sexual offending against at least one child victim.

(<https://www.michaelbourkephd.com/publications-and-other-writings/>)

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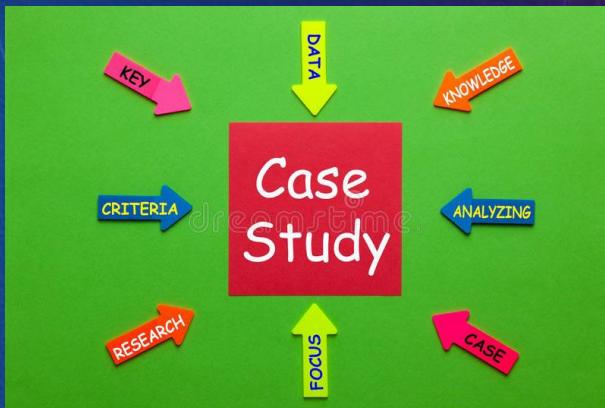
Butner Study

“The goal was to determine whether the former group of offenders were “merely” collectors of child pornography at little risk for engaging in hands-on sexual offenses, or if they were contact sex offenders whose criminal sexual behavior involving children, with the exception of Internet crimes, went undetected. Our findings show that the Internet offenders in our sample were significantly more likely than not to have sexually abused a child via a hands-on act. They also indicate that the offenders who abused children were likely to have offended against multiple victims, and that the incidence of “crossover” by gender and age is high.”

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Andrew Stephen Lazetera

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 October 6, 2015 •

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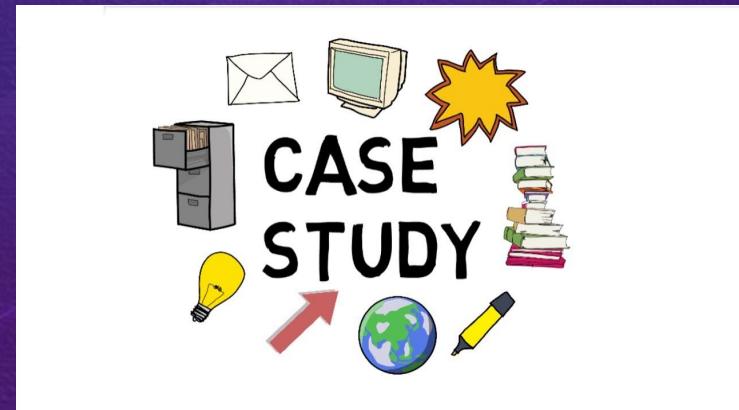
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Cary man sentenced to 20 years after 3,400 child porn images found

Authorities searched Andrew Stephen Lazetera's Cary home on Halloween of last year, said...



Initial Steps on Case – FTP Access and Downloads

- The first folder I selected was the folder “set-babyfuck.”
- Your Affiant noted 29 files in that folder and viewed and exported those files.
- Of those 29 files all 29 were extreme CSAM photos of babies.
 - Descriptions omitted
 - You DON’T want to know

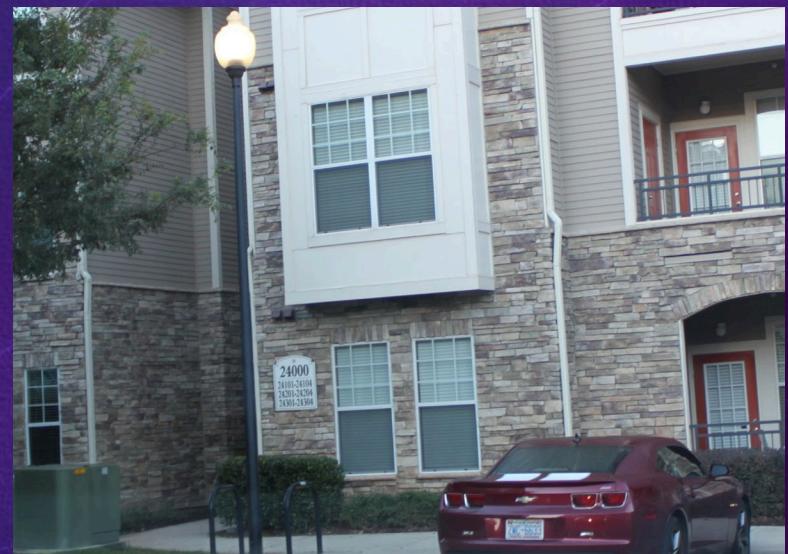
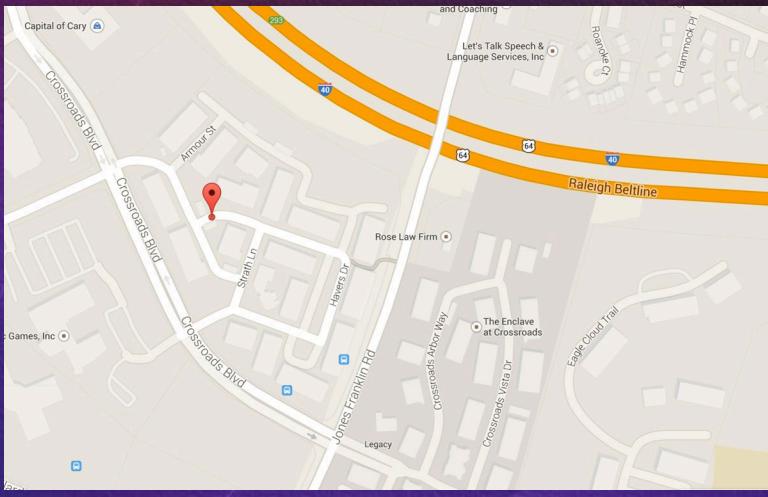


Initial Steps on Case – FTP Access and Downloads

- I literally downloaded hundreds of CSAM
 - Dogs Cats and Animals with Babies
 - Baby Rape
 - Preteens
 - Everything imaginable and UNIMAGINABLE



Search Warrant



When I Finished Computer Forensics

Found close to a hundred files of a 15 year old female and sexual acts

Masturbation

Etc

Objects inserted into her genitals

Found files of that 15 year old girl, nude, drunk or passed out

There was a baby's leg and foot in the shots

The baby's foot was inserted into the female's genitals

Geo Data in the MetaData to me to Andrew Lazetera's old address in Vermont and Next Door to a 15 year old girls residence

The 15 year old girl was his girl-friend (underage)

the baby was a child she (the 15 year old babysat)

Child Sexual Exploitation Material

- A sexual abuse image or video of a child is a permanent record of a horrific act committed against the most vulnerable of victims.
- Individuals, in my experience, take PRIDE in possessing and trading this material on the Internet.
- **In nearly all interrogations and interviews of suspects in well over 20 years in this area, suspects admit to “fantasizing” and masturbation while fantasizing about the child they are viewing in CSAM**
- **Most admit to starting this fantasy early in their teens**



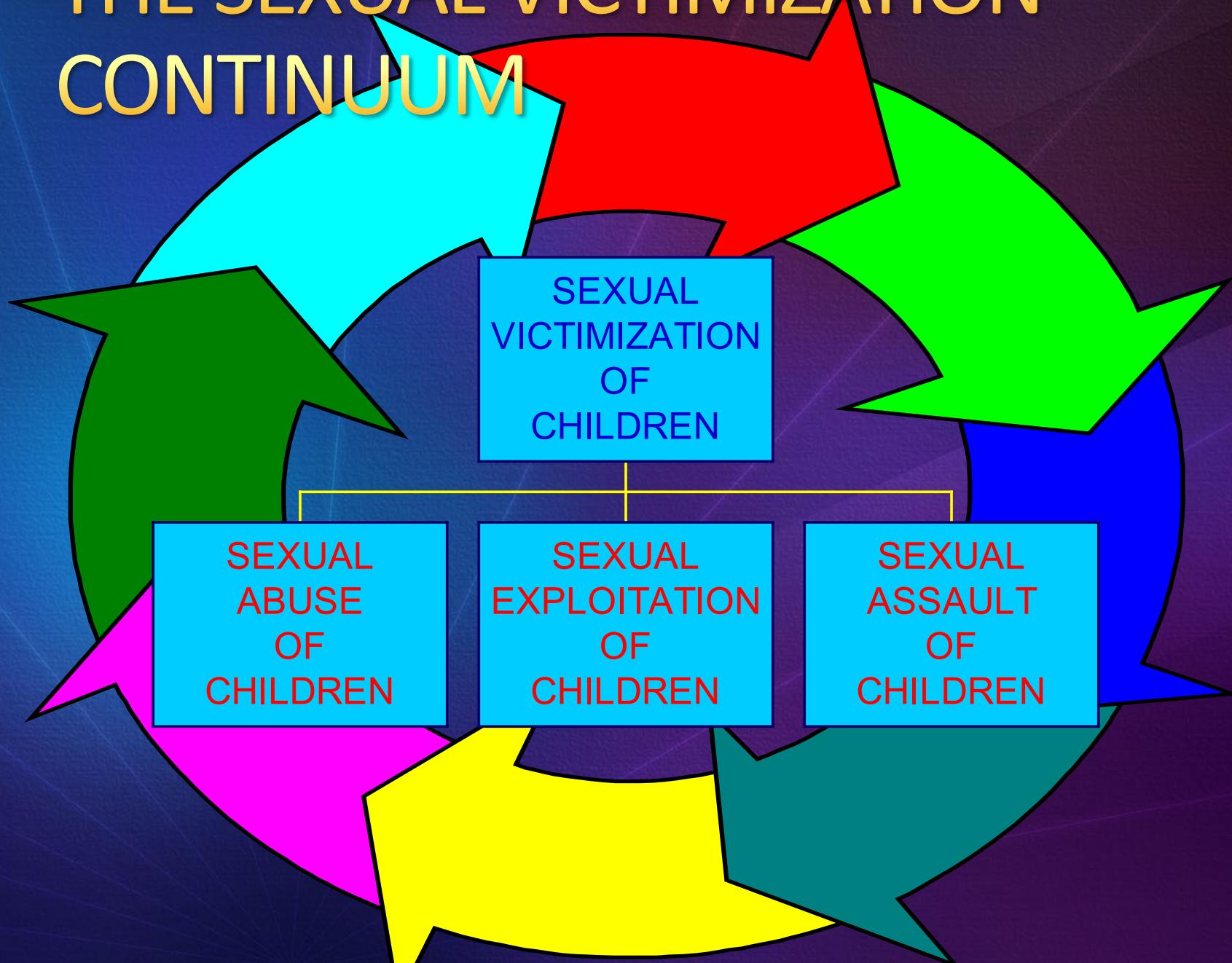
Possessor or Abuser?



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- Did you ever know anyone who collected baseball cards?
- If so and if you had a conversation with that person how likely would they be to purchase a ticket and go to a baseball game if given the chance.
- Contrast that to collectors of CSAM.
- What is the likelihood that a CSAM collector would have sex with a child if given a chance.

THE SEXUAL VICTIMIZATION CONTINUUM



Development Cycle of the Sex Offender

ABUSE



Grooming
Victim availability
Masturbation fuel
(Pornography and CSAM)
Environment
Internet
Validation
All Chip Away at the Wall

DISTORTION DEVELOPMENT

CYCLE



Illegal act that if carried out would constitute an offense.

FANTASY

MASTURBATION

The Engine Room
of the Distortion
Process for Sex
Offending



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Cognitive Distortion AKA Mixed Up Thinking

- Denial - Mere affection or merely a desire
- Minimize
- Project - “If my marriage...”
- Rationalize - Children enjoy sex
- Justification/Entitlement-Offender puts his needs/wants above victim’s
- One Group (NAMBLA) – “Sex before eight or it’s too late.”

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National Center For Missing and Exploited Children-CyberTipline Reports

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Categorization of CyberTipline Reports	2020 Reports	2021 Reports	2022 Reports
Child Pornography (possession, manufacture, distribution)	21,669,264	29,309,106	31,901,234
Misleading Words or Digital Images on the Internet	8,689	5,825	7,517
Online Enticement of Children for Sexual Acts	37,872	44,155	80,524
Child Sex Trafficking	15,879	16,032	18,336
Unsolicited Obscene Material Sent to a Child	3,547	5,177	35,624
Misleading Domain Name	3,109	3,304	1,948
Child Sexual Molestation	11,770	12,458	12,906
Child Sex Tourism	955	1,624	940
Grand Total	21,751,085	29,397,681	32,059,029

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In 2022, NCMEC escalated more than
49,000

urgent reports to law enforcement that involved a child in imminent danger.

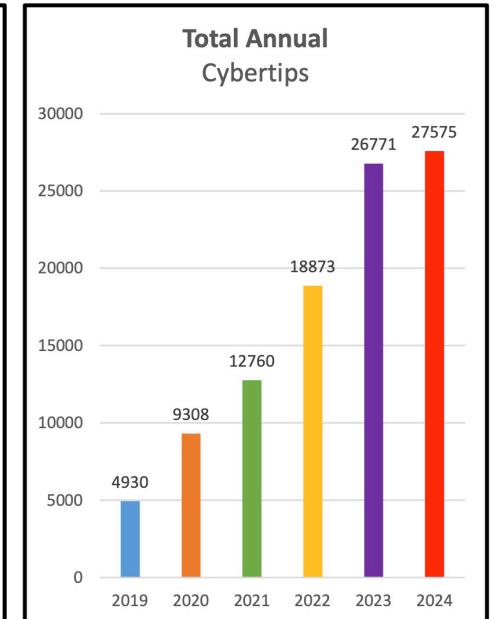
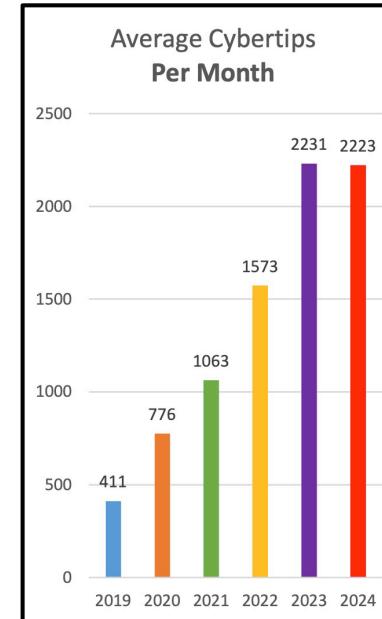
Cybertipline Reports in NC

2024 North Carolina ICAC / CyberTip Stats

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL	ANNUAL INCREASE
2019	573	397	483	453	313	365	446	411	332	442	360	355	4930	
2020	573	507	910	1098	850	855	491	650	486	887	1063	938	9308	189%
2021	799	746	1142	959	1162	904	887	813	1403	1226	1472	1247	12760	137%
2022	1634	844	2125	1216	1364	1400	1435	1600	1575	1613	1376	2691	18873	148%
2023	2184	1547	2182	1626	2659	1794	2383	2550	2576	2366	2298	2606	26771	142%
2024	2226	2049	2393										27575	103%

**Total Increase
2019-2024:
559%**

Average Monthly Cybertips 2019	411
Average Monthly Cybertips 2020	776
Average Monthly Cybertips 2021	1063
Average Monthly Cybertips 2022	1573
Average Monthly Cybertips 2023	2231
Average Monthly Cybertips 2024	2223



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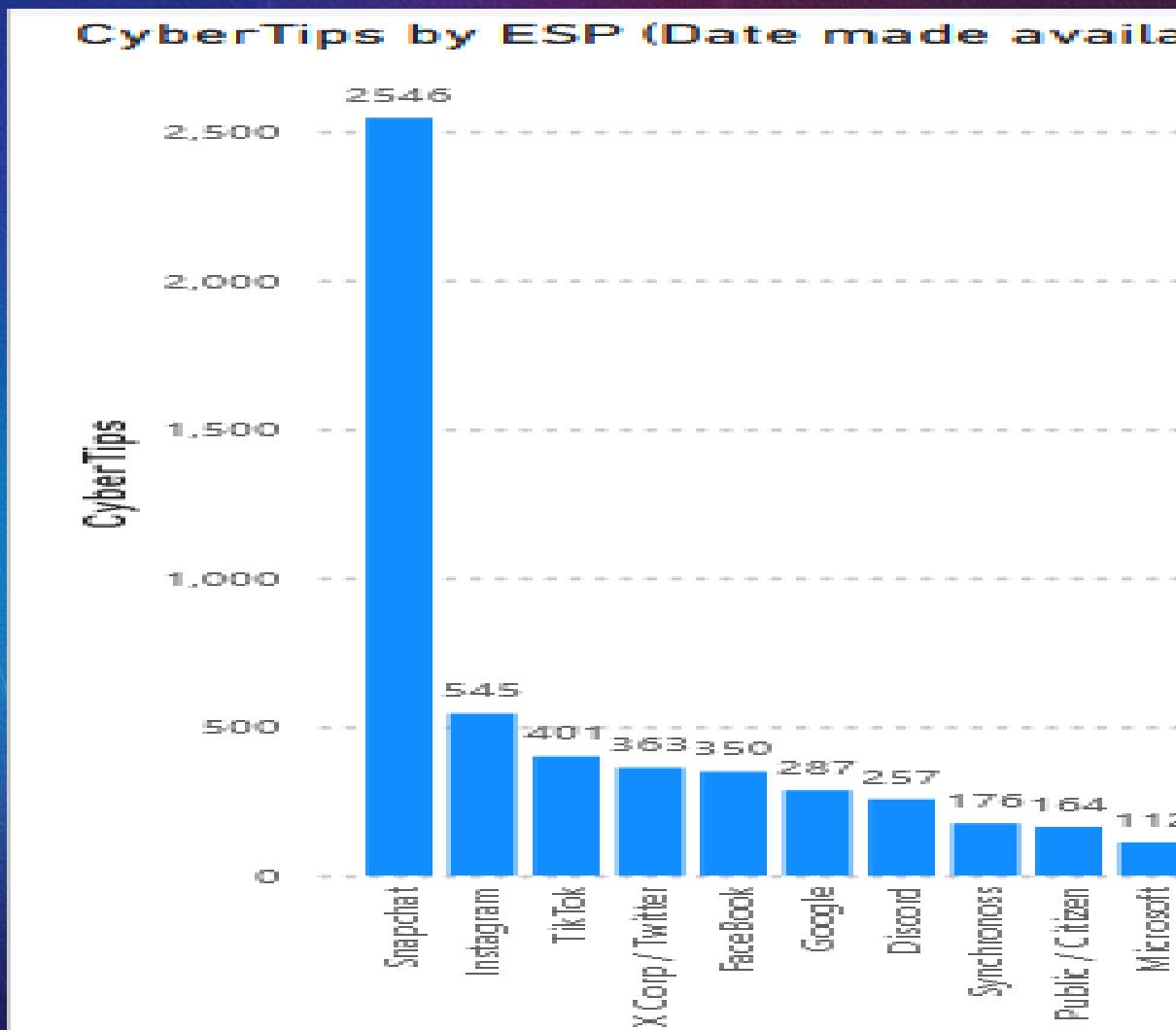
When most people hear about CyberTips, they believe these are reports related to the *“creepy pedophiles”* on the dark web or in the deep, hidden places of the internet.

Unfortunately, this perception is **NOT TRUE!!**

CyberTips in 2023



Cybertipline Reports in NC



What Can Be Done

- Legislation
 - CSAM Scanning via HASH Values and Photo DNA required. (Deplorable APPLE Decision)
 - AI Legislation.
 - Stricter controls on the “Porn” sites requiring age verification.
 - Legislation change on terminology (Recent Alaska change).
 - Human Trafficking and Money Laundering laws.
 - FUNDING
- Greater funding for the Watch Dogs of CSAM and HT.
- Education for youth.
 - Cultural change from the current Internet Porn trends.
 - Healthy relationships topics. “Man Up”
- Support of local organizations and 501c3 groups that serve victims of Trafficking and or sex abuse.
- Speak out to the community – (who wants to hide and pretend it doesn’t exist.)
 - Don’t glorify
 - Don’t tolerate improper lingo (CSAM not Child Pornography).
 - Holding offenders socially and civilly responsible as well as criminally.
 - Teach more about all forms of sex abuse
- Become an AGENT of change!