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## **Arizona Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force**

Six month report: January - June of 2007

### Background

The Arizona Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force is a multi-agency network of Arizona law enforcement personnel whose mission is to apprehend and bring to justice Internet-related sexual predators and child pornographers. The primary grantee for the Task Force is the Phoenix Police Department and the Task Force is closely affiliated with 49 state, county and local Arizona law enforcement agencies. The Task Force works cooperatively with colleagues from the F.B.I., I.C.E. and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. The Arizona ICAC is also part of a larger network of 46 regional Task Forces located throughout the United States.

Since 1998, detectives, special agents and prosecutors have recorded over 3,000 investigations resulting in over 290 arrests or indictments. Offenders have received over 600 years incarceration and many lifetimes of probation. The investigations have crossed county, state and national borders. Task Force education efforts have provided Internet crime prevention training to over 17,000 Arizona citizens and youth at community meetings, schools and colleges throughout the state. Over 4,000 law enforcement officers have received Internet crime investigations training through the Task Force.

The following pages represent the efforts of the Task Force over the six month period from January 1, 2007 through June 30, 2007.

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### **Investigations**

- 382 incidents or requests for service.
  - 184 of the 382 incidents were the result of information received from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC).

### **Arrests & Adjudications**

- 41 offenders arrested or indicted for child pornography or luring/enticement.
  - 12 of the 41 offenders were arrested based upon peer-to-peer investigations that involved child pornography that was trafficked via file-sharing programs.
- 13 offenders adjudicated from this or previous reporting periods receiving a total of 78.5 years incarceration. Each offender also received lifetime probation and must register as a sex offender.

### **Training & Education**

- 1,438 law enforcement officers from various Arizona agencies attended specialized training related to Internet crimes against children.
- 4,448 citizens received ICAC awareness and prevention training

### Selected Significant Incidents

- In February, a proactive luring/enticement investigation led to the arrest of a Phoenix man. Using his webcam, the man had also displayed his genitals and masturbated. Pursuant to his arrest, the man admitted to participating in prior sex acts with five minors whom he had met via the Internet. He had also created video of himself engaging in sex acts with one of the minors. The suspect was booked and is facing several felony charges including sexual exploitation of minors, sexual conduct with minors, attempt public sexual indecency and luring a minor for sexual exploitation. (PPD 2007-70308079)
- In April, a proactive investigation into child pornography led to the arrest of a Mesa man. During the search of the man's residence an investigator found 35mm film negatives that appeared to depict minors being molested. The suspect subsequently confessed to previously molesting two minors in Las Vegas several years ago. The minors have since moved to California. The man was booked for the child pornography charges and investigators are following-up in order to gather sufficient evidence for additional charges. (PPD 2007-71110465)
- In April, investigators assisted the Virginia ICAC with a search and arrest warrant after a proactive investigation initiated by Virginia led to Mesa resident. The suspect was arrested and admitted to soliciting sex acts from a Virginia undercover officer whom he believed was a 13-year old boy. (AZ ICAC IER 2632)
- In April, investigators assisted the FBI with a search warrant for child pornography at a Tempe residence. The home was so filthy and unkempt that fire department biohazard experts were summoned to evaluate the location. Because of the unlivable and toxic conditions present, special agents were only permitted into the residence after donning biohazard suits. Evidence was recovered and a suspect was interviewed. The FBI investigation continues.
- In June, investigators served a search warrant for child pornography at the home of a prominent Phoenix doctor whose son had trafficked unlawful images via the Internet. In addition to child pornography, investigators also seized unlawful Cuban cigars and unlawful liquid steroids. (PPD 2007-71213079)
- In June, a Florida accountant who was visiting Arizona for a conference and staying at a hotel/casino, used the Internet to solicit sex from an undercover officer whom the suspect believed was a minor. The man was arrested and booked. (SPD 07-17090)
- In June, a reactive investigation involving a familial contact offender led to the arrest of an Arizona prison guard who had molested his six year old daughter and distributed 90 images of the offenses via the Internet. The images were found as far away as Croatia. (PPD 2007-7115582)

## **Statistics - Arizona ICAC**

January 1, 2007 and June 30, 2007

### **Incidents and Requests for Service**

382 incidents or requests for service

### **Arrests or Indictments**

41 offenders arrested or indicted

### **Adjudications**

13 offenders were adjudicated. In sum they received a total of 78.5 years in prison.

7 of the 11 also received lifetime probation and must register as sex offenders.

### **Reactive vs. Proactive Investigations \***

351 of the 382 cases were classified as reactive investigations.

27 of the 382 cases involved proactive investigations initiated by ICAC investigators.

*\* Reactive cases are those that are received from outside information sources including citizen reports of unlawful activity. Proactive investigations are those cases that are initiated via undercover operations.*

### **Reactive Cybertipline Cases**

184 of the 351 reactive cases came as the result of referrals from NCMEC

### **Types of incidents or investigations (from the total of 382)**

136 - possession or trafficking of child pornography

91 - luring or enticement of minors via the Internet

65 - assisting other agencies

44 - distribution of child pornography

13 - local offenders manufacturing child pornography

10 - obscenity directed towards minors

9 - child prostitution

4 - child molestation or sex abuse investigations

3 - harassment

2 - computer tampering or hacking

5 - Other

### **Computer Forensics**

120 computer forensics examinations were conducted.

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### **Dispositions \***

87 cases were deemed unfounded  
 56 cases are pending further information and were suspended  
 49 cases referred to other local agencies  
 22 cases referred to other state agencies  
 19 offenders pled guilty  
 16 cases were referred to Federal agencies  
 5 offenders went to trial

*\* includes information from cases that originated before January 1, 2007*

**Closed Cases \***

126 incidents are still under investigation and not yet resolved  
 96 cases were referred to other agencies  
 80 incidents were determined to be unfounded  
 45 cases were suspended for lack of sufficient information to complete the investigation  
 26 of the cases initiated during this reporting period were closed by arrest or indictment  
 2 cases were exceptionally cleared

*\* includes information from cases that originated before January 1, 2007*

**Victim Identification**

7 victims of exploitation whose images appear in child pornography were identified.

**Training and Education**

1438 Law enforcement officers received specialized ICAC training  
 4448 citizens received ICAC awareness and prevention training

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Offenders' occupations as reported by the offender or by reporting persons	
Aerospace engineer	Minister
Auto repairman	Pizzeria manager

Band member and Actor	Plumber
Bank teller	Prison guard
Boat mechanic	Pool maintenance and repair
Boat shop owner	Registered nurse
Bus driver	Restaurant manager
Business owner	Retail electronics salesman
Business owner of a lighting design company	Retired - unspecified
Cardiologist	Retired woodworker
Certified public accountant	Sales and marketing
Childrens guidance counselor	Salesman
College student	Satellite dish installer
Computer programmer and legal intern	School teacher
Consumer credit counselor	Security guard
Convenience store clerk	Semi professional hockey player
Corrections officer	Sergeant - Army National Guard
Disabled - retired - unspecified	Software Engineer
Disabled military veteran	Student
Fast food worker	Supervisor at a sales company that sells homes
Foreman	Systems architect for IT corporation
Former grocery store employee	Tool field subcontractor for computer chip mfgr.
Former sheriffs deputy	Truck driver
Former supervisor of a county road crew	Truck driver and warehouse manager
Health care volunteer	Unemployed
Helicopter pilot trainee	Unemployed after dishonorable discharge from military
High school student	Unemployed photographer/ movie producer
High school teacher	Volleyball coach
Ice cream truck driver	Warehouse worker
ISP cable installer	Welding student
Loan officer	X-ray technician