



U.S. Immigration
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Internet Child Pornographers

More than 1,000 Arrested Worldwide in Largest Internet Child Pornography Case To Date: In what is believed to be the largest Internet child pornography investigation to date, ICE agents have arrested more than 140 individuals in the United States and have provided leads to foreign law enforcement that have resulted in more than 860 arrests in Australia, Denmark, Finland, France, Hong Kong, Norway, Scotland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom as part of an ongoing probe into an Internet billing company in Minsk, Belarus. In January 2004, the company was charged with money laundering as well as providing credit card billing services for 50 child pornography websites worldwide and operating child porn websites on its own. Three officers of the company have been arrested in Europe and two officers of an affiliated company in Florida have pleaded guilty. Having dismantled the leadership of this enterprise, ICE agents are focusing on those who purchased child porn subscriptions from these sites. Some of the subscribers arrested to date include a California 7th grade teacher, the chief of pediatric medicine at a New York hospital, a minister at an all-girls school in New Jersey, a Louisiana Catholic priest, a Nevada camp counselor, a Buffalo police officer, a New Jersey Boy Scout volunteer, and a Chicago school principal.

Two-Month-Old Girl Victimized in Internet Child Pornography Case: On February 26, 2004, ICE agents arrested Larry Michael Jeffs at his residence in El Dorado Hills, California, on federal child pornography charges. During the arrest, ICE agents seized a sexually explicit video showing Jeffs engaged in sexual acts with a 2-month-old girl. According to the charges in the case, Jeffs videotaped himself molesting the infant then distributed images of the molestation over the Internet. ICE agents believe the infant, now 8 months old, is one of the youngest sexual assault victims they have ever encountered.

ICE Agents Arrest Two Men Seeking to Swap Their Children for Sex: During November & December 2003, ICE agents in Michigan arrested two predators on charges of child pornography possession and attempted travel with intent to engage in illicit sexual conduct. The first was charged with molesting 5 children, the youngest 18-months old and subsequently convicted and sentenced to 19 years of incarceration during April 2004. The second admitted to molesting his twin nine-year-old sons and his twelve-year-old son, for which he received a sentence of 4 to 20 years for communicating with another to commit a crime and 35-60 years for the molestation charges.

Ohio Couple Arrested for Sexually Abusing 4-Year-Old Disabled Girl: As part of an Internet child pornography case, ICE agents in Ohio executed a search warrant at the home of John Stoneman in June 2003. Computer evidence seized in the search revealed that Stoneman and his girlfriend, Patricia Kelley, were sexually abusing a 4-year-old severely disabled girl in their care. After the search, the couple fled to Canada where they were arrested by Canadian authorities in March 2004 after "America's Most Wanted" profiled the pair, generating tips as to their whereabouts. The couple has been charged with rape of a child and unlawful flight to avoid prosecution.