



# Profiling the Child Molester<sub>®</sub>

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• Within the family

#### Child Sexual Exploitation

- Primarily outside the family
- Multiple victims
- Child pornography

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"In order to successfully protect young people from child sexual abuse and child sexual exploitation you must become one with the child molester. You must not hate him or her, for in anger is carelessness and a lack of thoroughness. You must get inside the molester's mind. When you are one you can control the molester

#### **Child Sexual Abuse Crimes**

- Opportunity
- Desire

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Children are perfect victims

## Federal Child Exploitation Strike Force Chicago, IL

Prior to 1997 – Protecting sexually abused children by:

- Conducting proactive undercover investigations
- Utilizing the U.S. Mail and newspaper or magazine ads
- Targeting and arresting child molesters who otherwise would not be identified







## Paraphilia

- A paraphilia is a condition in which a person's sexual arousal and gratification depend on fantasizing about and engaging in sexual behavior that is atypical and extreme
- Defined by....

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# Pedophilia – DSM V

- This Paraphilia is characterized by sexual activity with a child, usually age 13 or younger, or in the case of an adolescent, a child 5 years younger than the pedophile.
- 302.2 Pedophilia

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## FBI Profile for the Child Molester

- Situational Molester Not a true sexual preference for a child
- Preferential Molester True sexual preference for a child
- Special Agent Kenneth Lanning Quantico Behavioral Science Unit

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#### FBI Profile for the Child Molester (cont.)

The purpose of this descriptive typology is not to gain insight or understanding about why child molesters have sex with children in order to help or treat them, but to recognize and evaluate how child molesters have sex with children in order to identify, arrest, and convict them









## Preferential Child Molester Characteristics

- Children are preferred sexual objects
- Life centers around this sexual preference
- Sexual interest in children is rationalized
- Sexual fantasies focus on kids

### Preferential Child Molester Characteristics (cont.)

- Highly predictable pattern of behavior
- High sense of interpersonal skills with children
- Well developed technique in obtaining victims or has a method for legal access
- Quick to utilize modern technology

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#### Touring Cyberspace – Traditional Web or Surface Web –

#### The Internet ....

- Standard browsers (Explorer, Safari...)
- World Wide Web (www)
- Usenet Newsgroups
- Internet Relay Chat (IRC)....

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Child Molester Characteristics	
♦ Situational	♦ Preferential
Less intelligent Impulsive Thought motivated Spontaneous Sloppy mistakes	More intelligent – cunning Compulsive – need driven Fantasy motivated Planned – scripted Needy mistakes
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## **Child Exploitation History**

• Pornography....



#### Molester Rationalization – Talking about Child Sexual Abuse

**Blaming Outside Factors** 

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- I'm the victim The Internet made me do it
- That child pornography stuff is everywhere....



## **Child Molester Collections**

- Very important
- Organized
- Permanent
- Concealed but not always
- Will share with others while looking for more
- <u>The molester will never destroy the</u> <u>collection</u>

#### Motivation for the Molester Collection

- Molesters are compulsive
- Never has enough
- Need for validation
- Sexual gratification
- Seduction tool
- Blackmail
- Medium of exchange

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#### Elements of the Molester Collection

- Child erotica
- Child pornography
- Trophies

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Euphoric recall – remembering how good it felt

## Child Erotica

Defined - Any image, material or object relating to children that provides a sexual purpose for a given individual (Farley)

#### Child Pornography – Child Abuse Images –

Defined – Visual depiction of a minor (under 18 years of age), that is or appears to be engaged in sexually explicit conduct or the lewd exhibition of the genitals

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## Child Pornography Defenses

Are they real children?

- Original vs. Airbrushed pre-digital photos
- Morphing
- Photo shopping
- Pseudo photos

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## "These are all Real Pictures"

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