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Prosecuting Image Exploitation

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Q&A

What are some forms and examples of sexual exploitation?

Would human trafficking fall under this crime, too?



Q&A

How does someone prove that something was shared with others? Do they need physical evidence or someone else's testimony?



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If an individual receives a semi-nude picture on Snapchat and they save it to their phone and forward it to others, is that punishable by law?



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What can women do when they engage in sex with someone and find that photos were taken unknowingly and the photos were sent out via social media?



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What happens when one does not know the origin of the offending post?



Q&A

When images are knowingly provided to the abuser, how do you prove that other images were obtained or distributed without permission?



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Which things would be considered a violation of the law—only sharing nude images or, for example, sharing an embarrassing voice recording/text that someone would not want shared with others?



Q&A

Does this happen more in bigger cities
verses small towns?



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How do you obtain subpoenas for devices?



Q&A

What are the age limits for prosecution?



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Maine is a state that allows a PFA for "Unlawful Dissemination of Certain Private Images"; how many other states' PFA laws allow this?



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Can you show us how we can tie this to civil domestic violence cases?



Q&A

We all know images are hard to remove once they're digitally available; what options do people have, if any, to limit the spread of their images once they're online?



Q&A

If the criminal route fails, are there civil remedies?



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Once images have been captured and distributed, what is the best way for the victim to ensure there is no further distribution?



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In civil cases, the victim may have consented to the pictures while in a relationship, but then after a break up, they are threatened with the public release of the pictures. Can you address proper wording that can be used to "restrict" the use of such images?



Q&A

How do you empower a victim after the exploitation?



Q&A

If a victim of sexual exploitation reaches out, what is the first thing an advocate should do?



Q&A

What can we do to help? Are there services available for a rural resident?



Q&A

What is your most effective style in working with noncompliant victims?



Q&A

How should a minor be questioned initially? Would the minor be held at the school, would the parents be notified prior to questioning?



Additional Resources

Here are two resources for victims and victim service providers who may be working with victims of image exploitation:

- <http://withoutmyconsent.org>
- <https://www.cyberrightsproject.com>



VictimLaw

To research laws in your state pertaining to this topic, visit VictimLaw at www.victimlaw.info, the OVC online legal database that contains more than 29,000 victim-centered laws.



Next Month

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Featured Hosts: Theresa Friend and Tatewin Means

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