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Durham Police Department Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force

Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force

The Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force is a nationwide network of law enforcement officers and prosecutors dedicated to protecting children from online dangers. The Durham Police Department is part of the North Carolina ICAC Task Force, which works with the N.C. State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) and other local agencies to investigate pornography involving persons less than 18 years of age, solicitation on the Internet of persons under the age of 16 and cyber tips reported through The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (www.missingkids.com).

There are two investigators from the Durham Police Department on the North Carolina ICAC Task Force. The ICAC Task Force was developed in response to the increasing number of children and teenagers using the Internet, the proliferation of child pornography and heightened online activity by predators seeking unsupervised contact with potential underage victims.

The ICAC program is a national network of 59 coordinated task forces representing over 2,000 federal, state and local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies. These agencies are engaged in proactive investigations, forensic investigations, criminal prosecutions and educating the community.

- Since the ICAC program's inception in 1998, nearly 100,000 law enforcement officers, prosecutors and other professionals have been trained in the United States and in 17 countries on techniques to investigate and prosecute ICAC related cases.
- Since 1998, ICAC Task Forces have reviewed more than 100,000 complaints of alleged child sexual victimization resulting in the arrest of more than 13,500 individuals.
- In 2007, the ICAC program trained over 20,000 law enforcement personnel and nearly 1,700 prosecutors. In 2008, the number of trained law enforcement personnel increased to over 26,500, while an additional 2,219 prosecutors were trained.
- In 2007, ICAC investigations led to more than 10,500 forensic examinations, the

identification of nearly 400 children who were victims of some form of abuse and neglect and 2,400 arrests.

- In 2008, ICAC task forces have resulted in the arrest of more than 3,000 individuals, with over one-third of those arrests (1,109) resulting in the acceptance of a plea agreement by the defendant.

Durham ICAC investigators are available to provide presentations about Internet safety to civic organizations, church groups and anyone else who is interested.

Internet Crimes

Internet crimes are often thought of as victimless, but children and teenagers can and do become victims of Internet crimes. Predators contact teenagers and children over the Internet and victimize them in several ways by:

- Enticing them through online contact for the purpose of engaging them in sexual acts
- Using the Internet for the production, manufacture and distribution of child pornography
- Using the Internet to expose youth to child pornography and encourage them to exchange pornography
- Enticing and exploiting children for the purpose of sexual tourism (travel with the intent to engage and/or personal gratification)

The following characteristics distinguish Internet crimes from other crimes committed against children:

- Physical contact between the child and the perpetrator does not need to occur for a child to become a victim or for a crime to be committed. Innocent pictures or images of children can be digitally transformed into pornographic material and distributed across the Internet without the victim's knowledge.
- The Internet provides a source for repeated, long-term victimization of a child that can last for years, often without the victim's knowledge. Once a child's picture is displayed on the Internet, it can remain there forever. Images can stay on the Internet indefinitely without damage to the quality of the image.
- These crimes transcend jurisdictional boundaries, often involving multiple victims from different communities, states and countries. The geographic location of a child is not a primary concern for perpetrators who target victims over the Internet. Often, perpetrators travel hundreds of miles to different states and countries to engage in sexual acts with children they met over the Internet. Many of these cases involve local, state, federal and international law enforcement entities in multiple jurisdictions.
- Many victims of Internet crimes do not disclose their victimization or even realize that they

have been victims of a crime. Whereas children who experience physical or sexual abuse may disclose the abuse to a friend, teacher or parent, many victims of Internet crimes remain anonymous until pictures or images are discovered by law enforcement during an investigation. The presumed anonymity of Internet activities often provides a false sense of security and secrecy for both the perpetrator and the victim.

Durham Police ICAC Investigators



Durham Police ICAC Investigators Locklear (left) and Brown (right)

Detective J. J. Locklear has more than 10 years experience with the Durham Police Department. Locklear was assigned to Criminal Investigations in 2004. He has worked as a Field Training Officer and worked in the Domestic Violence Unit as a Forensic Investigator. He assisted with the Forensics Services Unit and is currently assigned to the Juvenile Unit. “Dealing with juveniles is by far not easy; however to me it’s the most rewarding job in the Department because I can help a child in need, educate them and place a sexual offender in jail. Knowing that you have arrested somebody that might sexually abuse or abduct a child is very rewarding and a great feeling. Most children are naive to the dangers that surround them and that is what we (ICAC) want to put a stop to. We want to provide educational training to teachers, students, parents and others throughout the community,” Locklear said. Investigator Locklear can be reached at (919) 560-4440 ext 29328

Investigator D.P Brown has over 21 years of experience with the Durham Police Department. Brown is a Master Officer and he has worked with the Crime Area Target Team (CATT), the Organized Crime Division (OCD) and the Public Housing Unit. He is currently assigned to the Juvenile Unit in the Criminal Investigations Division (CID). “Throughout my career, I’ve always had a special obligation when it comes to juveniles. Having the opportunity to be in the Juvenile Unit of the Criminal Investigations Division (ICAC Task Force) is very gratifying when you know you have arrested someone who has taking advantage of our youth,” Brown said. Investigator Brown can be reached at (919) 560-4440 ext 29315

