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Title of Entry: "Selling Innocence"

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"SELLING INNOCENCE"
WMAQ-TV AND WTVJ-TV

Reporters: Dave Savini and Deborah Sherman -- Members

Producer: Michele Rubenstein and Scott Zamost -- Members

Photographers: Bond Li, Tim Horstman, Pedro Cancio and Jeff Barnes -- Not members

Editors: Daniel Varela and Sharon Pearson -- Not members

Assistants: Stacey Strussion, Patty Pulling, Joshua Sparaga, Zack Newmark -- Not members

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IRE Questionnaire (JOINT ENTRY WMAQ-TV AND WTVJ-TV)

1. "Selling Innocence"
2. 11-7-01, 11-19-01, 12-3-01, 12-17-01 (WMAQ-TV)
11-8-01, 11-9-01, 11-14-01, 12-4-01 (WTVJ-TV)
3. In a unique joint investigation WMAQ-TV in Chicago and WTVJ-TV in Miami-Ft. Lauderdale collaborated to expose a new nationwide industry called "child erotica" -- young girls exploited in nearly nude photographs and videos. Our investigation also uncovered children victimized by pornographers and pedophiles. The series of stories produced by the two investigative units sparked a nationwide investigation, a congressional inquiry, the arrest of a major player and the shutting down of one of the most popular child erotica websites.

The two teams shared sources and resources, worked undercover and conducted surveillance operations in several states revealing a child erotica ring that spanned the country. This unprecedented working relationship allowed us to cover more territory, share video, conduct more background checks and investigate more industry players. Combining the efforts and finances of our two investigative teams meant we could cover more states and invest more money into the project. The cost and time needed to dig deep into this story could have limited either team. By working together we were able to more comprehensively report on an industry harming children. Our major findings:

- We discovered a convicted child sex offender recruiting minors from at least a dozen states to pose online and in videos. He was arrested after we uncovered he had not complied with the terms of his sentencing agreement. He posted bond, shut down his Chicago operation and moved his modeling studio to Georgia. The criminal investigation is continuing, and because of what we uncovered, the U.S. Department of Justice has seized his computer files.
 - U.S. representatives from Illinois and Florida were so disturbed by our findings they have asked U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft to take action (see accompanying letters).
 - One of the largest child erotica sites announced it is shutting down because of the publicity.
4. This story began when WTVJ-TV producer Scott Zamost noticed postings in an internet bulletin board that a Florida company was operating child erotica sites featuring children in suggestive poses. He also found information in several Yahoo clubs (discussion groups on the internet) about a convicted child sex offender possibly living in Chicago and operating several teen modeling websites. But the pedophile had a common name -- Gary Smith. Zamost called Dave Savini at WMAQ-TV, who he met at IRE, to talk about the tips and suggested a joint investigation. Savini and his producer Michele Rubenstein conducted extensive background checks and spent day's surveilling several locations until the sex offender and his modeling studio were found. That was just the beginning of the joint investigation.

5. This was an investigation with virtually no paper trail. That was the initial challenge – how do we get inside this industry? Some of the clues appeared on the internet. We did a “betterwhois” search for all the websites we were interested in. We ran traces on the sites that told us the location of the internet service provider. We used Autotrak, Nexis, Pacer, sex offender databases and local criminal and civil court files to find addresses, other businesses and criminal records for the website operators.

6. Surveillance teams documented the movements of Gary Smith. We identified the cars and license plates of visitors, his website employees and models that were old enough to drive. We followed him through the gridlock of Chicago rush hour traffic and located the hotels he was using for photoshoots. We traveled to Arkansas and made new sources in law enforcement helping us to obtain sensitive FBI files detailing a pornography ring and allegations against Gary Smith. With that newly found information we were able to pinpoint some of the minors who were forced to pose nude. Contacts also were used to obtain private driver's license pictures so we could identify website operators. We also used sources to obtain confidential police, FBI and U.S. Attorney records. Law enforcement, child advocate groups and people connected to the internet modeling business around the country were used to develop our stories. In all, we talked to about 50 people with some knowledge of the “child erotica” industry. Law enforcement sources pointed us to North Carolina where police had arrested someone in connection with one of the websites we were investigating. We cultivated those police officials over several weeks, flew there to interview them, and were able to track down the convicted sex offender. In South Florida, we were able to gain entry into the company by having members of the investigative team meet with one of the company officials outside his home. He ended up volunteering that he was in the business of putting up modeling sites, and they later arranged a more formal meeting. During that meeting, he disclosed that he had recently returned from a certain county where he took photos of his most popular model. From that

knew the girl lived on a farm. We found one mother in a mall. They were holding a store bag. Because of the distinct characteristics in the photo, we went to a mall in the more rural part of the county. We asked a clerk told us the mother frequently shops there. We went to these feeding stores, assuming the family would be there. One of the clerks again recognized the mother. Day after day we stayed in business until we were able to track down the mother. We went to the address where we were from. It turned out old-fashioned best.

Scott
Zimost -
Working
for CNN
Atlanta.

7. As a result of our joint investigation, U.S. Representatives from Illinois and Florida sent letters to U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft requesting an investigation into this industry. U.S. Representative Mark Kirk wrote: "...it would appear that a large number of young Americans are being victimized by a growing industry thriving under the modeling loophole." Also as a result of our stories, one of the biggest child modeling websites, featuring the girl we tracked down, shut down her site.
8. The stations have aired a total of nine stories.
9. Most of these websites have Yahoo fan clubs where fans of the models post their opinions. It's like a free-flowing internet town meeting -- lots of unfounded material but nuggets of good information. We learned a lot about the sites and how they work from these clubs. In fact, that's how we first learned about a Halloween party in Chicago where we were able to go undercover to meet the models and the pedophile running the Website. To view the sites' more suggestive photos, you have to join and you have to purchase the videotapes. The photos also provide clues, such as locations and license plate numbers, to track down the models. It's also helpful cultivating internet sex crime task force contacts. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children takes complaints from around the country, although they will not release specific complaint information. Other child advocacy groups are good guides, and some had general knowledge of these child modeling websites. Another good source is internet photographers. We interviewed several off-camera to get an idea of how much money is involved, how the girls are recruited and what parents may be told.
10. This was a very difficult investigation because of the lack of a paper trail and limited knowledge of the subject by law enforcement. We consulted several private investigators to advise us on how to do such an investigation. All said it would be very difficult to get inside such an operation and tough to actually find the children and their parents. Some of the most daunting tasks at first involved identifying who was behind the various companies. It took weeks of surveillance to find them. The same kind of street-level reporting came into play when we searched for the parents and went undercover to meet one of the company's principals.
11. Four months
12. Not applicable

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MOLLI PLAYS BALL.

(NATSOUND)

JESSI PRACTICES YOGA.

(NATSOUND)

LITTLE AMBER GROOMS HER HORSE.

(NATSOUND)

THREE GIRLS IN SOUTH FLORIDA. HUNDREDS MORE AROUND THE WORLD...NOW MODELING FOR MONEY ON THE INTERNET.

(MODEM SOUND)

GIRLS AGES SEVEN TO 13 SELLING PHOTOS AND VIDEOS.

(NATSOUND T#32@6-23)

"AND I'LL ROLL AROUND IN THE MUD."

ALL APPARENTLY WITH THEIR PARENTS' CONSENT.

THE WEBSITES CLAIM THE MONEY'S FOR COLLEGE.

BUT IF THEY LOOK INNOCENT ---

TAKE ANOTHER LOOK.

(CLICK NATSOUND PHOTOS)

(T#14@43-49-NANCY MCBRIDE)

zamost ... (WTVJ)PEOPLE2.ZAMOST.DRAWER. SELLING INNOCENCE 2

"WE'RE PUTTING THESE KIDS ON A PLATTER, WE'RE SAYING COME AND GET ME."

OUR INVESTIGATION WILL REVEAL HOW THESE SITES ARE SELLING THE SEXUALITY OF INNOCENT CHILDREN (SLOW MO DRAMATIC SHOT INTO KINET) TO THE VERY LAST PEOPLE YOU'D WANT NEAR A CHILD.

(T#13@21-25)

"I TRULY BELIEVE THESE CHILDREN ARE BEING EXPLOITED."

WE SHOWED THE CHILD MODELING WEBSITES TO NANCY MCBRIDE. SHE'S DIRECTOR OF FLORIDA'S NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN.

(SOTT#14@48-26)

"THIS IS UNSAVORY, IT'S DISGUSTING, IT MAKES MY STOMACH TURN."

(T#13A@16-29)

DEBORAH: "ARE THESE INNOCENT IMAGES?"

(T#13@16-30)

"NO, THEY'RE NOT."

(BUTT TO T#13@14-38-NANCY MCBRIDE)

CG NAME
NANCY MCBRIDE

NATL. CTR. FOR
MISSING AND
EXPLOITED
CHILDREN

"THESE ARE NOT KIDS WHO ARE STANDING UP AND HAVING THEIR PICTURE TAKEN IN AN INNOCENT, BLAMELESS MANNER TO BE PUT UP ON A WEBSITE. THESE ARE VERY DEFINITELY PROVOCATIVE."

SKIMPY CLOTHES, CAMERA CLOSE-UPS, AND GROWN-UP POSES. BARELY LEGAL, EXPERTS SAY,

zamost ... (WTVJ)PEOPLE2.ZAMOST.DRAWER. SELLING INNOCENCE 3

BUT A GROWING INDUSTRY ON THE INTERNET CALLED CHILD EROTICA. AND A MAJOR PLAYER IS RIGHT HERE IN SOUTH FLORIDA, WHERE MANY OF THE PICTURES ARE TAKEN.

(T#32@114)

"GO CHANGE YOUR CLOTHES."

CC NAME
DEBORAH
SHERMAN
INVESTIGATIVE
REPORTER

OUR INVESTIGATION FOUND A FORT LAUDERDALE COMPANY CALLED WEBE WEB RUNS EIGHT CHILD MODELING WEBSITES. THE SAME COMPANY ALSO SELLS SEX ONLINE -- HAVING OPERATED AT LEAST 14 SITES THAT MARKET ADULT PORNOGRAPHY.

WEBE WEB IS RUN BY MARC GREENBERG IN THE T-SHIRT AND JEFF LIBMAN. LIBMAN PHOTOGRAPHS THE GIRLS AND EVEN APPEARS IN ONE OF THE VIDEOS.

WE WENT UNDERCOVER TO MEET LIBMAN AND LEARN MORE ABOUT HIS WEBSITES. HIS MOST POPULAR FEATURES A 12-YEAR-OLD NICKNAMED "LITTLE AMBER."

LISTEN AS LIBMAN TELLS US HER SITE IS PURELY PROFESSIONAL.

(#17-14-48 LIBMAN AUDIO)

"I WANT THEM, I DON'T WANT THEM TO BE EYE CANDY FOR PERVERTS."

BUT IN ANOTHER BREATH, LIBMAN ADMITS MEN ARE LOOKING AT THE GIRLS.

(PRE-PRO AND T#17@2:05)

"IT GIVES THESE GUYS THAT DO LIKE YOUNG GIRLS LIKE THAT WOULD BE NORMALLY GAWKING AT THESE TEENAGERS IN THE MALL, YOU KNOW, AN OUTLET TO RELIEVE THEMSELVES OF THEIR FRUSTRATIONS I GUESS."

THE MEN JOIN THE GIRLS' FAN CLUBS...AND EVEN SEND THEM PRESENTS...

(T#32@8:00 NATSOUND OF LIBMAN FROM AMBER VIDEO)

"THIS WAS A GIFT FROM ALL YOUR FANS."

AND CLOTHES TO MODEL.

(NATSOUND FROM VIDEO)

"THIS IS CUTE, I LOVE THIS OUTFIT."

LIBMAN TAKES MOST OF LITTLE AMBER'S PICTURES AT HER HOME -- A FARM WE TRACKED DOWN IN PALM BEACH COUNTY.

(#15, 3-19 AMBER'S BROTHER)

"SHE'S A MODEL AND SHE GETS MONEY FROM THAT FOR COLLEGE..."

LITTLE AMBER'S BROTHER...MOTHER AND STEPFATHER DID NOT WANT TO TALK TO US ABOUT THE MODELING SITE AND ASKED US TO LEAVE.

BUT WE'VE LEARNED HER MOTHER MAY KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT MODELING HERSELF.

SHE APPEARED NUDE LAST YEAR ON A PORNOGRAPHIC WEBSITE CALLED KANDILAND.

(VIDEO GREENBERG/LIBMAN)

THE OWNERS OF WEBE WEB DON'T WANT TO TALK TO US ON CAMERA EITHER.

OFF CAMERA, THEY TELL US THEIR WEBSITES EACH MAKE AT LEAST A THOUSAND DOLLARS A MONTH FOR THE GIRLS. WEBE WEB'S MARC GREENBERG ALSO SAYS: "THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH WHAT WE DO. WE DON'T EXPLOIT CHILDREN."

(T#35@3-15-10)

"YOU'VE GOT A CHILD IN A NIGHTIEGOWN, AND SHE'S IN BED."

BUT LT. PAUL O'CONNELL STRONGLY DISAGREES.

(T#35@3-16-LT. O'CONNELL)

"FOR THE PARENTS THAT HAVE THEIR OWN CHILDREN POSE IN THESE SUGGESTIVE POSITIONS, IT TELLS ME RATHER THAN PARENTS, THEY'RE PIMPS AND THEY'RE EXPLOITING THEIR OWN CHILDREN FOR MONETARY GAIN."

HE LEADS A SOUTH FLORIDA TASK FORCE THAT TARGETS ONLINE CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN.

(T#35@3-14-30-LOOKING AT PICS)

"SHE'S ALMOST COMPLETELY NUDE."

(PRE-PRO)

HIS AGENTS HAVE INVESTIGATED COMPLAINTS ABOUT PEDOPHILES LOOKING AT WEBE WEB'S CHILD MODELING SITES. BUT HE SAYS THE SITES ARE LEGAL.

(T#35@3-04-06)

CC NAME
LT. PAUL
O'CONNELL
LEACH TASK
FORCE

"IT'S ABOUT WHAT'S WITHIN THE LAW AND HOW MUCH MONEY THEY CAN MAKE AND HOW QUICKLY THEY CAN MAKE IT. THAT'S WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT."

AND IF THERE'S ANY DOUBT ABOUT WHO IS LOOKING AT THESE GIRLS, THEN JUST TALK TO ONE OF "LITTLE AMBER'S" ADMIRERS.

(NATSOUND-BREAK T#18@12-37-29)

"POLICE DEPARTMENT, SEARCH WARRANT, POLICE DEPARTMENT!"

CG NAME
POLICE VIDEO

WE OBTAINED THIS VIDEO OF POLICE SEIZING EVIDENCE LAST YEAR FROM THE HOME OF MICHAEL KIVETT IN NORTH CAROLINA.

(NATSOUND BREAK)

CG NAME
GREENSBORO
N.C.

POLICE CAUGHT KIVETT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA-GREENSBORO...ON A LIBRARY COMPUTER...DOWNLOADING CHILD PORN. AND WHEN POLICE EXAMINED THE COMPUTER, THEY FOUND PICTURE AFTER PICTURE OF LITTLE AMBER.

(T#21@8:32)

DEBORAH: "WHY DO YOU THINK HE HAD THIS CHILD MODELING SITE UP?"

CG NAME
LT. PAUL LESTER
UNCG POLICE
DEPT.

LT. LESTER: "I THINK IT WAS FOR THE SAME REASONS THAT HE HAD THE MORE GRAPHIC SITES IS THAT HE RECEIVES GRATIFICATION FROM CHILDREN, FROM THE IMAGES OF CHILDREN."

KIVETT IS NOW A REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER.

(NATSOUND BREAK T#@20)

CG NAME
ASHEBORO, N.C.

WE FOUND HIM LIVING IN THIS APARTMENT WHILE HE GOES TO COUNSELING.

(T#20@6-43-49)

DEBORAH: "WHO'S LOOKING AT THESE PICTURES OF THIS CHILD?"

KIVETT: "MOST LIKELY, IT WOULD BE SEX OFFENDERS OR PEDOPHILES OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT."

(T#20@6-40-09-KIVETT)

CG NAME
MICHAEL KIVETT
CONVICTED SEX
OFFENDER

"MOST PEOPLE BROWSE THESE SITES JUST MAINLY BECAUSE THEY FIND SEXUAL ATTRACTION TO CHILDREN. A LOT OF THEM, IF THEY CAN'T FIND REGULAR PORN SITES, THEY USE STUFF LIKE THAT AS A SUBSTITUTE.

DEBORAH: "AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR WHAT?"

KIVETT: "REGULAR CHILD PORN."

AS PART OF HIS PROBATION, KIVETT'S NOT ALLOWED TO BE AROUND CHILDREN OR GO ON THE INTERNET.

(T#20@6-51-30)

DEBORAH: "YOU DON'T HAVE KIDS, BUT IF YOU DID, WOULD YOU PUT YOUR CHILD'S PICTURES ON THE INTERNET?"

KIVETT: "NO."

DEBORAH: "WHY NOT?"

KIVETT: "BECAUSE IT'S TOO DANGEROUS. I DON'T WANT, I DON'T WANT SOMEBODY LIKE ME DOING THE SAME THING I DID TO MY KID."

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~~(TONY/2-SHOT)~~

A FOUR-MONTH NBC 6 INVESTIGATION REVEALED HOW A SOUTH FLORIDA COMPANY IS "SELLING INNOCENCE" -- PROVOCATIVE PICTURES OF "LOCAL CHILDREN" AROUND THE WORLD.

JENN/2-SHOT

~~(JENN/2-SHOT)~~

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER DEBORAH SHERMAN IS HERE TO CONTINUE HER INVESTIGATION WITH NEW LINKS BETWEEN FLORIDA TEENAGERS AND THE CHILD EROTICA INDUSTRY.

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(DEBORAH)

CG TAL 2
DEBORAH
SHERMAN
INVESTIGATIVE
REPORTER

IT'S A GROWING TREND ACROSS AMERICA....

NOW--IN A JOINT INVESTIGATION WITH OUR SISTER STATION IN CHICAGO...WE'LL UNCOVER A NATIONAL PLAYER IN THIS BUSINESS OF CHILD EROTICA.

LAST NIGHT--WE COVERED THE FACES OF YOUNG CHILDREN WHOSE OWN PARENTS PUT THEIR PICTURES UP FOR SALE.

TONIGHT, WE FOCUS ON TEENAGERS... MANY UNDER 18, WHO PROMOTE THEMSELVES... SO WE "WILL" SHOW THEIR FACES.

A WORD OF CAUTION -- YOU MAY FIND THESE IMAGES DISTURBING.

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(ALL SUPERS ARE ALREADY ON!)

(PKG)

TAKE BUG OFF -- NO BUG DURING PACKAGE!!

(T#45@21-09 NATSOUND VIDEO)

PRETEND SLEEPOVERS.

(T#45@19-37 NATSOUND VIDEO)

PILLOW FIGHTS.

(T#30@2-41-48 NATSOUND CLICK PHOTOS FROM WEBSITES)

GIRLS POSING ON THE INTERNET FOR BIG MONEY.

(T#38@13-39)

CG NAME
ADRIANNE
INTERNET MODEL

"I MADE A THOUSAND DOLLARS IN THE FIRST WEEK THAT MY SITE WAS OPEN."

(T#25@3-20, T#30@2-38-1, 2-41-12, 2-47-22)

THEIR WEBSITES ARE PART OF A BOOMING ON LINE INDUSTRY OF CHILD EROTICA.

OUR INVESTIGATION EXPOSING THE PERSON RUNNING "THESE" SITES...

AND THESE TWO MEN IN SOUTH FLORIDA OPERATING CHILD MODELING WEBSITES FOR GIRLS AS YOUNG AS SEVEN.

THE WEBSITE OPERATORS SAY THEY'RE DOING NOTHING WRONG...

BUT CRITICS SAY THEY'RE EXPLOITING CHILDREN...PEDDLING THEIR PICTURES FOR PROFIT...PLAYING TO PEDOPHILES.

(T#35-3-16-50 LT. O'CONNELL)

CG NAME

LT. PAUL

O'CONNELL

L.E.A.C.H. TASK

FORCE

"FOR THE PEOPLE THAT LOOK AT THESE, TO PAY TO LOOK AT THESE TYPES OF PHOTOGRAPHS, IT FUELS THEIR SEXUAL DEVIANCE, THEIR SEXUAL DESIRE."

NOW, OUR INVESTIGATION IS UNCOVERING A NEW LINK TO MORE GIRLS IN FLORIDA.

(T#30@2-51-35, 2-46-55, 2-43-39, 2-54-59)

(T#31@111-30, 302-46)

35-YEAR-OLD GARY SMITH PHOTOGRAPHS GIRLS FROM FLORIDA

(NATSOUND BREAK/B-ROLL T#35)

AND ALL OVER THE COUNTRY.

(T#34@1-14-36/1-17-46 NATSOUND FROM VIDEO)

FROM A HOTEL ROOM IN WASHINGTON.

(NATSOUND T#34@1-37-04)

TO A BOAT OFF FORT MYERS.

(T#25 AND T#31@107-19, 109-27)

AND HIS HOME IN CHICAGO. TWO OF THE MODELS -- TIFFANIE AND KATIE -- BOTH 17 FROM PENSACOLA.

(NATSOUND CLICKING STILL PHOTO)

(T#38@12-20, T#52)

OUR INVESTIGATION HAS DISCOVERED THAT GARY SMITH IS ALSO ON A WEBSITE -- THE ILLINOIS LIST OF REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS.

(T#50@4-22-10)

CG NAME

"HE HAD HER PINNED AGAINST THE SIDE OF THE

BILL LINCKS
VICTIM'S FATHER

CAR TRYING TO TAKE HER CLOTHES OFF, KISSING,
FONDLING."

(T#50@4-38)

SMITH WAS CONVICTED IN 1998 OF SEXUALLY
ABUSING BILL LINCKS' 15-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER.

EVEN THOUGH SMITH RECEIVED A SUSPENDED
SENTENCE, HE'S STILL ALLOWED TO BE AROUND
YOUNG GIRLS.

(NATSOUND T#41@11-05, 4-48, 6-34, 9-42, 10-03)

CG LOC
CHICAGO

AND THAT'S WHERE WE FOUND HIM -- IN
CHICAGO THROWING A HALLOWEEN PARTY FOR
FANS TO MEET THE MODELS LIKE TIFFANIE FROM
PENSACOLA.

SOME OF HIS MODELS DON'T SEEM TO CARE
ABOUT HIS CRIMINAL RECORD.

(T#44@15-50)

CG NAME
IRIS
INTERNET MODEL

"I HAVE NEVER HAD ANYONE HAD A BAD
COMPLAINT ABOUT HIM, AND WHAT HE DOES."

IN FACT, LAW ENFORCEMENT SOURCES SAY THE
FBI HAS INFORMATION THAT SMITH ALLEGEDLY
FORCED A 12-YEAR-OLD GIRL TO POSE NUDE IN A
MISSOURI HOTEL ROOM EARLIER THIS YEAR.

(T#44@13-25)

CG NAME
GARY SMITH
CONVICTED SEX
OFFENDER

"SUPPOSEDLY, I HAVE A HUGE NUDE COLLECTION
OF ALL THE GIRLS, AND TRUTH BE TOLD, THAT'S NOT
THE CASE."

SMITH WAS SUPPOSED TO GO TO SEX OFFENSE
COUNSELING.

(T#44@2-33-SMITH)

CG NAME
GARY SMITH

"IT WAS QUITE A FEW SESSIONS OVER A PERIOD
OF MONTHS. I DON'T KNOW, IT WAS YEARS AGO."

INTERNET
MODELING CO.
OWNER

(T#49@3-19-20, 3-22-27)

AFTER HEARING THAT, THE ARKANSAS
PROSECUTOR IN THE CASE DISAGREED.

(T#48@220-53)

CG NAME
DAN STEWART
SEBASTIAN CTY,
AR PROSECUTOR

"WELL, HE WAS ORDERED TO PROVIDE PROGRESS
REPORTS. OUR OFFICE HAS RECEIVED NONE,
ZERO."

(T#44 @120-40)

"YOU KNOW, I'VE GOT NOTHING TO HIDE. LIKE I
SAID, I WELCOME THEM TO COME IN AND RAID
THE PLACE, AND TAKE THE SERVERS OUT."

(T#51)

RAID THEY DID. FIVE DAYS LATER, AT SMITH'S
HOME IN CHICAGO, AUTHORITIES SEIZED \$200,000
IN COMPUTER DISCS AND VIDEOS.

(T#51 NAT SMITH WALKING)

AND POLICE ARRESTED SMITH FOR VIOLATING THE
TERMS OF HIS SENTENCE BY NOT GOING TO SEX
OFFENSE COUNSELING.

(T#51@12-45)

"I DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER TO YOU. "

NATSOUND DOOR CLOSING

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TAKE PKG

(PKG)

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OUT: CHILD'S BEEN
MURDERED
(TAKE BUG OUT
PLEASE!)

THEY CALL IT CHILD MODELING AND SAY IT
PAYS FOR COLLEGE.
BUT OUR NBC 6 INVESTIGATION REVEALED
IT'S PART OF THE CHILD EROTICA INDUSTRY THAT
APPEALS TO PEDOPHILES.

(14:08 REP. MARK FOLEY)

CC NAME
U.S. REP. MARK
FOLEY
(R) PALM BEACH
COUNTY
(11-17)

"WHAT'S GOING ON HERE, UNDER THE GUISE OF
RAISE MONEY FOR COLLEGE IS SICK, IT'S
PERVERTED, IT'S TWISTED, IT'S WRONG AND SHOULD
BE OUTLAWED."

AFTER WATCHING OUR STORY,
CONGRESSMAN MARK FOLEY SAYS HE'LL
INTRODUCE LEGISLATION TO BAN CHILD
MODELING WEBSITES LIKE THESE BECAUSE HE
THINKS THEY'RE EXPLOITING CHILDREN;

FROM WHAT THEY WEAR TO THE WAY THEY'RE
POSED.

OUR STORY FOUND THESE TWO MEN RUN 8
OF THE CHILD MODELING WEBSITES IN SOUTH
FLORIDA.

THEIR COMPANY, CALLED WEBE WEB,
FEATURES GIRLS 7 TO 13 YEARS OLD.

BUT WEBE WEB SAYS IT'S NOT BREAKING THE
LAW.

(21:58 DEB QUESTION)

"WHY IS THIS LEGAL?"

(19:22 REP. FOLEY)

"IT'S HARD TO ANSWER. I DON'T THINK ANYBODY IS
REALIZING THIS IS HAPPENING. I THINK THAT'S THE
REASON THIS COULD EXIST. BECAUSE MEMBERS
LIKE MYSELF ARE SEEING IT FOR THE FIRST TIME AND
ARE JUST SHOCKED."

CONGRESSMAN FOLEY CO-CHAIRS THE
HOUSE MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN'S
CAUCUS.

FOLEY COULDN'T BELIEVE A PEDOPHILE IN
OUR STORY ADMITTED HE WAS LOOKING AT THE
WEBSITE OF A GIRL NICKNAMED LITTLE AMBER.

THE GIRL LIVES ON A FARM IN PALM BEACH
COUNTY -- FOLEY'S DISTRICT.

HE SAYS SOME PARENTS ARE PUTTING THEIR KIDS
IN DANGER.

(13:10 REP FOLEY)

"THESE ARE CHILDREN POSING SUGGESTIVELY AND
I THINK PUTTING THEM IN VERY COMPROMISING
SITUATIONS (BUTT 13:28) AND THE NEXT THING A
PARENT'S GOING TO REALIZE THEIR CHILD'S BEEN
KIDNAPPED, THEIR CHILD'S BEEN VIOLATED OR
THEIR CHILD'S BEEN MURDERED."

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DEBORAH
SHERMAN
INVESTIGATIVE
REPORTER

REPRESENTATIVE FOLEY SAYS HE EXPECTS
HE'LL HAVE FULL SUPPORT FROM CONGRESS TO
MAKE THOSE KINDS OF PICTURES ILLEGAL.

FOLEY SAYS IF IT'S FASTER TO INTRODUCE
LEGISLATION AT THE STATE LEVEL, HE'LL CONTACT
THE GOVERNOR AND PUSH FOR THAT TOO.

WE'LL KEEP YOU POSTED.
JENNIFER/TONY?

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(MIKE/OTS)

A MAJOR DEVELOPMENT TONIGHT IN AN N-B-C SIX INVESTIGATION "SELLING INNOCENCE" THAT WE BROUGHT YOU LAST MONTH CONCERNING CHILD MODELING WEBSITES.

THOSE WEBSITES FEATURE GIRLS AS YOUNG AS SEVEN YEARS OLD FROM SOUTH FLORIDA.

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER DEBORAH SHERMAN JOINS US NOW WITH THIS FOLLOW-UP STORY.

(CHROMA)

(CHROMA)

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ONE OF THE BIGGEST CHILD MODELING WEBSITES WE EXPOSED IS SHUTTING DOWN AS A RESULT OF OUR INVESTIGATION.

THE SITE IS PART OF A BOOMING INDUSTRY ON THE INTERNET CALLED CHILD EROTICA.

THE PARENTS CLAIM THE SITES PAY FOR THEIR CHILDRENS' COLLEGE EDUCATION, BUT CRITICS SAY IT'S CHILD EXPLOITATION.

(PKG)

(PKG)

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(NAT SOUND COMPUTER STUFF)

ONE OF THE BIGGEST CHILD MODELING SITES FEATURING "LITTLE AMBER" FROM PALM BEACH COUNTY ANNOUNCES IT IS SHUTTING DOWN.

LITTLE AMBER IS TELLING HER FANS TODAY THAT "MY MOM AND I HAVE DECIDED I MUST CONCENTRATE MORE ON SCHOOL AND GIVE UP MY WEBSITE MODELING FOR A WHILE."

THIS, AFTER OUR NBC 6 INVESTIGATION EXPOSED THAT LITTLE AMBER AND OTHER GIRLS, AGES 7 TO 13, ARE POSING IN SKIMPY CLOTHES (NAT:"I LOVE THIS OUTFIT") AND LYING ON BEDS..EACH REPORTEDLY EARNING MORE THAN A THOUSAND DOLLARS A MONTH.

(SOT @59-13 LT PAUL O'CONNELL)

(32-37)

CG NAME

LT. PAUL

O'CONNELL

LEACH TASK

FORCE

"THE REASON THEY PULLED IT OFF, I THINK, IT COMES RIGHT BACK TO THE STORY CHANNEL 6 DID. IT EXPOSED THEM FOR EXACTLY WHAT THEY'RE DOING. THEY'RE EXPLOITING THEIR OWN CHILDREN."

LT. PAUL O'CONNELL, WHOSE TASK FORCE INVESTIGATES CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN, BELIEVES THESE MODELING SITES SHOULD BE ILLEGAL.

LITTLE AMBER'S STEPFATHER TOLD US "AS A RESULT OF WHAT YOU DID, A WHOLE LOT OF PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT IT, INCLUDING HER FRIENDS AND SHE'S NOT COMFORTABLE WITH IT ANYMORE. NOW SHE DOESN'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO PAY FOR COLLEGE."

(LT. O'CONNELL- 57-15)

"FROM THE BEGINNING, I NEVER BELIEVED THIS MONEY WAS BEING USED FOR HER COLLEGE FUND. SO MY REACTION TO THAT (PAUSE) I HAVE TO BITE MY TONGUE TO STOP FROM LAUGHING."

OUR INVESTIGATION FOUND EIGHT CHILD MODELING WEBSITES ARE RUN BY MARC

GREENBERG ON THE LEFT AND JEFF LIBMAN,
WHOSE COMPANY WEBE WEB IS BASED IN FORT
LAUDERDALE.

GREENBERG TOLD US TODAY: "I WOULD
PREFER NOT TO USE ANY LOCAL GIRLS AFTER
WHAT YOU GUYS DID...WE'RE LAW ABIDING. IF IT
BECOMES ILLEGAL TOMORROW, WE'LL TAKE WEBE
WEB DOWN."

(SOT 54-58)

"AMBER CAN BE REPLACED BY ANY OTHER
CHILD. (BUTT) IF THEY CAN FIND A PARENT WILLING
TO DO THAT, THEN OTHER CHILDREN WILL REPLACE
AMBER."

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ALSO TONIGHT-- CONGRESSMAN MARK FOLEY WHO WAS SHOCKED BY OUR STORY -- SAYS HE'S GOING TO SEND IT TO FLORIDA'S ATTORNEY GENERAL...AND U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL JOHN ASHCROFT...HOPING TO GAIN SUPPORT FOR MAKING THESE KIND OF CHILD EROTICA WEBSITES ILLEGAL.

WE'LL KEEP YOU POSTED.
JACKIE...MICHAEL...

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SELLING INNOCENCE PART ONE 11-07-2001

(WARNER)

YOUNG GIRLS HOPING TO BECOME RICH AND FAMOUS IN THE WORLD OF MODELING.... HAVE FOUND THEMSELVES WORKING WITH A CONVICTED FELON.

(ROSATI)

IN TONIGHT'S SPECIAL REPORT "SELLING INNOCENCE" OUR UNIT 5 INVESTIGATIVE TEAM GOES UNDERCOVER TO EXPOSE A CHICAGO AREA MODELING STUDIO WHOSE OWNER IS NOW THE SUBJECT A NATIONAL CRIMINAL PROBE.

UNIT 5'S DAVE SAVINI HAS THE RESULTS OF OUR FOUR-MONTH INVESTIGATION.*

DAVE ON VIDEO WALL DAVE

SOME OF THESE GIRLS HAVE ENDED UP IN THE NEW BOOMING WORLD OF CHILD EROTICA...

WHERE THEY PUT THEMSELVES IN THE PUBLIC SPOTLIGHT... BY POSING FOR ALMOST NUDE PHOTO'S ALLEGEDLY WITH PARENTAL PERMISSION.

THOSE BEHIND THE INDUSTRY SAY IT IS ALL PERFECTLY LEGAL....

BUT TONIGHT WHAT WE UNCOVERED HAS LED TO A POLICE RAID.. AND A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION.

MUSIC NATSOUND

PILLOW FIGHTS

N/S

PRETEND SLEEPOVERS..AND HOT TUBS

N/S

JUST A FEW OF THE SHOTS WE'RE ABLE TO SHOW YOU STAGED BY THE MAN IN THE TUXEDO...

TONIGHT OUR UNIT 5 INVESTIGATIVE TEAM EXPOSES ALLEGATIONS OF CHILD EXPLOITATION, PORNOGRAPHY AND SEXUAL ABUSE AGAINST THIS MAN..

TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT HIS FACE.... BECAUSE NOW HE'S A WANTED MAN.

HIS NAME IS GARY SMITH, A SELF PROCLAIMED HIGH ROLLER IN THE TEEN MODELING

INDUSTRY.

ON THE SURFACE HIS PHOTO BUSINESS APPEARS COMPLETELY LEGITIMATE BUT WE FOUND THERE'S AN UNDERSIDE...

AND FROM KIDS POSING ON BUSY CHICAGO STREETS TO MORE REVEALING SHOTS TAKEN AT THIS SECRET PHOTO STUDIO SMITH IS CASHING IN BIG.

NATSOUND: SLEEPOVER VIDEO TAPE 19 24:54
"Okay no butt pictures."

HE'S PART OF THE BOOMING INTERNET INDUSTRY OF CHILD EROTICA.....

NATSOUND: MOLLY VIDEO
"turn slowly..."

YOU'RE HEARING GARY SMITH'S VOICE AS HE TELLS A 16 YEAR OLD HOW TO POSE.

HE OPERATES THE CAMERA AS SHE POURS WATER ON HER SHIRT.. WE'RE THE ONES WHO COVERED THE VIDEO.

HE SELLS THEIR PICTURES AND VIDEOS ON HIS WEBSITE....

~~PROSECUTORS SAY HE IS SELLING TO A SELECT MARKET THAT INCLUDES PEDOPHILES.~~

SOT: DAN STEWART TAPE 2 2:24:25
"I think it's obscene. You're dealing with individuals who are preying upon children."

THIS 14 YEAR OLD MODEL WHO SAYS SHE MADE A THOUSAND DOLLARS IN HER FIRST WEEK TELLS US SHE DOESN'T WANT TO THINK ABOUT WHO IS PAYING TO SEE HER POSE..

SOT: ADRIENNE TAPE 11 -- 14:08 ***MAY NEED TO PREPARE***
"It's just something you don't think about because that just ruins your fun."

TONIGHT THE INNER WORKINGS OF GARY SMITH'S OPERATION.

UNIT-5 GOES UNDERCOVER..... INTO A HALLOWEEN PARTY STAGED BY SMITH, WHERE SMITH ALLOWS WEBSITE CUSTOMERS TO MEET 16, 15 EVEN 14 YEAR OLD GIRLS IN PERSON...

NATSOUND TAPE 11 -- 4:45 inside Halloween party
"Hi."

WE REVEAL HIS PHOTO STUDIO AT THIS CHICAGO NORTH SIDE HOME..

AN OPERATION WITH ANNUAL REVENUES IN THE MILLIONS ACCORDING TO POLICE SOURCES WHO ARE NOW INVESTIGATING SMITH AFTER WHAT WE UNCOVERED.

GARY SMITH IS A CONVICTED CHILD MOLESTER.

SOT: DAD 4:05:45 --- **PREPRO MOLLY**

"In my opinion he's very dangerous. If my daughter didn't have the resources to fight him off he would have raped her."

WE'VE LEARNED A NATIONWIDE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION IS NOW UNDERWAY.

N/S --- HAND OVER CAMERA

"SHUT THAT CAMERA OFF"

THE SECRETS BEHIND GARY SMITH'S OPERATION ARE ABOUT TO UNFOLD..

PREPRO FREEZE GARY

"I'M DAVE SAVINI...."

AFTER A BREAK... WHAT WE UNCOVER ABOUT THIS MAN LEADS TO A POLICE RAID INTO THE NEW AND BOOMING INTERNET WORLD OF CHILD EROTICA...

BUMP IN GRAPHIC: SELLING INNOCENCE
STANDUP

HOW COULD A CONVICTED CHILD MOLESTER OPEN A CHILD MODELING STUDIO IN THIS CHICAGO NEIGHBORHOOD?

IT IS NOW A QUESTION FOR BOTH LOCAL AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES WHO ARE ON THE TRAIL OF THE MAN BEHIND THE OPERATION.. GARY SMITH.

N/S

"happy birthday to Gary"

A 35 YEAR OLD COMPUTER SPECIALIST who's WANTED BY POLICE IN ARKANSAS.

GARY 07-17

"I've got nothing to hide"

CONVICTED IN 1998 OF SEXUALLY ASSAULTING THIS MAN'S 15-YEAR OLD DAUGHTER.

BILL LINCKS 4-22-11

"he had her pinned against the side of the car trying to take her clothes off"

00-57 SMITH

"she came on to me"

SMITH WAS ORDERED TO GET COUNSELING.
THAT WAS THE AGREEMENT TO AVOID
PRISON.

EDIT 14-39

"and have you gone through counseling? I have gone through several counseling sections. how many sessions; give me a guess? I don't know about a dozen"

BUT PROSECUTORS IN ARKANSAS SAY HE'S IN VIOLATION OF HIS SENTENCING AGREEMENT AND COULD GET TEN YEARS IN PRISON.

THEY'RE ALSO STUNNED TO LEARN WHAT WE FOUND OUT ABOUT SMITH'S BUSINESS.... THIS UNIT 5 SURVEILLANCE video Shows young GIRLS going TO HIS HOME WHERE HE TAKES THEIR PICTURES, .

THEY EVEN MEET HIM AT HOTEL ROOMS..
SMITH SAYS PARENTS APPROVE OF WHAT HE'S DOING.

SMITH

"DO THEY KNOW YOU ARE A REGISTERED CHILD SEX OFFENDER? YES"

AND UNIT-5 FOUND HE EVEN SELLS TICKETS SO CUSTOMERS CAN MEET THE GIRLS IN PERSON AND TAKE CUSTOM PHOTO'S AT PARTY'S LIKE THIS ONE.

AUTHORITIES BELIEVE MANY OF THE PHOTO'S ARE CROSSING THE LINE.

DAN STEWART 2-16-34

"I believe this violates the Arkansas statue of child pornography"

DAN STEWART IS AN ARKANSAS PROSECUTOR.

HE ISSUED A NEW WARRANT FOR SMITH'S ARREST.

DAN STEWART 2:22:26

"I think that it's absolutely horrible and

something needs to be done about it."

SOMETHING IS BEING DONE WE'VE NOW
LEARNED SMITH IS THE SUBJECT OF AN FBI
INVESTIGATION.....

SMITH

"I've been under investigation for four or
five months now"

LAW ENFORCEMENT SOURCES CLOSE TO THE
SMITH CASE TELL UNIT 5 THE F-B-I HAS
INFORMATION ABOUT A 12 YEAR OLD GIRL WHO
SMITH ALLEGEDLY FORCED TO POSE NUDE IN A
MISSOURI HOTEL ROOM EARLIER THIS YEAR.

ALL PART OF AN ALLEGED SECRET
COLLECTION OF PHOTO'S CALLED THE "GOLDEN
PICTURES".

SMITH

"supposedly I have a huge nude collection of
all the girls and truth be told that's not
the case."

4-17-54 BILL LINKS/DAD OF VICTIM

"its sickening it makes me sick to my
stomach that someone like Gary Smith is
still preying and profiting from something
thetas as serious as he's doing"

GARY 09-57

"they make anywhere from 1 thousand a week
to 3 thousand a week..that's more than you
make)"

HE'S not only LAUGHING he ALSO WANTS
TO SEND A MESSAGE TO POLICE AND F-B-I
AGENTS INVESTIGATING HIM. HE SAYS
EVERYTHING HE DOES IS PERFECTLY LEGAL.

SMITH

"you let them come in and raid the place"

FIVE DAYS AFTER THIS INTERVIEW....
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED.

COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S POLICE RAID
GARY'S HOME.....THAT'S SMITH SITTING AT HIS
COMPUTER.

POLICE SAY 200 THOUSAND DOLLARS
WORTH..

THEY SEIZED IT ALONG WITH THOUSANDS OF
COMPUTER DISCS AND VIDEOS..

POLICE EVEN FOUND SPOTLIGHTS OVER

SOME OF THE BEDS.. AND DRUGS IN ONE OF THE ROOMS.

"I thought you said you run a clean operation....I do"

HE WAS ARRESTED ON HIS ARKANSAS WARRANT.

SMITH

"ANY THING TO SAY BEFORE YOU GO AWAY?"

"NO"

AND SENT TO THE COOK COUNTY JAIL.

"DOOR SLAMS"

TAG:

AS FOR HIS ARREST ON THE VIOLATION OF HIS PLEA AGREEMENT.

SMITH POSTED BOND AND IS FREE UNTIL THE GOVERNOR SIGNS A WARRANT TO SEND HIM BACK TO ARKANSAS..THAT COULD TAKE 90 DAYS.

THE COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S POLICE ARE EXAMINING ALL OF HIS FILES THEY CONFISCATED AND SAY "THEIR INVESTIGATION INTO MR. SMITH AND HIS BUSINESS ACTIVITIES IS CONTINUING AND EXPANDING IN SCOPE"

SMITH DENIES THE DRUGS FOUND IN THE HOUSE ARE HIS.

WE'VE NOW LEARNED FIVE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ARRESTED ON PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES STEMMING FROM OTHER TEEN MODELING WEBSITES.

ACCORDING TO U-S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE SOURCES..... THREE-PEOPLE WERE INDICTED LAST NIGHT IN MISSOURI INCLUDING THE PARENTS OF A GIRL WHO WE'VE LEARNED ONCE APPEARED ON SMITH'S WEBSITE..

FEDERAL OFFICIALS SAY THEIR INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING..

TOSS:

WARNER AND ALISON THE MONEY IS SO BIG, PARENTS ARE SETTING UP WEBSITES LIKE SMITH'S ALL OVER THE COUNTRY..SELLING IMAGES OF THEIR OWN KIDS ON LINE..

IN THE DAYS AND WEEKS TO COME WE'LL HAVE THE RESULTS OF A JOINT INVESTIGATION WE CONDUCTED WITH THE INVESTIGATIVE TEAM FROM OUR SISTER STATION IN MIAMI.

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PART TWO SELLING INNOCENCE 11-19-2001

(WARNER)

POLICE SAY YOUNG GIRLS WITH BIG DREAMS ARE BEING EXPLOITED LIKE NEVER BEFORE VIA THE INTERNET..

(ALLISON)

TONIGHT OUR UNIT 5 INVESTIGATIVE TEAM HAS NEW INFORMATION REGARDING A CRACKDOWN ON CHILD MODELING WEBSITES THAT ALLEGEDLY EXPLOIT MINORS FOR PROFIT.

(WARNER)

DAVE SAVINI HAS THE EXCLUSIVE DETAILS WITH HIS CONTINUING SPECIAL "SELLING INNOCENCE"

(DAVE)

AT LEAST FOUR PARENTS ARE IN POLICE CUSTODY TONIGHT AFTER THEY SET UP WEBSITES AND ALLEGEDLY TOOK NUDE PHOTOS OF THEIR DAUGHTERS..

POLICE FROM SEVERAL DIFFERENT AGENCIES AROUND THE COUNTRY ARE NOW INVESTIGATING THE POSSIBILITY OF A CHICAGO CONNECTION TO THESE OPERATIONS...

CHILD EROTICA IS A FAST GROWING INDUSTRY ON THE INTERNET.

AND IT'S PARENTS WHO... MANY TIMES.. ARE SELLING PICTURES -- OF THEIR OWN KIDS.

THIS 12-YEAR OLD IS THE LATEST VICTIM.

HER PARENTS INDICTED IN MISSOURI ON FEDERAL PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES FOR SELLING PICTURES OF HER.

A FAMILY PORN RING ALLEGEDLY CONNECTED TO GARY SMITH... A CHICAGO MAN WHO RUNS SEVERAL TEEN MODELING WEBSITES.

03:12 GARY tape

"we have non-nude girls on there and that's all we're doing. I mean there's no nudity at all."

BUT GARY SMITH... WE'VE LEARNED... ALSO IS UNDER INVESTIGATION BY THE F-B-I... FOR HIS POSSIBLE TIES TO THE PORNOGRAPHIC PICTURES OF THE 12-YEAR OLD.

HE ALLEGEDLY TRAVELED TO THIS MOTEL IN

WESTERN MISSOURI EARLIER THIS YEAR AND FORCED THE GIRL TO POSE NUDE.

AND WE'VE LEARNED SMITH IS ALSO BEING INVESTIGATED FOR HIS POSSIBLE CONNECTION TO ANOTHER MOTHER AND STEPFATHER TEAM IN ARKANSAS..

JAMES AND DONNA CUMMINGS ARE NOW IN CUSTODY. POLICE SAY THEY ALSO RAN A WEB SITE INVOLVING THEIR DAUGHTER.. AND WERE ALLEGEDLY CAUGHT WITH PORNOGRAPHIC VIDEOTAPES.

MAGAZINE PROSECUTOR BRIAN MUELLER TP one 19-31

"I WAS DISGUSTED"

EDIT 19-40, tape one

"THAT SOMEONE WOULD USE A CHILD LIKE THAT"

BRIAN MUELLER IS THE PROSECUTOR INVESTIGATING WHETHER THERE IS A GARY SMITH CONNECTION TO THE CUMMINGS CASE.

28:11 tape one --Brian-- "I think we need to look into it further to see if these two are related and what their connection is and I hope the FBI will help us with this case and expand it.

PROSECUTORS ARE ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT SMITH BECAUSE OF HIS PAST.

"DO THEY KNOW YOU ARE A CONVICTED CHILD MOLESTER? YES"

GARY SMITH IS A CONVICTED CHILD MOLESTER.

AFTER OUR UNDERCOVER TEAM EXPOSED SMITH'S OPERATION EARLIER THIS MONTH.... HE WAS ARRESTED ON A NEW WARRANT STEMMING FROM A PRIOR SEX ABUSE CASE.

TAG:

GARY SMITH WAS ABLE TO POST BOND AND IS NOW AWAITING EXTRADITION TO ARKANSAS FOR FAILING TO GET COUNSELING FROM AN EARLIER CHILD SEXUAL ASSAULT CONVICTION..

AN ATTORNEY FOR SMITH TELLS US HE IS WORKING ON A PLAN FOR GARY SMITH'S SURRENDER TO ARKANSAS AUTHORITIES..

SEVERAL MEMBERS OF CONGRESS HAVE SEEN OUR INVESTIGATION AND ARE PLANNING NEW

**LAWS TO PROTECT KIDS FROM INTERNET
EXPLOITATION.**

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PART THREE 12-03-2001

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TAKE ACTION
TONIGHT AFTER A UNIT 5 INVESTIGATION THAT
EVERY PARENT SHOULD KNOW ABOUT.

A NEW FORM OF BUSINESS IS PROFITING
OFF THE SALE OF VIDEOS AND PHOTOS INVOLVING
YOUNG GIRLS.

IT HAS GOTTEN SO BIG..... AUTHORITIES
HAVE NOW STEPPED UP CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS
AROUND THE COUNTRY...INCLUDING ONE RIGHT
HERE.

UNIT FIVE'S DAVE SAVINI JOINS US WITH
MORE ON HIS INVESTIGATION.

DAVE.

TONIGHT THE F-B-I IS USING A FORENSIC
TEAM TO ANALYZE THE COMPUTER FILES OF A
CHICAGO WEBSITE OPERATOR EXPOSED BY UNIT
5..

WE'VE ALSO LEARNED MEMBERS OF
CONGRESS ARE NOW REVIEWING OUR FINDINGS AS
A NATIONWIDE CRACKDOWN HAS BEEN LAUNCHED..
INTO THE SELLING OF INNOCENCE..

YOUNG GIRLS HOPING THEY'LL GET
NOTICED OVER THE INTERNET...BUT AT WHAT
PRICE?

Tracey walker 11-47-07

"right now this is the biggest exploitation"

TRACEY WALKER... RUNS A LOCAL
NON-PROFIT MODELING ASSOCIATION.

SHE SAYS BECAUSE OF THE INTERNET.....
MORE THAN EVER BEFORE.... YOUNG GIRLS ARE
COMING TO HER FOR HELP.

SOME KIDS HOPING TO BECOME FAMOUS
MODELS ARE INSTEAD GETTING CAUGHT IN THE
WORLD OF ONLINE CHILD EROTICA.

Tracey 11-22-30 --- CUTAWAY

"these teenagers are easily manipulated they
will do anything...they will do anything.."

"and what about the money?" "the money is a
bonus"

AND IT'S A BONUS FOR THE PEOPLE BEHIND

THESE WEBSITES... INCLUDING THIS MAN GARY SMITH

GARY 9:08

Obviously the girls make most of the money off the site and that's what I care about."

THE UNIT 5 INVESTIGATIVE TEAM WENT UNDERCOVER TO EXPOSE THE GARY SMITH STORY, HIS RAVENSWOOD AREA HOME IS WHERE HE OPERATES HIS ALLEGED MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR BUSINESS WHICH SELLS IMAGES OF GIRLS AROUND THE COUNTRY.

WALKER 11-42-10

"my organization started getting phone calls and complaints into his activities"

WALKER SAYS WHEN SHE SAW OUR REPORT ABOUT GARY SMITH.... SHE RECOGNIZED HIM AS THE SAME MAN WHO TRIED TO RECRUIT YOUNG MODELS AT SEMINARS SHE HOSTED TO TEACH YOUNG GIRLS ABOUT THE DANGERS OF THE BUSINESS..

11-25-48 tracey

"unfortunately there are people like gary smith out there who look and take advantage of these girls"

NAT GARY BEING ARRESTED

SMITH WAS ARRESTED AFTER OUR INVESTIGATION.... ON A WARRANT INVOLVING HIS SENTENCING AGREEMENT FOR A PAST CHILD SEX ABUSE CONVICTION.

SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES CONFISCATED COMPUTERS.... C-D'S... AND OTHER EQUIPMENT:

TONIGHT THE COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAS CONFIRMED THEY TURNED OVER EVERYTHING THEY CONFISCATED TO THE US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR FORENSIC TESTING.

SMITH SAYS HE'S DONE NOTHING WRONG.

03:12 GARY tim tape

"we have non-nude girls on there and that's all we're doing. I mean there's no nudity at all."

SMITH... WE'VE LEARNED FROM

GOVERNMENT SOURCES... ALSO IS THE SUBJECT OF A FBI INVESTIGATION FOR ALLEGEDLY TAKING PORNOGRAPHIC PHOTOS OF A 12 YEAR OLD GIRL.

MARK KIRK 19-22

"thank god for your report and the action of local law enforcement"

WHEN CONGRESSMAN MARK KIRK SAW OUR FINDINGS HE STARTED MAKING PLANS FOR CHANGE.

CONGRESSMAN MARK KIRK 19-39

"I think that calls for state and federal legislation to make sure that children are not victims here"

KIRK IS A MEMBER OF THE CHILD EXPLOITATION CAUCUS IN WASHINGTON.. HE SAYS NEW LAWS NEED TO BE PASSED TO MAKE THE SALE OF CHILD EROTICA ILLEGAL.

LIKE THIS SHOOT WHERE GARY SMITH TELLS A 16 YEAR OLD HOW TO POSE..ZOOMING IN ON HER WET SHIRT..

~~10:58 I don't push the models to do anything they don't want to do. (Dave) but then you sold the pictures. (Gary) she was making money off of it.~~

KIRK 20-29

"a child does not need to be completely nude in order to be victimized and exploited"

TAG:

BECAUSE OF OUR REPORT CONGRESSMAN KIRK AND MEMBERS OF HIS CAUCUS ARE TRYING TO CREATE NEW LAWS INVOLVING THE PEDDLING OF THESE PICTURES OVER THE INTERNET.

COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICIALS ARE STILL INVESTIGATING GARY SMITH AND EVEN THOUGH HIS COMPUTER EQUIPMENT WAS SEIZED HIS BUSINESS IS STILL UP AND RUNNING.

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PART FOUR 12-17-01

"SELLING INNOCENCE" -- PARENTS
SELLING PICTURES OF THEIR OWN CHILDREN
ON-LINE..

DISTURBING PHOTOS AND VIDEOS THAT ARE
SENDING SHOCK WAVES THROUGH CONGRESS..

AS A RESULT OF UNIT-5'S EXCLUSIVE
INVESTIGATION THE U-S ATTORNEY GENERAL IS
BEING CALLED ON TONIGHT FOR ACTION.

DAVE SAVINI JOINS US WITH MORE.

A JOINT INVESTIGATION WITH OUR
NBC-AFFILIATE IN MIAMI FLORIDA HAS LED TO
ACTION IN OUR NATION'S CAPITOL TONIGHT.

OUR STORIES.... HAVE BEEN SENT TO U.S.
ATTORNEY GENERAL JOHN ASHCROFT..... ALONG
WITH TWO LETTERS FROM MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

THEY ARE ASKING FOR A TOP TO BOTTOM
INVESTIGATION INTO THE PEOPLE BEHIND A NEW
INTERNET INDUSTRY PROFITING FROM THE SALE
OF CHILD EROTICA.

~~15:10-R- police officer-~~ "Police Department,
Search Warrant..."

A NORTH CAROLINA HOME IS RAIDED AFTER
POLICE CATCH IT'S OWNER DOWNLOADING CHILD
PORNOGRAPHY.

WHEN POLICE EXAMINED THE COMPUTER THEY
ALSO FOUND PICTURES OF A12 YEAR OLD CALLED
LITTLE AMBER -- PHOTOS CONSIDERED NOT
PORNOGRAPHIC... BUT CHILD EROTICA.

YOUNG GIRLS POSING SEDUCTIVELY....
AUTHORITIES SAY THEY ARE OFTEN VIEWED BY
PEDOPHILES LIKE THE MAN CAUGHT WITH THE
PORN AND LITTLE AMBER'S PICTURES.. MICHAEL
KIBET.....

15:59-Kivet- "Most people browse these sites
just mainly because they find sexual
attraction to children, some of them if
they can't find regular porn sites, they'll
use stuff like that as a substitute.

TONIGHT SEVERAL MEMBERS OF CONGRESS
ARE URGING US ATTORNEY GENERAL JOHN
ASHCROFT TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST WHAT WE
UNCOVERED ON THE INTERNET NATIONWIDE.

11:56-Nancy McBride -- Florida's national center for missing and exploited children -- "This is unsavory, it's disgusting, it makes my stomach turn.....

(do we have raw tape of her to establish?)

NANCY McBride HEADS THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN. SHE WAS STUNNED AT OUR FINDINGS...AND IS NOW WORKING TO SHUT DOWN THE PEOPLE BEHIND THESE OPERATIONS..

FOR WEEKS NOW WE'VE BEEN TELLING YOU ABOUT THIS CHICAGO RAVENSWOOD AREA MODELING STUDIO..

AND THE MAN BEHIND IT, CONVICTED CHILD SEX OFFENDER GARY SMITH..

WE FOUND SMITH ALSO SELLING VIDEOS OF YOUNG GIRLS..

"TURN AROUND"

POLICE WHO RAIDED HIS STUDIO AFTER OUR FINDINGS SAY HE WAS RUNNING A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR OPERATION.

smith/file

n/s "anything to say before you go away..no"

WHILE UNIT 5 WAS EXPOSING SMITH'S BUSINESS..OUR NBC INVESTIGATORS IN FLORIDA WERE ALSO INVESTIGATING HOW SMITH FINDS MINORS FROM FLORIDA HE SAYS WITH PARENTAL PERMISSION TO POSE HERE IN CHICAGO, LIKE THE GIRL IN THE JEANIE OUTFIT.

11:32- Interviewee- "We're putting these kids on a platter...we're saying come and get me."

DURING OUR 4 MONTH JOINT INVESTIGATION UNIT-5 --AND OUR MIAMI AFFILIATE WENT UNDERCOVER TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE WEBSITES.

LITTLE AMBER'S WEBSITE IS OPERATED out of Florida -- BY MARK GREENBERG IN THE T-SHIRT, AND JEFF LIBMEN -- THEIR COMPANY IS CALLED WEBBIE WEB.

LISTEN TO WHAT THEY HAD TO SAY TO UNDERCOVER PRODUCERS.

13:19-Lt.- "It gives these guys that do like young girls like that would be normally gawking at these teenagers in the mall, you know, an outlet to relieve themselves of their frustrations I guess."

14:45-Lt.- "She's almost all completely nude."

LT. PAUL O'Connell LEADS a TASK FORCE THAT TARGETS ONLINE CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN.

"PARENTS PIMPING.....CHILDREN"

HE'S INVESTIGATED COMPLAINTS INVOLVING WEBBIE WEB'S CHILD MODELING SITES... BUT HE SAYS THE SITES ARE LEGAL.

WEBIE WEB'S OWNERS... OFF CAMERA SAY THE GIRLS AND THEIR PARENTS MAKE \$1,000 A MONTH AND THAT THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH WHAT THEY DO... HE SAYS THEY DON'T EXPLOIT CHILDREN

LITTLE AMBERS FAMILY SEEMS TO AGREE.

13:47-Brother- "She's a model and she gets money from that for college..."

TAG:

SINCE OUR JOINT INVESTIGATION EXPOSED THE OPERATIONS...LITTLE AMBERS WEBSITE IS SHUTTING DOWN VOLUNTARILY.

AND WE'VE LEARNED GARY SMITH HAS BECOME THE SUBJECT OF AN FBI INVESTIGATION..

ILLINOIS CONGRESSMAN MARK KIRK AND FLORIDA CONGRESSMAN MARK FOLEY ARE LEADING THE CHARGE IN WASHINGTON AGAINST CHILD EROTICA.

THEY ARE THE ONES ASKING FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL ASHCROFT'S INTERVENTION..

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Hon. John Ashcroft
United States Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
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Washington, D.C. 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

I have recently learned of a loophole in our existing laws banning child pornography. Under the guise of "modeling", several child pornography sites are now operating on the Internet.

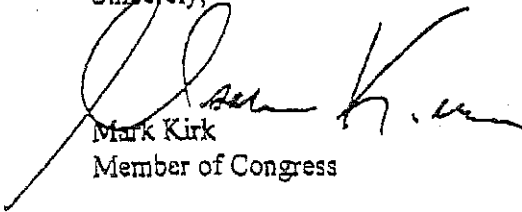
Federal law and Supreme Court decisions provide ample authority to control the publication of child pornography. Our review of the Internet shows that many sites contain links to other sites, showing a broad use of the modeling loophole in our restrictions against child pornography. With hundreds of pictures available, it would appear that a large number of young Americans are being victimized by a growing industry thriving under the modeling loophole.

I would urge you to review this issue and find ways to close this industry down. If you should need legislation from the Congress, I would be happy to work with your staff and the President to find appropriate means of protecting children from being exploited in this way. I know that we would also receive strong support of the Chairman of our Caucus on Missing and Exploited Children, Rep. Mark A. Foley.

I want to applaud the work of one of our local reporters, Mr. David Savini, of NBC-5 Chicago, in bringing this to our attention. I have enclosed a videotape including his story on the growing exploitation of children on the Internet.

Thank you for your time on this important matter.

Sincerely,



Mark Kirk
Member of Congress

cc. Nancy McBride, Director, Prevention Education
National Center for Missing and Exploited Children
Jim Ryan, Attorney General, State of Illinois

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Congress of the United States
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December 7, 2001

The Honorable John C. Ashcroft
United States Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

The Honorable Bob Butterworth
Attorney General, State of Florida
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050

Dear Mr. Attorneys General:

It has recently been brought to my attention that there is a new and disturbing industry on the Internet - child modeling. These web sites contain picture after picture of minor girls dressed in bathing suits, scantily clad and suggestive clothing. In most cases, these sites are nothing more than child pornography placed under the guise of "modeling."

One of these web sites, Li'l Amber.com (www.lilamber.com) is operated from my district in Palm Beach County. At first glance, you can tell that this site was not intended for any other purpose than that of exploiting a child. There are countless pictures and videos for sale of this young girl in suggestive positions.

What may be even worse is that this site is not an anomaly. Further review of the Li'l Amber web site leads to links that contain countless other sites with similar material on them. There are thousands of pictures of young underage girls on the Internet being viewed by millions of people around the world — including pedophiles and child sex offenders. The most shocking issue that I discovered was that many of these web sites were being operated by the child's parents!

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I would urge you to review the enclosed video tape and determine whether these child modeling web sties are in violation of any federal or state law. I would appreciate knowing whether current law is sufficient to prosecute those responsible for producing these sites or whether other action needs to be taken.

Thank you in advance for your prompt response to this matter.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Foley
Member of Congress
MAF/bcs

cc. Nancy McBride, Director, Prevention Education
National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

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Dave Savini

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"SELLING INNOCENCE"
WMAQ-TV AND WTVJ-TV

Reporters: Dave Savini and Deborah Sherman -- Members

Producer: Michele Rubenstein and Scott Zamost -- Members

Photographers: Bond Li, Tim Horstman, Pedro Cancio and Jeff Barnes -- Not members

Editors: Daniel Varela and Sharon Pearson -- Not members

Assistants: Stacey Strussion, Patty Pulling, Joshua Sparaga, Zack Newmark -- Not members

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IRE Questionnaire (JOINT ENTRY WMAQ-TV AND WTVJ-TV)

1. "Selling Innocence"
2. 11-7-01, 11-19-01, 12-3-01, 12-17-01 (WMAQ-TV)
11-8-01, 11-9-01, 11-14-01, 12-4-01 (WTVJ-TV)
3. In a unique joint investigation WMAQ-TV in Chicago and WTVJ-TV in Miami-Ft. Lauderdale collaborated to expose a new nationwide industry called "child erotica" -- young girls exploited in nearly nude photographs and videos. Our investigation also uncovered children victimized by pornographers and pedophiles. The series of stories produced by the two investigative units sparked a nationwide investigation, a congressional inquiry, the arrest of a major player and the shutting down of one of the most popular child erotica websites.

The two teams shared sources and resources, worked undercover and conducted surveillance operations in several states revealing a child erotica ring that spanned the country. This unprecedented working relationship allowed us to cover more territory, share video, conduct more background checks and investigate more industry players. Combining the efforts and finances of our two investigative teams meant we could cover more states and invest more money into the project. The cost and time needed to dig deep into this story could have limited either team. By working together we were able to more comprehensively report on an industry harming children. Our major findings:

- We discovered a convicted child sex offender recruiting minors from at least a dozen states to pose online and in videos. He was arrested after we uncovered he had not complied with the terms of his sentencing agreement. He posted bond, shut down his Chicago operation and moved his modeling studio to Georgia. The criminal investigation is continuing, and because of what we uncovered, the U.S. Department of Justice has seized his computer files.
 - U.S. representatives from Illinois and Florida were so disturbed by our findings they have asked U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft to take action (see accompanying letters).
 - One of the largest child erotica sites announced it is shutting down because of the publicity.
4. This story began when WTVJ-TV producer Scott Zamost noticed postings in an internet bulletin board that a Florida company was operating child erotica sites featuring children in suggestive poses. He also found information in several Yahoo clubs (discussion groups on the internet) about a convicted child sex offender possibly living in Chicago and operating several teen modeling websites. But the pedophile had a common name -- Gary Smith. Zamost called Dave Savini at WMAQ-TV, who he met at IRE, to talk about the tips and suggested a joint investigation. Savini and his producer Michele Rubenstein conducted extensive background checks and spent day's surveilling several locations until the sex offender and his modeling studio were found. That was just the beginning of the joint investigation.

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5. This was an investigation with virtually no paper trail. That was the initial challenge – how do we get inside this industry? Some of the clues appeared on the internet. We did a “betterwhois” search for all the websites we were interested in. We ran traces on the sites that told us the location of the internet service provider. We used Autotrak, Nexis, Pacer, sex offender databases and local criminal and civil court files to find addresses, other businesses and criminal records for the website operators.

6. Surveillance teams documented the movements of Gary Smith. We identified the cars and license plates of visitors, his website employees and models that were old enough to drive. We followed him through the gridlock of Chicago rush hour traffic and located the hotels he was using for photoshoots. We traveled to Arkansas and made new sources in law enforcement helping us to obtain sensitive FBI files detailing a pornography ring and allegations against Gary Smith. With that newly found information we were able to pinpoint some of the minors who were forced to pose nude. Contacts also were used to obtain private driver's license pictures so we could identify website operators. We also used sources to obtain confidential police, FBI and U.S. Attorney records. Law enforcement, child advocate groups and people connected to the internet modeling business around the country were used to develop our stories. In all, we talked to about 50 people with some knowledge of the “child erotica” industry. Law enforcement sources pointed us to North Carolina where police had arrested someone in connection with one of the websites we were investigating. We cultivated those police officials over several weeks, flew there to interview them, and were able to track down the convicted sex offender. In South Florida, we were able to gain entry into the company by having members of the investigative team meet with one of the company officials outside his home. He ended up volunteering that he was in the business of putting up modeling sites, and they later arranged a more formal meeting. During that meeting, he disclosed that he had recently returned from a certain county where he took photos of his most popular model. From the website itself, we knew the girl lived on a farm. We found one website photo of the girl and her mother in a mall. They were holding a store bag. We assumed it was a certain mall because of the distinct characteristics in the photo and the fact there was only one major mall in the more rural part of the county. We took the photo to that store where a clerk told us the mother frequently shops there. We then took the photo to various horse feeding stores, assuming the family would have to go there to buy supplies. One of the clerks again recognized the mother. Day after day we went to business after business until we were able to track down the address. Remarkably, no one ever asked where we were from. It turned out old-fashioned shoe leather reporting worked best.

7. As a result of our joint investigation, U.S. Representatives from Illinois and Florida sent letters to U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft requesting an investigation into this industry. U.S. Representative Mark Kirk wrote: "...it would appear that a large number of young Americans are being victimized by a growing industry thriving under the modeling loophole." Also as a result of our stories, one of the biggest child modeling websites, featuring the girl we tracked down, shut down her site.
8. The stations have aired a total of nine stories.
9. Most of these websites have Yahoo fan clubs where fans of the models post their opinions. It's like a free-flowing internet town meeting – lots of unfounded material but nuggets of good information. We learned a lot about the sites and how they work from these clubs. In fact, that's how we first learned about a Halloween party in Chicago where we were able to go undercover to meet the models and the pedophile running the Website. To view the sites' more suggestive photos, you have to join and you have to purchase the videotapes. The photos also provide clues, such as locations and license plate numbers, to track down the models. It's also helpful cultivating internet sex crime task force contacts. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children takes complaints from around the country, although they will not release specific complaint information. Other child advocacy groups are good guides, and some had general knowledge of these child modeling websites. Another good source is internet photographers. We interviewed several off-camera to get an idea of how much money is involved, how the girls are recruited and what parents may be told.
10. This was a very difficult investigation because of the lack of a paper trail and limited knowledge of the subject by law enforcement. We consulted several private investigators to advise us on how to do such an investigation. All said it would be very difficult to get inside such an operation and tough to actually find the children and their parents. Some of the most daunting tasks at first involved identifying who was behind the various companies. It took weeks of surveillance to find them. The same kind of street-level reporting came into play when we searched for the parents and went undercover to meet one of the company's principals.
11. Four months
12. Not applicable

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MOLLI PLAYS BALL.

(NATSOUND)

JESSI PRACTICES YOGA.

(NATSOUND)

LITTLE AMBER GROOMS HER HORSE.

(NATSOUND)

THREE GIRLS IN SOUTH FLORIDA. HUNDREDS MORE AROUND THE WORLD...NOW MODELING FOR MONEY ON THE INTERNET.

(MODEM SOUND)

GIRLS AGES SEVEN TO 13 SELLING PHOTOS AND VIDEOS.

(NATSOUND T#32@6-23)

"AND I'LL ROLL AROUND IN THE MUD."

ALL APPARENTLY WITH THEIR PARENTS' CONSENT.

THE WEBSITES CLAIM THE MONEY'S FOR COLLEGE.

BUT IF THEY LOOK INNOCENT ---

TAKE ANOTHER LOOK.

(CLICK NATSOUND PHOTOS)

(T#14@43-49-NANCY MCBRIDE)

zamost ... (WTVJ)PEOPLE2.ZAMOST.DRAWER. SELLING INNOCENCE 2

"WE'RE PUTTING THESE KIDS ON A PLATTER, WE'RE SAYING COME AND GET ME."

OUR INVESTIGATION WILL REVEAL HOW THESE SITES ARE SELLING THE SEXUALITY OF INNOCENT CHILDREN (SLOW MO DRAMATIC SHOT INTO KIVETT) TO THE VERY LAST PEOPLE YOU'D WANT NEAR A CHILD.

(T#13@21-25)

"I TRULY BELIEVE THESE CHILDREN ARE BEING EXPLOITED."

WE SHOWED THE CHILD MODELING WEBSITES TO NANCY MCBRIDE. SHE'S DIRECTOR OF FLORIDA'S NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN.

(SOT T#14@48-26)

"THIS IS UNSAVORY, IT'S DISGUSTING, IT MAKES MY STOMACH TURN."

(T#13A@16-29)

DEBORAH: "ARE THESE INNOCENT IMAGES?"

(T#13@16-30)

"NO, THEY'RE NOT."

(BUTT TO T#13@14-38-NANCY MCBRIDE)

CG NAME
NANCY MCBRIDE

NATL. CTR. FOR
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EXPLOITED
CHILDREN

"THESE ARE NOT KIDS WHO ARE STANDING UP AND HAVING THEIR PICTURE TAKEN IN AN INNOCENT, BLAMELESS MANNER TO BE PUT UP ON A WEBSITE. THESE ARE VERY DEFINITELY PROVOCATIVE."

SKIMPY CLOTHES, CAMERA CLOSE-UPS, AND GROWN-UP POSES. BARELY LEGAL, EXPERTS SAY,

BUT A GROWING INDUSTRY ON THE INTERNET CALLED CHILD EROTICA. AND A MAJOR PLAYER IS RIGHT HERE IN SOUTH FLORIDA, WHERE MANY OF THE PICTURES ARE TAKEN.

(T#32@1:14)

"GO CHANGE YOUR CLOTHES."

CG NAME
DEBORAH
SHERMAN
INVESTIGATIVE
REPORTER

OUR INVESTIGATION FOUND A FORT LAUDERDALE COMPANY CALLED WEBE WEB RUNS EIGHT CHILD MODELING WEBSITES. THE SAME COMPANY ALSO SELLS SEX ONLINE -- HAVING OPERATED AT LEAST 14 SITES THAT MARKET ADULT PORNOGRAPHY.

WEBE WEB IS RUN BY MARC GREENBERG IN THE T-SHIRT AND JEFF LIBMAN. LIBMAN PHOTOGRAPHS THE GIRLS AND EVEN APPEARS IN ONE OF THE VIDEOS.

WE WENT UNDERCOVER TO MEET LIBMAN AND LEARN MORE ABOUT HIS WEBSITES. HIS MOST POPULAR FEATURES A 12-YEAR-OLD NICKNAMED "LITTLE AMBER."

LISTEN AS LIBMAN TELLS US HER SITE IS PURELY PROFESSIONAL.

(#17:14-48 LIBMAN AUDIO)

"I WANT THEM, I DON'T WANT THEM TO BE EYE CANDY FOR PERVERTS."

BUT IN ANOTHER BREATH, LIBMAN ADMITS MEN ARE LOOKING AT THE GIRLS.

(PRE-PRO AND T#17@2:05)

"IT GIVES THESE GUYS THAT DO LIKE YOUNG GIRLS LIKE THAT WOULD BE NORMALLY GAWKING AT THESE TEENAGERS IN THE MALL, YOU KNOW, AN OUTLET TO RELIEVE THEMSELVES OF THEIR FRUSTRATIONS I GUESS."

THE MEN JOIN THE GIRLS' FAN CLUBS...AND EVEN SEND THEM PRESENTS...

(T#32@8:00 NATSOUND OF LIBMAN FROM AMBER VIDEO)

"THIS WAS A GIFT FROM ALL YOUR FANS."

AND CLOTHES TO MODEL.

(NATSOUND FROM VIDEO)

"THIS IS CUTE, I LOVE THIS OUTFIT."

LIBMAN TAKES MOST OF LITTLE AMBER'S PICTURES AT HER HOME -- A FARM WE TRACKED DOWN IN PALM BEACH COUNTY.

(#15.3-19 AMBER'S BROTHER)

"SHE'S A MODEL AND SHE GETS MONEY FROM THAT FOR COLLEGE..."

LITTLE AMBER'S BROTHER...MOTHER AND STEPFATHER DID NOT WANT TO TALK TO US ABOUT THE MODELING SITE AND ASKED US TO LEAVE.

BUT WE'VE LEARNED HER MOTHER MAY KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT MODELING HERSELF.

SHE APPEARED NUDE LAST YEAR ON A PORNOGRAPHIC WEBSITE CALLED KANDILAND.

(VIDEO GREENBERG/LIBMAN)

THE OWNERS OF WEBE WEB DON'T WANT TO TALK TO US ON CAMERA EITHER.

OFF CAMERA, THEY TELL US THEIR WEBSITES EACH MAKE AT LEAST A THOUSAND DOLLARS A MONTH FOR THE GIRLS. WEBE WEB'S MARC GREENBERG ALSO SAYS: "THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH WHAT WE DO. WE DON'T EXPLOIT CHILDREN."

(T#35@3-15-10)

"YOU'VE GOT A CHILD IN A NIGHTGOWN, AND SHE'S IN BED."

BUT LT. PAUL O'CONNELL STRONGLY DISAGREES.

(T#35@3-16-LT. O'CONNELL)

"FOR THE PARENTS THAT HAVE THEIR OWN CHILDREN POSE IN THESE SUGGESTIVE POSITIONS, IT TELLS ME RATHER THAN PARENTS, THEY'RE PIMPS AND THEY'RE EXPLOITING THEIR OWN CHILDREN FOR MONETARY GAIN."

HE LEADS A SOUTH FLORIDA TASK FORCE THAT TARGETS ONLINE CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN.

(T#35@3-14-30-LOOKING AT PICS)

"SHE'S ALMOST COMPLETELY NUDE."

(PRE-PRO)

HIS AGENTS HAVE INVESTIGATED COMPLAINTS ABOUT PEDOPHILES LOOKING AT WEBE WEB'S CHILD MODELING SITES. BUT HE SAYS THE SITES ARE LEGAL.

(T#35@3-04-06)

CG NAME
LT. PAUL
O'CONNELL
L.E.A.C.H. TASK
FORCE

"IT'S ABOUT WHAT'S WITHIN THE LAW AND HOW MUCH MONEY THEY CAN MAKE AND HOW QUICKLY THEY CAN MAKE IT. THAT'S WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT."

AND IF THERE'S ANY DOUBT ABOUT WHO IS LOOKING AT THESE GIRLS, THEN JUST TALK TO ONE OF "LITTLE AMBER'S" ADMIRERS.

(NATSOUND BREAK T#18@12-37-29)

"POLICE DEPARTMENT, SEARCH WARRANT, POLICE DEPARTMENT!"

*CG NAME
POLICE VIDEO

WE OBTAINED THIS VIDEO OF POLICE SEIZING EVIDENCE LAST YEAR FROM THE HOME OF MICHAEL KIVETT IN NORTH CAROLINA.

(NATSOUND BREAK)

*CG NAME
GREENSBORO
N.C.

POLICE CAUGHT KIVETT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA-GREENSBORO...ON A LIBRARY COMPUTER....DOWNLOADING CHILD PORN. AND WHEN POLICE EXAMINED THE COMPUTER, THEY FOUND PICTURE AFTER PICTURE OF LITTLE AMBER.

(T#21@8:32)

DEBORAH: "WHY DO YOU THINK HE HAD THIS CHILD MODELING SITE UP?"

*CG NAME
LT. PAUL LESTER
UNCG POLICE
DEPT.

LT. LESTER: "I THINK IT WAS FOR THE SAME REASONS THAT HE HAD THE MORE GRAPHIC SITES IS THAT HE RECEIVES GRATIFICATION FROM CHILDREN, FROM THE IMAGES OF CHILDREN."

KIVETT IS NOW A REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER.

(NATSOUND BREAK T#@20)

*CG NAME
ASHEBORO, N.C.

WE FOUND HIM LIVING IN THIS APARTMENT WHILE HE GOES TO COUNSELING.

(T#20@6-43-49)

DEBORAH: "WHO'S LOOKING AT THESE PICTURES OF THIS CHILD?"

KIVETT: "MOST LIKELY, IT WOULD BE SEX OFFENDERS OR PEDOPHILES OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT."

(#20@6-40-09-KIVETT)

*CG NAME
MICHAEL KIVETT
CONVICTED SEX
OFFENDER

"MOST PEOPLE BROWSE THESE SITES JUST MAINLY BECAUSE THEY FIND SEXUAL ATTRACTION TO CHILDREN. A LOT OF THEM, IF THEY CAN'T FIND REGULAR PORN SITES, THEY USE STUFF LIKE THAT AS A SUBSTITUTE.

DEBORAH: "AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR WHAT?"

KIVETT: "REGULAR CHILD PORN."

AS PART OF HIS PROBATION, KIVETT'S NOT ALLOWED TO BE AROUND CHILDREN OR GO ON THE INTERNET.

(#20@6-51-30)

DEBORAH: "YOU DON'T HAVE KIDS, BUT IF YOU DID, WOULD YOU PUT YOUR CHILD'S PICTURES ON THE INTERNET?"

KIVETT: "NO."

DEBORAH: "WHY NOT?"

KIVETT: "BECAUSE IT'S TOO DANGEROUS. I DON'T WANT, I DON'T WANT SOMEBODY LIKE ME DOING THE SAME THING I DID TO MY KID."

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TONY/2-SHOT

(TONY/2-SHOT)

A FOUR-MONTH NBC 6 INVESTIGATION REVEALED HOW A SOUTH FLORIDA COMPANY IS "SELLING INNOCENCE" -- PROVOCATIVE PICTURES OF "LOCAL CHILDREN" AROUND THE WORLD.

JENN/2-SHOT

(JENN/2-SHOT)

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER DEBORAH SHERMAN IS HERE TO CONTINUE HER INVESTIGATION WITH NEW LINKS BETWEEN FLORIDA TEENAGERS AND THE CHILD EROTICA INDUSTRY.

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(DEBORAH)

*CG TAL2
DEBORAH
SHERMAN
INVESTIGATIVE
REPORTER

IT'S A GROWING TREND ACROSS AMERICA....

NOW--IN A JOINT INVESTIGATION WITH OUR SISTER STATION IN CHICAGO...WE'LL UNCOVER A NATIONAL PLAYER IN THIS BUSINESS OF CHILD EROTICA.

LAST NIGHT--WE COVERED THE FACES OF YOUNG CHILDREN WHOSE OWN PARENTS PUT THEIR PICTURES UP FOR SALE.

TONIGHT, WE FOCUS ON TEENAGERS... MANY UNDER 18, WHO PROMOTE THEMSELVES... SO WE "WILL" SHOW THEIR FACES.

A WORD OF CAUTION -- YOU MAY FIND THESE IMAGES DISTURBING.

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(ALL SUPERS ARE
ALREADY ON!)

(PKG)

TAKE BUG OFF --
NO BUG DURING
PACKAGE!!

(T#45@21-09 NATSOUND VIDEO)

PRETEND SLEEPOVERS.

(T#45@19-37 NATSOUND VIDEO)

PILLOW FIGHTS.

(T#30@2-41-48 NATSOUND CLICK PHOTOS FROM
WEBSITES)

GIRLS POSING ON THE INTERNET FOR BIG
MONEY.

(T#38@13-39)

CC NAME
ADRIANNE
INTERNET MODEL

"I MADE A THOUSAND DOLLARS IN THE FIRST WEEK
THAT MY SITE WAS OPEN."

(T#25@3-20, T#30@2-38-1, 2-41-12, 2-47-22)

THEIR WEBSITES ARE PART OF A BOOMING
ON LINE INDUSTRY OF CHILD EROTICA.

OUR INVESTIGATION EXPOSING THE PERSON
RUNNING "THESE" SITES...

AND THESE TWO MEN IN SOUTH FLORIDA
OPERATING CHILD MODELING WEBSITES FOR GIRLS
AS YOUNG AS SEVEN.

THE WEBSITE OPERATORS SAY THEY'RE DOING
NOTHING WRONG...

BUT CRITICS SAY THEY'RE EXPLOITING
CHILDREN...PEDDLING THEIR PICTURES FOR
PROFIT...PLAYING TO PEDOPHILES.

(T#35-3-16-50 LT. O'CONNELL)

*CG NAME

LT. PAUL

O'CONNELL

L.E.A.C.H. TASK

FORCE

"FOR THE PEOPLE THAT LOOK AT THESE, TO PAY TO LOOK AT THESE TYPES OF PHOTOGRAPHS, IT FUELS THEIR SEXUAL DEVIANCE, THEIR SEXUAL DESIRE."

NOW, OUR INVESTIGATION IS UNCOVERING A NEW LINK TO MORE GIRLS IN FLORIDA.

(T#30@2-51-35, 2-46-55, 2-43-39, 2-54-59, T#31@111-30, 302-46)

35-YEAR-OLD GARY SMITH PHOTOGRAPHS GIRLS FROM FLORIDA

(NATSOUND BREAK/B-ROLL T#35)

AND ALL OVER THE COUNTRY.

(T#34@1-14-36/1-17-46 NATSOUND FROM VIDEO)

FROM A HOTEL ROOM IN WASHINGTON.

(NATSOUND T#34@1-37-04)

TO A BOAT OFF FORT MYERS.

(T#25 AND T#31 @ 107-19, 109-27)

AND HIS HOME IN CHICAGO. TWO OF THE MODELS -- TIFFANIE AND KATIE -- BOTH 17 FROM PENSACOLA.

(NATSOUND CLICKING STILL PHOTO)

(T#38@12-20, T#52)

OUR INVESTIGATION HAS DISCOVERED THAT GARY SMITH IS ALSO ON A WEBSITE -- THE ILLINOIS LIST OF REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS.

(T#50@4-22-10)

*CG NAME

"HE HAD HER PINNED AGAINST THE SIDE OF THE

BILL LINCKS
VICTIM'S FATHER

CAR TRYING TO TAKE HER CLOTHES OFF, KISSING,
FONDLING."

(T#50@4-38)

SMITH WAS CONVICTED IN 1998 OF SEXUALLY
ABUSING BILL LINCKS' 15-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER.

EVEN THOUGH SMITH RECEIVED A SUSPENDED
SENTENCE, HE'S STILL ALLOWED TO BE AROUND
YOUNG GIRLS.

(NATSOUND T#41@11-05, 4-48, 6-34, 9-42, 10-03)

CG LOC
CHICAGO

AND THAT'S WHERE WE FOUND HIM -- IN
CHICAGO THROWING A HALLOWEEN PARTY FOR
FANS TO MEET THE MODELS LIKE TIFFANIE FROM
PENSACOLA.

SOME OF HIS MODELS DON'T SEEM TO CARE
ABOUT HIS CRIMINAL RECORD.

(T#44@15-50)

CG NAME
IRIS
INTERNET MODEL

"I HAVE NEVER HAD ANYONE HAD A BAD
COMPLAINT ABOUT HIM, AND WHAT HE DOES."

IN FACT, LAW ENFORCEMENT SOURCES SAY THE
FBI HAS INFORMATION THAT SMITH ALLEGEDLY
FORCED A 12-YEAR-OLD GIRL TO POSE NUDE IN A
MISSOURI HOTEL ROOM EARLIER THIS YEAR.

(T#44@13-25)

CG NAME
GARY SMITH
CONVICTED SEX
OFFENDER

"SUPPOSEDLY, I HAVE A HUGE NUDE COLLECTION
OF ALL THE GIRLS, AND TRUTH BE TOLD, THAT'S NOT
THE CASE."

SMITH WAS SUPPOSED TO GO TO SEX OFFENSE
COUNSELING.

(T#44@2-33-SMITH)

CG NAME
GARY SMITH
INTERNET
MODELING CO.
OWNER

"IT WAS QUITE A FEW SESSIONS OVER A PERIOD OF MONTHS. I DON'T KNOW, IT WAS YEARS AGO."

(T#49@3-19-20, 3-22-27)

AFTER HEARING THAT, THE ARKANSAS PROSECUTOR IN THE CASE DISAGREED.

(T#48@220-53)

CG NAME
DAN STEWART
SEBASTIAN CTY.
AIR PROSECUTOR

"WELL, HE WAS ORDERED TO PROVIDE PROGRESS REPORTS. OUR OFFICE HAS RECEIVED NONE, ZERO."

(T#44 @120-40)

"YOU KNOW, I'VE GOT NOTHING TO HIDE. LIKE I SAID, I WELCOME THEM TO COME IN AND RAID THE PLACE, AND TAKE THE SERVERS OUT."

(T#51)

RAID THEY DID. FIVE DAYS LATER, AT SMITH'S HOME IN CHICAGO, AUTHORITIES SEIZED \$200,000 IN COMPUTER DISCS AND VIDEOS.

(T#51 NAT SMITH WALKING)

AND POLICE ARRESTED SMITH FOR VIOLATING THE TERMS OF HIS SENTENCE BY NOT GOING TO SEX OFFENSE COUNSELING.

(T#51@12-45)

"I DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER TO YOU. "

NATSOUND DOOR CLOSING

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TAKE PKG

(PKG)

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OUT: CHILD'S BEEN MURDERED (TAKE BUG OUT PLEASEI)

THEY CALL IT CHILD MODELING AND SAY IT PAYS FOR COLLEGE. BUT OUR NBC 6 INVESTIGATION REVEALED IT'S PART OF THE CHILD EROTICA INDUSTRY THAT APPEALS TO PEDOPHILES.

(14:03 REP. MARK FOLEY)

CG NAME
U.S. REP. MARK FOLEY
(R) PALM BEACH COUNTY
(11-17)

"WHAT'S GOING ON HERE, UNDER THE GUISE OF RAISE MONEY FOR COLLEGE IS SICK, IT'S PERVERTED, IT'S TWISTED, IT'S WRONG AND SHOULD BE OUTLAWED."

AFTER WATCHING OUR STORY, CONGRESSMAN MARK FOLEY SAYS HE'LL INTRODUCE LEGISLATION TO BAN CHILD MODELING WEBSITES LIKE THESE BECAUSE HE THINKS THEY'RE EXPLOITING CHILDREN;

FROM WHAT THEY WEAR TO THE WAY THEY'RE POSED.

OUR STORY FOUND THESE TWO MEN RUN 8 OF THE CHILD MODELING WEBSITES IN SOUTH FLORIDA.

THEIR COMPANY, CALLED WEBE WEB, FEATURES GIRLS 7 TO 13 YEARS OLD.

BUT WEBE WEB SAYS IT'S NOT BREAKING THE LAW.

(21:58 DEB QUESTION)

"WHY IS THIS LEGAL?"

(19:22 REP. FOLEY)

"IT'S HARD TO ANSWER. I DON'T THINK ANYBODY IS REALIZING THIS IS HAPPENING. I THINK THAT'S THE REASON THIS COULD EXIST. BECAUSE MEMBERS LIKE MYSELF ARE SEEING IT FOR THE FIRST TIME AND ARE JUST SHOCKED."

CONGRESSMAN FOLEY CO-CHAIRS THE
HOUSE MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN'S
CAUCUS.

FOLEY COULDN'T BELIEVE A PEDOPHILE IN
OUR STORY ADMITTED HE WAS LOOKING AT THE
WEBSITE OF A GIRL NICKNAMED LITTLE AMBER.

THE GIRL LIVES ON A FARM IN PALM BEACH
COUNTY -- FOLEY'S DISTRICT.

HE SAYS SOME PARENTS ARE PUTTING THEIR KIDS
IN DANGER.

(13:10 REP FOLEY)

"THESE ARE CHILDREN POSING SUGGESTIVELY AND
I THINK PUTTING THEM IN VERY COMPROMISING
SITUATIONS (BUTT 13:28) AND THE NEXT THING A
PARENT'S GOING TO REALIZE THEIR CHILD'S BEEN
KIDNAPPED, THEIR CHILD'S BEEN VIOLATED OR
THEIR CHILD'S BEEN MURDERED."

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DEBORAH/CHROM (DEBORAH/CHROMA)

A-SELLING
INNOCENCE
(WARPED)

CG TAL2
DEBORAH
SHERMAN
INVESTIGATIVE
REPORTER

REPRESENTATIVE FOLEY SAYS HE EXPECTS
HE'LL HAVE FULL SUPPORT FROM CONGRESS TO
MAKE THOSE KINDS OF PICTURES ILLEGAL.

FOLEY SAYS IF IT'S FASTER TO INTRODUCE
LEGISLATION AT THE STATE LEVEL, HE'LL CONTACT
THE GOVERNOR AND PUSH FOR THAT TOO.

WE'LL KEEP YOU POSTED.
JENNIFER/TONY?

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OTS=SELLING
INNOCENCE

(MIKE/OTS)

A MAJOR DEVELOPMENT TONIGHT IN AN N-B-C SIX INVESTIGATION "SELLING INNOCENCE" THAT WE BROUGHT YOU LAST MONTH CONCERNING CHILD MODELING WEBSITES.

THOSE WEBSITES FEATURE GIRLS AS YOUNG AS SEVEN YEARS OLD FROM SOUTH FLORIDA.

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER DEBORAH SHERMAN JOINS US NOW WITH THIS FOLLOW-UP STORY.

(CHROMA)

(CHROMA)

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CHROMA=SELLING (DEBORAH/CHROMA)
INNOCENCE

CG SU2
DEBORAH
SHERMAN
INVESTIGATIVE
REPORTER

ONE OF THE BIGGEST CHILD MODELING WEBSITES WE EXPOSED IS SHUTTING DOWN AS A RESULT OF OUR INVESTIGATION.

THE SITE IS PART OF A BOOMING INDUSTRY ON THE INTERNET CALLED CHILD EROTICA.

THE PARENTS CLAIM THE SITES PAY FOR THEIR CHILDRENS' COLLEGE EDUCATION, BUT CRITICS SAY IT'S CHILD EXPLOITATION.

(PKG)

(PKG)

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(NAT SOUND COMPUTER STUFF)

ONE OF THE BIGGEST CHILD MODELING SITES FEATURING "LITTLE AMBER" FROM PALM BEACH COUNTY ANNOUNCES IT IS SHUTTING DOWN.

LITTLE AMBER IS TELLING HER FANS TODAY THAT "MY MOM AND I HAVE DECIDED I MUST CONCENTRATE MORE ON SCHOOL AND GIVE UP MY WEBSITE MODELING FOR A WHILE."

THIS, AFTER OUR NBC 6 INVESTIGATION EXPOSED THAT LITTLE AMBER AND OTHER GIRLS, AGES 7 TO 13, ARE POSING IN SKIMPY CLOTHES (NAT:"I LOVE THIS OUTFIT") AND LYING ON BEDS..EACH REPORTEDLY EARNING MORE THAN A THOUSAND DOLLARS A MONTH.

(SOT @59-13 LT. PAUL O'CONNELL)

(32-37)

CG NAME

LT. PAUL

O'CONNELL

L.E.A.C.H. TASK

FORCE

"THE REASON THEY PULLED IT OFF, I THINK, IT COMES RIGHT BACK TO THE STORY CHANNEL 6 DID. IT EXPOSED THEM FOR EXACTLY WHAT THEY'RE DOING. THEY'RE EXPLOITING THEIR OWN CHILDREN."

LT. PAUL O'CONNELL, WHOSE TASK FORCE INVESTIGATES CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN, BELIEVES THESE MODELING SITES SHOULD BE ILLEGAL.

LITTLE AMBER'S STEPFATHER TOLD US "AS A RESULT OF WHAT YOU DID, A WHOLE LOT OF PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT IT, INCLUDING HER FRIENDS AND SHE'S NOT COMFORTABLE WITH IT ANYMORE. NOW SHE DOESN'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO PAY FOR COLLEGE."

(LT. O'CONNELL- 57-15)

"FROM THE BEGINNING, I NEVER BELIEVED THIS MONEY WAS BEING USED FOR HER COLLEGE FUND. SO MY REACTION TO THAT (PAUSE) I HAVE TO BITE MY TONGUE TO STOP FROM LAUGHING."

OUR INVESTIGATION FOUND EIGHT CHILD MODELING WEBSITES ARE RUN BY MARC

GREENBERG ON THE LEFT AND JEFF LIBMAN,
WHOSE COMPANY WEBE WEB IS BASED IN FORT
LAUDERDALE.

GREENBERG TOLD US TODAY: "I WOULD
PREFER NOT TO USE ANY LOCAL GIRLS AFTER
WHAT YOU GUYS DID...WE'RE LAW ABIDING. IF IT
BECOMES ILLEGAL TOMORROW, WE'LL TAKE WEBE
WEB DOWN."

(SOT 54-58)

"AMBER CAN BE REPLACED BY ANY OTHER
CHILD. (BUTT) IF THEY CAN FIND A PARENT WILLING
TO DO THAT, THEN OTHER CHILDREN WILL REPLACE
AMBER."

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CHROMA=SELLING (DEBORAH/CHROMA)
INNOCENCE

*CG SU2
DEBORAH
SHERMAN
INVESTIGATIVE
REPORTER

ALSO TONIGHT-- CONGRESSMAN MARK FOLEY WHO WAS SHOCKED BY OUR STORY -- SAYS HE'S GOING TO SEND IT TO FLORIDA'S ATTORNEY GENERAL...AND U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL JOHN ASHCROFT...HOPING TO GAIN SUPPORT FOR MAKING THESE KIND OF CHILD EROTICA WEBSITES ILLEGAL.

WE'LL KEEP YOU POSTED.
JACKIE...MICHAEL...

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 SELLING INNOCENCE PART ONE 11-07-2001

(WARNER)

YOUNG GIRLS HOPING TO BECOME RICH AND FAMOUS IN THE WORLD OF MODELING.... HAVE FOUND THEMSELVES WORKING WITH A CONVICTED FELON.

(ROSATI)

IN TONIGHT'S SPECIAL REPORT "SELLING INNOCENCE" OUR UNIT 5 INVESTIGATIVE TEAM GOES UNDERCOVER TO EXPOSE A CHICAGO AREA MODELING STUDIO WHOSE OWNER IS NOW THE SUBJECT A NATIONAL CRIMINAL PROBE.

UNIT 5'S DAVE SAVINI HAS THE RESULTS OF OUR FOUR-MONTH INVESTIGATION.*

DAVE ON VIDEO WALL DAVE.

SOME OF THESE GIRLS HAVE ENDED UP IN THE NEW BOOMING WORLD OF CHILD EROTICA...

WHERE THEY PUT THEMSELVES IN THE PUBLIC SPOTLIGHT... BY POSING FOR ALMOST NUDE PHOTO'S ALLEGEDLY WITH PARENTAL PERMISSION.

THOSE BEHIND THE INDUSTRY SAY IT IS ALL PERFECTLY LEGAL....

BUT TONIGHT WHAT WE UNCOVERED HAS LED TO A POLICE RAID.. AND A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION.

"MUSIC NATSOUND

PILLOW FIGHTS

N/S

PRETEND SLEEPOVERS..AND HOT TUBS

N/S

JUST A FEW OF THE SHOTS WE'RE ABLE TO SHOW YOU STAGED BY THE MAN IN THE TUXEDO...

TONIGHT OUR UNIT 5 INVESTIGATIVE TEAM EXPOSES ALLEGATIONS OF CHILD EXPLOITATION, PORNOGRAPHY AND SEXUAL ABUSE AGAINST THIS MAN..

TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT HIS FACE.... BECAUSE NOW HE'S A WANTED MAN.

HIS NAME IS GARY SMITH, A SELF PROCLAIMED HIGH ROLLER IN THE TEEN MODELING

INDUSTRY.

ON THE SURFACE HIS PHOTO BUSINESS APPEARS COMPLETELY LEGITIMATE BUT WE FOUND THERE'S AN UNDERSIDE...

AND FROM KIDS POSING ON BUSY CHICAGO STREETS TO MORE REVEALING SHOTS TAKEN AT THIS SECRET PHOTO STUDIO SMITH IS CASHING IN BIG.

NATSOUND: SLEEPOVER VIDEO TAPE 19 24:54
"Okay no butt pictures."

HE'S PART OF THE BOOMING INTERNET INDUSTRY OF CHILD EROTICA.....

NATSOUND: MOLLY VIDEO
"turn slowly..."

YOU'RE HEARING GARY SMITH'S VOICE AS HE TELLS A 16 YEAR OLD HOW TO POSE.

HE OPERATES THE CAMERA AS SHE POURS WATER ON HER SHIRT.. WE'RE THE ONES WHO COVERED THE VIDEO.

HE SELLS THEIR PICTURES AND VIDEOS ON HIS WEBSITE....

PROSECUTORS SAY HE IS SELLING TO A SELECT MARKET THAT INCLUDES PEDOPHILES.

SOT: DAN STEWART TAPE 2 2:24:25

"I think it's obscene. You're dealing with individuals who are preying upon children."

THIS 14 YEAR OLD MODEL WHO SAYS SHE MADE A THOUSAND DOLLARS IN HER FIRST WEEK TELLS US SHE DOESN'T WANT TO THINK ABOUT WHO IS PAYING TO SEE HER POSE..

SOT: ADRIENNE TAPE 11 -- 14:08 ***MAY NEED TO PREPRO***

"It's just something you don't think about because that just ruins your fun."

TONIGHT THE INNER WORKINGS OF GARY SMITH'S OPERATION.

UNIT-5 GOES UNDERCOVER..... INTO A HALLOWEEN PARTY STAGED BY SMITH, WHERE SMITH ALLOWS WEBSITE CUSTOMERS TO MEET 16, 15 EVEN 14 YEAR OLD GIRLS IN PERSON...

NATSOUND TAPE 11 -- 4:45 inside Halloween party

"Hi."

WE REVEAL HIS PHOTO STUDIO AT THIS CHICAGO NORTH SIDE HOME..

AN OPERATION WITH ANNUAL REVENUES IN THE MILLIONS ACCORDING TO POLICE SOURCES WHO ARE NOW INVESTIGATING SMITH AFTER WHAT WE UNCOVERED.

GARY SMITH IS A CONVICTED CHILD MOLESTER.

SOT: DAD 4:05:45 -- **PREPRO MOLLY**

"In my opinion he's very dangerous. If my daughter didn't have the resources to fight him off he would have raped her."

WE'VE LEARNED A NATIONWIDE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION IS NOW UNDERWAY.

N/S --- HAND OVER CAMERA

"SHUT THAT CAMERA OFF"

THE SECRETS BEHIND GARY SMITH'S OPERATION ARE ABOUT TO UNFOLD..

PREPRO FREEZE GARY

"I'M DAVE SAVINI...."

AFTER A BREAK... WHAT WE UNCOVER ABOUT THIS MAN LEADS TO A POLICE RAID INTO THE NEW AND BOOMING INTERNET WORLD OF CHILD EROTICA...

BUMP IN GRAPHIC:SELLING INNOCENCE STANDUP

HOW COULD A CONVICTED CHILD MOLESTER OPEN A CHILD MODELING STUDIO IN THIS CHICAGO NEIGHBORHOOD?

IT IS NOW A QUESTION FOR BOTH LOCAL AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES WHO ARE ON THE TRAIL OF THE MAN BEHIND THE OPERATION..GARY SMITH.

N/S

"happy birthday to Gary"

A 35 YEAR OLD COMPUTER SPECIALIST who's WANTED BY POLICE IN ARKANSAS.

GARY 07-17

"I've got nothing to hide"

CONVICTED IN 1998 OF SEXUALLY ASSAULTING THIS MAN'S 15-YEAR OLD DAUGHTER.

BILL LINCKS 4-22-11

"he had her pinned against the side of the car trying to take her clothes off"

00-57 SMITH

"she came on to me"

SMITH WAS ORDERED TO GET COUNSELING.
THAT WAS THE AGREEMENT TO AVOID
PRISON.

EDIT 14-39

"and have you gone through counseling? I have gone through several counseling sections. how many sessions; give me a guess? I don't know about a dozen"

BUT PROSECUTORS IN ARKANSAS SAY HE'S IN VIOLATION OF HIS SENTENCING AGREEMENT AND COULD GET TEN YEARS IN PRISON.

THEY'RE ALSO STUNNED TO LEARN WHAT WE FOUND OUT ABOUT SMITH'S BUSINESS.... . THIS UNIT 5 SURVEILLANCE video Shows young GIRLS going TO HIS HOME WHERE HE TAKES THEIR PICTURES, .

THEY EVEN MEET HIM AT HOTEL ROOMS..
SMITH SAYS PARENTS APPROVE OF WHAT HE'S DOING.

SMITH

"DO THEY KNOW YOU ARE A REGISTERED CHILD SEX OFFENDER? YES"

AND UNIT-5 FOUND HE EVEN SELLS TICKETS SO CUSTOMERS CAN MEET THE GIRLS IN PERSON AND TAKE CUSTOM PHOTO'S AT PARTY'S LIKE THIS ONE.

AUTHORITIES BELIEVE MANY OF THE PHOTO'S ARE CROSSING THE LINE.

DAN STEWART 2-16-34

"I believe this violates the Arkansas statue of child pornography"

DAN STEWART IS AN ARKANSAS PROSECUTOR.

HE ISSUED A NEW WARRANT FOR SMITH'S ARREST.

DAN STEWART 2:22-26

"I think that it's absolutely horrible and

something needs to be done about it."

SOMETHING IS BEING DONE WE'VE NOW
LEARNED SMITH IS THE SUBJECT OF AN FBI
INVESTIGATION.....

SMITH

"I've been under investigation for four or
five months now"

LAW ENFORCEMENT SOURCES CLOSE TO THE
SMITH CASE TELL UNIT 5 THE F-B-I HAS
INFORMATION ABOUT A 12 YEAR OLD GIRL WHO
SMITH ALLEGEDLY FORCED TO POSE NUDE IN A
MISSOURI HOTEL ROOM EARLIER THIS YEAR.

ALL PART OF AN ALLEGED SECRET
COLLECTION OF PHOTO'S CALLED THE "GOLDEN
PICTURES".

SMITH

"supposedly I have a huge nude collection of
all the girls and truth be told that's not
the case."

4-17-54 BILL LINKS/DAD OF VICTIM

"its sickening it makes me sick to my
stomach that someone like Gary Smith is
still preying and profiting from something
thetas as serious as he's doing"

GARY 09-57

"they make anywhere from 1 thousand a week
to 3 thousand a week..that's more than you
make)"

HE'S not only LAUGHING he ALSO WANTS
TO SEND A MESSAGE TO POLICE AND F-B-I
AGENTS INVESTIGATING HIM. HE SAYS
EVERYTHING HE DOES IS PERFECTLY LEGAL.

SMITH

"you let them come in and raid the place"

FIVE DAYS AFTER THIS INTERVIEW....
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED.

COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S POLICE RAID
GARY'S HOME.....THAT'S SMITH SITTING AT HIS
COMPUTER.

POLICE SAY 200 THOUSAND DOLLARS
WORTH..

THEY SEIZED IT ALONG WITH THOUSANDS OF
COMPUTER DISCS AND VIDEOS..

POLICE EVEN FOUND SPOTLIGHTS OVER

SOME OF THE BEDS.. AND DRUGS IN ONE OF THE ROOMS.

"I thought you said you run a clean operation....I do"

. HE WAS ARRESTED ON HIS ARKANSAS WARRANT.

SMITH

"ANY THING TO SAY BEFORE YOU GO AWAY?"

"NO"

AND SENT TO THE COOK COUNTY JAIL.

"DOOR SLAMS"

TAG:

AS FOR HIS ARREST ON THE VIOLATION OF HIS PLEA AGREEMENT.

SMITH POSTED BOND AND IS FREE UNTIL THE GOVERNOR SIGNS A WARRANT TO SEND HIM BACK TO ARKANSAS..THAT COULD TAKE 90 DAYS.

THE COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S POLICE ARE EXAMINING ALL OF HIS FILES THEY CONFISCATED AND SAY "THEIR INVESTIGATION INTO MR. SMITH AND HIS BUSINESS ACTIVITIES IS CONTINUING AND EXPANDING IN SCOPE"

SMITH DENIES THE DRUGS FOUND IN THE HOUSE ARE HIS.

WE'VE NOW LEARNED FIVE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ARRESTED ON PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES STEMMING FROM OTHER TEEN MODELING WEBSITES.

ACCORDING TO U-S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE SOURCES..... THREE-PEOPLE WERE INDICTED LAST NIGHT IN MISSOURI INCLUDING THE PARENTS OF A GIRL WHO WE'VE LEARNED ONCE APPEARED ON SMITH'S WEBSITE..

FEDERAL OFFICIALS SAY THEIR INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING..

TOSS:

WARNER AND ALISON THE MONEY IS SO BIG, PARENTS ARE SETTING UP WEBSITES LIKE SMITH'S ALL OVER THE COUNTRY.. SELLING IMAGES OF THEIR OWN KIDS ON LINE..

IN THE DAYS AND WEEKS TO COME WE'LL HAVE THE RESULTS OF A JOINT INVESTIGATION WE CONDUCTED WITH THE INVESTIGATIVE TEAM FROM OUR SISTER STATION IN MIAMI.

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PART TWO SELLING INNOCENCE 11-19-2001

(WARNER)

POLICE SAY YOUNG GIRLS WITH BIG DREAMS ARE BEING EXPLOITED LIKE NEVER BEFORE VIA THE INTERNET..

(ALLISON)

TONIGHT OUR UNIT 5 INVESTIGATIVE TEAM HAS NEW INFORMATION REGARDING A CRACKDOWN ON CHILD MODELING WEBSITES THAT ALLEGEDLY EXPLOIT MINORS FOR PROFIT.

(WARNER)

DAVE SAVINI HAS THE EXCLUSIVE DETAILS WITH HIS CONTINUING SPECIAL "SELLING INNOCENCE"

(DAVE)

AT LEAST FOUR PARENTS ARE IN POLICE CUSTODY TONIGHT AFTER THEY SET UP WEBSITES AND ALLEGEDLY TOOK NUDE PHOTOS OF THEIR DAUGHTERS..

POLICE FROM SEVERAL DIFFERENT AGENCIES AROUND THE COUNTRY ARE NOW INVESTIGATING THE POSSIBILITY OF A CHICAGO CONNECTION TO THESE OPERATIONS...*

CHILD EROTICA IS A FAST GROWING INDUSTRY ON THE INTERNET.

AND IT'S PARENTS WHO... MANY TIMES.. ARE SELLING PICTURES -- OF THEIR OWN KIDS.

THIS 12-YEAR OLD IS THE LATEST VICTIM.

HER PARENTS INDICTED IN MISSOURI ON FEDERAL PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES FOR SELLING PICTURES OF HER.

A FAMILY PORN RING ALLEGEDLY CONNECTED TO GARY SMITH... A CHICAGO MAN WHO RUNS SEVERAL TEEN MODELING WEBSITES.

03:12 GARY tape

"we have non-nude girls on there and that's all we're doing. I mean there's no nudity at all."

BUT GARY SMITH... WE'VE LEARNED...

ALSO IS UNDER INVESTIGATION BY THE F-B-I... FOR HIS POSSIBLE TIES TO THE PORNOGRAPHIC PICTURES OF THE 12-YEAR OLD.

HE ALLEGEDLY TRAVELED TO THIS MOTEL IN

WESTERN MISSOURI EARLIER THIS YEAR AND FORCED THE GIRL TO POSE NUDE.

AND WE'VE LEARNED SMITH IS ALSO BEING INVESTIGATED FOR HIS POSSIBLE CONNECTION TO ANOTHER MOTHER AND STEPFATHER TEAM IN ARKANSAS..

JAMES AND DONNA CUMMINGS ARE NOW IN CUSTODY. POLICE SAY THEY ALSO RAN A WEB SITE INVOLVING THEIR DAUGHTER.. AND WERE ALLEGEDLY CAUGHT WITH PORNOGRAPHIC VIDEOTAPES.

MAGAZINE PROSECUTOR BRIAN MUELLER TP one, 19-31

"I WAS DISGUSTED"

EDIT 19-40, tape one

"THAT SOMEONE WOULD USE A CHILD LIKE THAT"

BRIAN MUELLER IS THE PROSECUTOR INVESTIGATING WHETHER THERE IS A GARY SMITH CONNECTION TO THE CUMMINGS CASE.

28:11 tape one Brian- "I think we need to look into it further to see if these two are related and what their connection is and I hope the FBI will help us with this case and expand it.

PROSECUTORS ARE ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT SMITH BECAUSE OF HIS PAST.

"DO THEY KNOW YOU ARE A CONVICTED CHILD MOLESTER? YES"

GARY SMITH IS A CONVICTED CHILD MOLESTER.

AFTER OUR UNDERCOVER TEAM EXPOSED SMITH'S OPERATION EARLIER THIS MONTH.... HE WAS ARRESTED ON A NEW WARRANT STEMMING FROM A PRIOR SEX ABUSE CASE.

TAG:

GARY SMITH WAS ABLE TO POST BOND AND IS NOW AWAITING EXTRADITION TO ARKANSAS FOR FAILING TO GET COUNSELING FROM AN EARLIER CHILD SEXUAL ASSAULT CONVICTION..

AN ATTORNEY FOR SMITH TELLS US HE IS WORKING ON A PLAN FOR GARY SMITH'S SURRENDER TO ARKANSAS AUTHORITIES..

SEVERAL MEMBERS OF CONGRESS HAVE SEEN OUR INVESTIGATION AND ARE PLANNING NEW

**LAWS TO PROTECT KIDS FROM INTERNET
EXPLOITATION.**

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PART THREE 12-03-2001

**MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TAKE ACTION
TONIGHT AFTER A UNIT 5 INVESTIGATION THAT
EVERY PARENT SHOULD KNOW ABOUT.**

**A NEW FORM OF BUSINESS IS PROFITING
OFF THE SALE OF VIDEOS AND PHOTOS INVOLVING
YOUNG GIRLS.**

**IT HAS GOTTEN SO BIG..... AUTHORITIES
HAVE NOW STEPPED UP CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS
AROUND THE COUNTRY...INCLUDING ONE RIGHT
HERE.**

**UNIT FIVE'S DAVE SAVINI JOINS US WITH
MORE ON HIS INVESTIGATION.**

DAVE.

**TONIGHT THE F-B-I IS USING A FORENSIC
TEAM TO ANALYZE THE COMPUTER FILES OF A
CHICAGO WEBSITE OPERATOR EXPOSED BY UNIT
5..**

**WE'VE ALSO LEARNED MEMBERS OF
CONGRESS ARE NOW REVIEWING OUR FINDINGS AS
~~A NATIONWIDE CRACKDOWN HAS BEEN LAUNCHED..~~
INTO THE SELLING OF INNOCENCE..**

**YOUNG GIRLS HOPING THEY'LL GET
NOTICED OVER THE INTERNET...BUT AT WHAT
PRICE?**

Tracey walker 11-47-07

"right now this is the biggest exploitation"

**TRACEY WALKER... RUNS A LOCAL
NON-PROFIT MODELING ASSOCIATION.**

**SHE SAYS BECAUSE OF THE INTERNET.....
MORE THAN EVER BEFORE.... YOUNG GIRLS ARE
COMING TO HER FOR HELP.**

**SOME KIDS HOPING TO BECOME FAMOUS
MODELS ARE INSTEAD GETTING CAUGHT IN THE
WORLD OF ONLINE CHILD EROTICA.**

Tracey 11-22-30 -- CUTAWAY

"these teenagers are easily manipulated they
will do anything...they will do anything.."

"and what about the money?" "the money is a
bonus"

AND IT'S A BONUS FOR THE PEOPLE BEHIND

THESE WEBSITES... INCLUDING THIS MAN GARY SMITH

GARY 9:08

Obviously the girls make most of the money off the site and that's what I care about."

THE UNIT 5 INVESTIGATIVE TEAM WENT UNDERCOVER TO EXPOSE THE GARY SMITH STORY, HIS RAVENSWOOD AREA HOME IS WHERE HE OPERATES HIS ALLEGED MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR BUSINESS WHICH SELLS IMAGES OF GIRLS AROUND THE COUNTRY.

WALKER 11-42-10

"my organization started getting phone calls and complaints into his activities"

WALKER SAYS WHEN SHE SAW OUR REPORT ABOUT GARY SMITH.... SHE RECOGNIZED HIM AS THE SAME MAN WHO TRIED TO RECRUIT YOUNG MODELS AT SEMINARS SHE HOSTED TO TEACH YOUNG GIRLS ABOUT THE DANGERS OF THE BUSINESS..

11-25-48 tracey

"unfortunately there are people like gary smith out there who look and take advantage of these girls"

NAT GARY BEING ARRESTED

SMITH WAS ARRESTED AFTER OUR INVESTIGATION.... ON A WARRANT INVOLVING HIS SENTENCING AGREEMENT FOR A PAST CHILD SEX ABUSE CONVICTION.

SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES CONFISCATED COMPUTERS.... C-D'S... AND OTHER EQUIPMENT.

TONIGHT THE COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAS CONFIRMED THEY TURNED OVER EVERYTHING THEY CONFISCATED TO THE US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR FORENSIC TESTING.

SMITH SAYS HE'S DONE NOTHING WRONG.

03:12 GARY tim tape

"we have non-nude girls on there and that's all we're doing. I mean there's no nudity at all."

SMITH... WE'VE LEARNED FROM

GOVERNMENT SOURCES... ALSO IS THE SUBJECT OF A FBI INVESTIGATION FOR ALLEGEDLY TAKING PORNOGRAPHIC PHOTOS OF A 12 YEAR OLD GIRL.

MARK KIRK 19-22

"thank god for your report and the action of local law enforcement"

WHEN CONGRESSMAN MARK KIRK SAW OUR FINDINGS HE STARTED MAKING PLANS FOR CHANGE.

CONGRESSMAN MARK KIRK 19-39

"I think that calls for state and federal legislation to make sure that children are not victims here"

KIRK IS A MEMBER OF THE CHILD EXPLOITATION CAUCUS IN WASHINGTON.. HE SAYS NEW LAWS NEED TO BE PASSED TO MAKE THE SALE OF CHILD EROTICA ILLEGAL.

LIKE THIS SHOOT WHERE GARY SMITH TELLS A 16 YEAR OLD HOW TO POSE..ZOOMING IN ON HER WET SHIRT..

10:58 I don't push the models to do anything they don't want to do. (Dave) but then you sold the pictures. (Gary) she was making money off of it.

KIRK 20-29

"a child does not need to be completely nude in order to be victimized and exploited"

TAG:

BECAUSE OF OUR REPORT CONGRESSMAN KIRK AND MEMBERS OF HIS CAUCUS ARE TRYING TO CREATE NEW LAWS INVOLVING THE PEDDLING OF THESE PICTURES OVER THE INTERNET.

COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICIALS ARE STILL INVESTIGATING GARY SMITH AND EVEN THOUGH HIS COMPUTER EQUIPMENT WAS SEIZED HIS BUSINESS IS STILL UP AND RUNNING.

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PART FOUR 12-17-01

"SELLING INNOCENCE" -- PARENTS SELLING PICTURES OF THEIR OWN CHILDREN ON-LINE..

DISTURBING PHOTOS AND VIDEOS THAT ARE SENDING SHOCK WAVES THROUGH CONGRESS..

AS A RESULT OF UNIT-5'S EXCLUSIVE INVESTIGATION THE U-S ATTORNEY GENERAL IS BEING CALLED ON TONIGHT FOR ACTION.

DAVE SAVINI JOINS US WITH MORE.

A JOINT INVESTIGATION WITH OUR NBC-AFFILIATE IN MIAMI FLORIDA HAS LED TO ACTION IN OUR NATION'S CAPITOL TONIGHT.

OUR STORIES... HAVE BEEN SENT TO U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL JOHN ASHCROFT..... ALONG WITH TWO LETTERS FROM MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

THEY ARE ASKING FOR A TOP TO BOTTOM INVESTIGATION INTO THE PEOPLE BEHIND A NEW INTERNET INDUSTRY PROFITING FROM THE SALE OF CHILD EROTICA.

~~15:10-R- police officer~~ "Police Department, Search Warrant..."

A NORTH CAROLINA HOME IS RAIDED AFTER POLICE CATCH IT'S OWNER DOWNLOADING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY.

WHEN POLICE EXAMINED THE COMPUTER THEY ALSO FOUND PICTURES OF A 12 YEAR OLD CALLED LITTLE AMBER -- PHOTOS CONSIDERED NOT PORNOGRAPHIC... BUT CHILD EROTICA.

YOUNG GIRLS POSING SEDUCTIVELY.... AUTHORITIES SAY THEY ARE OFTEN VIEWED BY PEDOPHILES LIKE THE MAN CAUGHT WITH THE PORN AND LITTLE AMBER'S PICTURES.. MICHAEL KIBET....

~~15:59-Kivet-~~ "Most people browse these sites just mainly because they find sexual attraction to children, some of them if they can't find regular porn sites, they'll use stuff like that as a substitute.

TONIGHT SEVERAL MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ARE URGING US ATTORNEY GENERAL JOHN ASHCROFT TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST WHAT WE UNCOVERED ON THE INTERNET NATIONWIDE.

11:56-Nancy McBride -- Florida's national center for missing and exploited children -- "This is unsavory, it's disgusting, it makes my stomach turn.....

(do we have raw tape of her to establish?)

NANCY McBride HEADS THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN. SHE WAS STUNNED AT OUR FINDINGS...AND IS NOW WORKING TO SHUT DOWN THE PEOPLE BEHIND THESE OPERATIONS..

FOR WEEKS NOW WE'VE BEEN TELLING YOU ABOUT THIS CHICAGO RAVENSWOOD AREA MODELING STUDIO..

AND THE MAN BEHIND IT, CONVICTED CHILD SEX OFFENDER GARY SMITH..

WE FOUND SMITH ALSO SELLING VIDEOS OF YOUNG GIRLS..

"TURN AROUND"

POLICE WHO RAIDED HIS STUDIO AFTER OUR FINDINGS SAY HE WAS RUNNING A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR OPERATION.

smith/file

n/s "anything to say before you go away..no"

WHILE UNIT 5 WAS EXPOSING SMITH'S BUSINESS..OUR NBC INVESTIGATORS IN FLORIDA WERE ALSO INVESTIGATING HOW SMITH FINDS MINORS FROM FLORIDA HE SAYS WITH PARENTAL PERMISSION TO POSE HERE IN CHICAGO, LIKE THE GIRL IN THE JEANIE OUTFIT.

11:32- Interviewee "We're putting these kids on a platter...we're saying come and get me."

DURING OUR 4 MONTH JOINT INVESTIGATION UNIT-5 --AND OUR MIAMI AFFILIATE WENT UNDERCOVER TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE WEBSITES.

LITTLE AMBER'S WEBSITE IS OPERATED out of Florida -- BY MARK GREENBERG IN THE T-SHIRT, AND JEFF LIBMEN -- THEIR COMPANY IS CALLED WEBBIE WEB.

LISTEN TO WHAT THEY HAD TO SAY TO UNDERCOVER PRODUCERS.

13:19-L- "It gives these guys that do like young girls like that would be normally gawking at these teenagers in the mall, you know, an outlet to relieve themselves of their frustrations I guess."

14:45-Lt.- "She's almost all completely nude."

LT. PAUL O'Connell LEADS a TASK FORCE THAT TARGETS ONLINE CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN.

"PARENTS PIMPING.....CHILDREN"

HE'S INVESTIGATED COMPLAINTS INVOLVING WEBBIE WEB'S CHILD MODELING SITES... BUT HE SAYS THE SITES ARE LEGAL.

WEBIE WEB'S OWNERS... OFF CAMERA SAY THE GIRLS AND THEIR PARENTS MAKE \$1,000 A MONTH AND THAT THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH WHAT THEY DO... HE SAYS THEY DON'T EXPLOIT CHILDREN

LITTLE AMBERS FAMILY SEEMS TO AGREE.

13:47-Brother- "She's a model and she gets money from that for college..."

TAG:

SINCE OUR JOINT INVESTIGATION EXPOSED THE OPERATIONS...LITTLE AMBERS WEBSITE IS SHUTTING DOWN VOLUNTARILY.

AND WE'VE LEARNED GARY SMITH HAS BECOME THE SUBJECT OF AN FBI INVESTIGATION..

ILLINOIS CONGRESSMAN MARK KIRK AND FLORIDA CONGRESSMAN MARK FOLEY ARE LEADING THE CHARGE IN WASHINGTON AGAINST CHILD EROTICA.

THEY ARE THE ONES ASKING FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL ASHCROFT'S INTERVENTION..

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Dear Mr. Attorney General:

I have recently learned of a loophole in our existing laws banning child pornography. Under the guise of "modeling", several child pornography sites are now operating on the Internet.

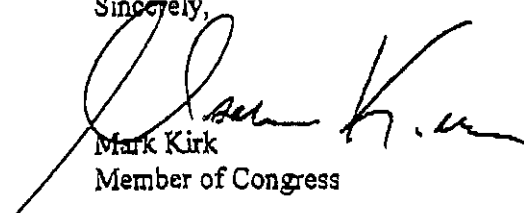
Federal law and Supreme Court decisions provide ample authority to control the publication of child pornography. Our review of the Internet shows that many sites contain links to other sites, showing a broad use of the modeling loophole in our restrictions against child pornography. With hundreds of pictures available, it would appear that a large number of young Americans are being victimized by a growing industry thriving under the modeling loophole.

I would urge you to review this issue and find ways to close this industry down. If you should need legislation from the Congress, I would be happy to work with your staff and the President to find appropriate means of protecting children from being exploited in this way. I know that we would also receive strong support of the Chairman of our Caucus on Missing and Exploited Children, Rep. Mark A. Foley.

I want to applaud the work of one of our local reporters, Mr. David Savini, of NBC-5 Chicago, in bringing this to our attention. I have enclosed a videotape including his story on the growing exploitation of children on the Internet.

Thank you for your time on this important matter.

Sincerely,


Mark Kirk
Member of Congress

cc. Nancy McBride, Director, Prevention Education
National Center for Missing and Exploited Children
Jim Ryan, Attorney General, State of Illinois

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The Honorable Bob Butterworth
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Dear Mr. Attorneys General:

It has recently been brought to my attention that there is a new and disturbing industry on the Internet - child modeling. These web sites contain picture after picture of minor girls dressed in bathing suits, scantily clad and suggestive clothing. In most cases, these sites are nothing more than child pornography placed under the guise of "modeling."

One of these web sites, Li'l Amber.com (www.lilamber.com) is operated from my district in Palm Beach County. At first glance, you can tell that this site was not intended for any other purpose than that of exploiting a child. There are countless pictures and videos for sale of this young girl in suggestive positions.

What may be even worse is that this site is not an anomaly. Further review of the Li'l Amber web site leads to links that contain countless other sites with similar material on them. There are thousands of pictures of young underage girls on the Internet being viewed by millions of people around the world — including pedophiles and child sex offenders. The most shocking issue that I discovered was that many of these web sites were being operated by the child's parents!

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I would urge you to review the enclosed video tape and determine whether these child modeling web sties are in violation of any federal or state law. I would appreciate knowing whether current law is sufficient to prosecute those responsible for producing these sites or whether other action needs to be taken.

Thank you in advance for your prompt response to this matter.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Foley
Member of Congress
MAF/bcs

cc. Nancy McBride, Director, Prevention Education
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