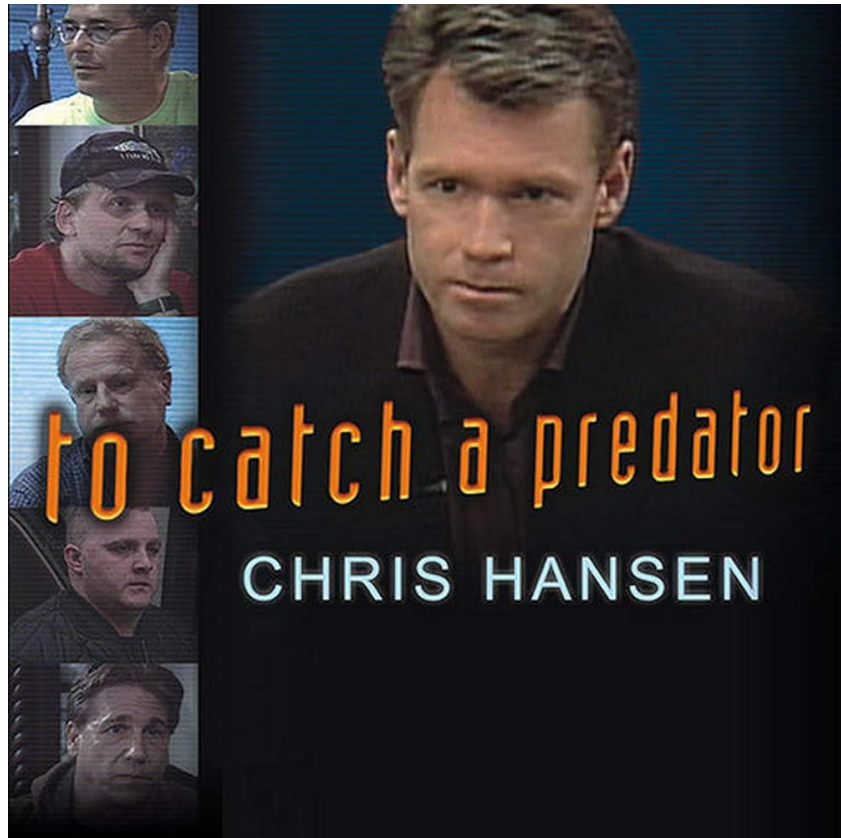


Cyber – Vigilante Case Handling



To Catch a Predator 2004-2007



- Worked by using undercover sting operations, where adults posed as minors online to lure suspected child predators, confronting them with hidden cameras at a sting house and often leading to arrests by law enforcement who were involved.
- Cancelled due to intense criticism over entrapment , legal issues, and a major controversy involving the suicide of an assistant DA caught in a sting.

Orange County District Attorney's Policy

The Orange County DA's Office will not file a case initiated by one of these citizen groups unless it has been fully investigated by a law enforcement agency and can be independently proven beyond a reasonable doubt without reliance on anything provided by or witnessed by these civilian vigilantes.

Even when provable through independent evidence, the OCDA's Office retains the discretion to make filing decisions on a case-by-case basis. The threat to public safety will be considered along with other factors such as whether the vigilante engaged in egregious behavior in making that determination.



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Cyber-vigilantes, even when well-intentioned, lack the training necessary to properly and safely investigate these cases. As a result, some of the actions taken by cyber-vigilantes have been reckless or even endangered public safety.

The Orange County DA's Office does not condone or endorse this behavior and encourages anyone who believes criminal activity has taken place to report it to law enforcement and avoid direct confrontation.

Entrapment Issues

- A defense where a normally law-abiding citizen is induced by law enforcement to commit a crime they wouldn't have otherwise.
- Overbearing conduct: Badgering, coaxing, flattery, repeated and insistent requests.
- Cyber-Vigilante's often become over aggressive and overly suggestive in their communication. (They are the ones suggesting the sex acts, meet up location, etc. NOT the suspect.)
- Cyber Vigilante's often assault, slap, chase, put hands on offenders during the confrontation.

Traveler / Enticement Charges

<u>Conduct:</u>	<u>Conditions:</u>	<u>Penal Code:</u>	<u>Exposure/Bail</u>
Exhibit or send CP to a minor child by any means (including cellular phone)	Intent to arouse self or intent to seduce minor child and intent of engaging in any sex act with or sexual touching of minor. Knowledge the victim is a minor, or failure to exercise reasonable care to ascertain their true age is required	288.2(a)(1)	2-3-5 Bail 30k
Exhibit or send harmful matter (non-CP) to a minor child by any means (including cellular phone)	Intent to arouse self or intent to seduce minor child and intent of engaging in any sex act with or sexual touching of minor. Knowledge the victim is a minor, or failure to exercise reasonable care to ascertain their true age is required	288.2(a)(2)	16mo-2-3 Bail 10k
Contact, or attempt to contact, a minor child to commit a sexual offense	Know, or reasonably should know, the victim is a minor child. Intent to commit: 207, 209, 261, 273a, 286, 287, 288, 288.2, 289, 311.2/.3/.11 FOR UC OPS MAKE YOUR AGE 13 or YOUNGER	288.3(a)	Half the term of intended sexual offense (prior conviction adds consecutive 5y)
Arrange to meet w/ minor child or a person believed to be a minor child	For purpose of engaging in lewd act including exposure of susp. or vic. genitals. FOR UC OPS MAKE YOUR AGE 13 or YOUNGER	288.4(a)(1)	Misd. unless susp. Is 290 registrant 16mo-2-3 Bail 10K
Arrange to meet w/ minor child or a person believed to be a minor child + actually arrive at meeting location	For purpose of engaging in lewd act including exposure of susp. or vic. genitals. FOR UC OPS MAKE YOUR AGE 13 or YOUNGER	288.4(b)	2-3-4 Bail 25k
Attempted lewd acts	Charge in traveler cases when the offender actually arrives at the arranged meet, or if the offender instructs the UC or vic. how to masturbate so long as UC or vic. is 13 years old or younger. <u>Strikeable offense.</u>	664/288(a)	18mo-3-4
Attempt to promote, induce or coerce a minor to make CP (non-commercial)	Suspect believes the victim is a minor child. Commercial purpose <u>NOT</u> required.	664/311.4(c)	8-12-18mo

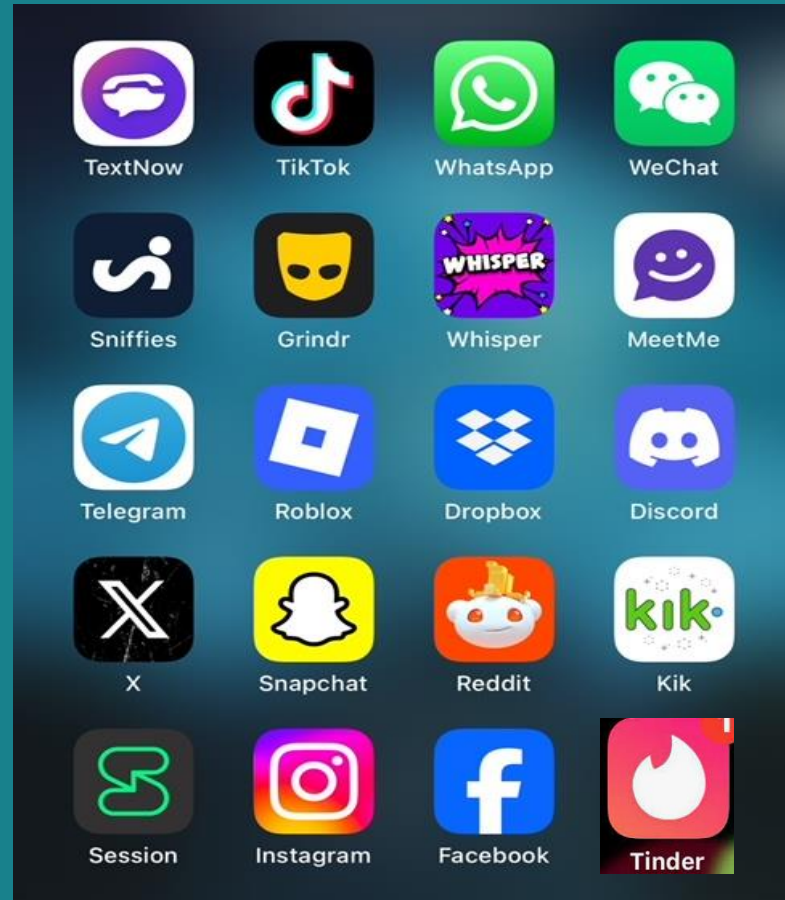
Child Pornography Charges

<u>Conduct:</u>	<u>Conditions:</u>	<u>Penal Code:</u>	<u>Exposure/Bail</u>
Possession of CP (Simple possession)	Any matter containing a minor child engaging in or simulating sexual conduct	311.11(a)	16mo-2-3 Bail 10K
Possession of CP with prior conviction or 290PC Reg.	Possess any amount of CP, been convicted of same (or and attempt) or is current 290 registrant	311.11(b)	2-4-6 Bail 35K
Possession of CP 601 images or more	601 images or 13 videos and 10 images or 1 video must contain child 11yo or younger or obviously prepubescent if age is unknown	311.11(c)(1)	16mo-2-5 Bail 30K
Possession of CP with sadism or sexual masochism	Any matter containing intentional infliction or experience of pain for purpose of sexual gratification	311.11(c)(2)	16mo-2-5 Bail 30K
Distribution of CP	Intend to or actually distribute, exhibit, or exchange CP	311.1(a)	16mo-2-3 Bail 10k
Sale of CP (commercial)	Intend to or actually distribute, exhibit, or exchange CP, for any commodity including other CP (does not have to be for money)	311.2(b)	2-3-6 Bail 35k
Promote, induce or coerce a minor to make CP (commercial)	Know, or reasonably should know the victim is a minor child. For sale or trade.	311.4(b)	3-6-8 Bail 55k
Promote, induce, or coerce a minor to make CSAM (non-commercial)	Know, or reasonably should know the victim is a minor child. Commercial purpose NOT required.	311.4(c)	16mo-2-3 Bail 10k
Commit felony while released on bail	This section will increase simple possession and simple distribution bail to 20k	12022.1(b)	2y consecutive enhancement Bail 20k

Investigative Steps

- Search or forensic evaluation of the electronic device(s) used by the suspect to communicate with the cyber-vigilante. (Get Passcode)
- Screen shots or screen recording of civilian's messages, usernames, etc.
- Obtain suspect's, username, and email address if possible.
- Are they in possession of condoms, lubes, sex toys etc.
- Admissions by the suspect to law enforcement, knowledge of age, etc.
- Search Warrant for devices and Electronic Service Provider (Platform used for the chat).

Popular Apps/Social Media Platforms



Online Covert Chat for Law Enforcement



- Make age 13, try to say age at least 3 times in conversation.
- Cannot suggest sexual acts or send explicit images.
- Cannot ask for or request nude photos from suspect.
- Cannot pick the meet up location or suggest it.
- Before a meet up happens, tell them your age one last time to give the opportunity to call it off.
- Can use AI altered images of yourself, or law enforcement personnel. Don't use anyone's actual personal info or civilian's photograph.

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The image displays the iFake Text Message website interface, which is designed to simulate an iPhone text message conversation. The interface is split into two main sections: a conversation builder on the left and a simulated message thread on the right.

Left Panel: iFake Text Message

iFake Text Message
Create a Fake Text Message Conversation

Text Message Conversation

Name: John Doe

Hi

hey

You're Hot

Thank you

How old are you?

13

We should meet up

Message...

+ Add Text Message

Battery

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Settings

Right Panel: Simulated Message Thread

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