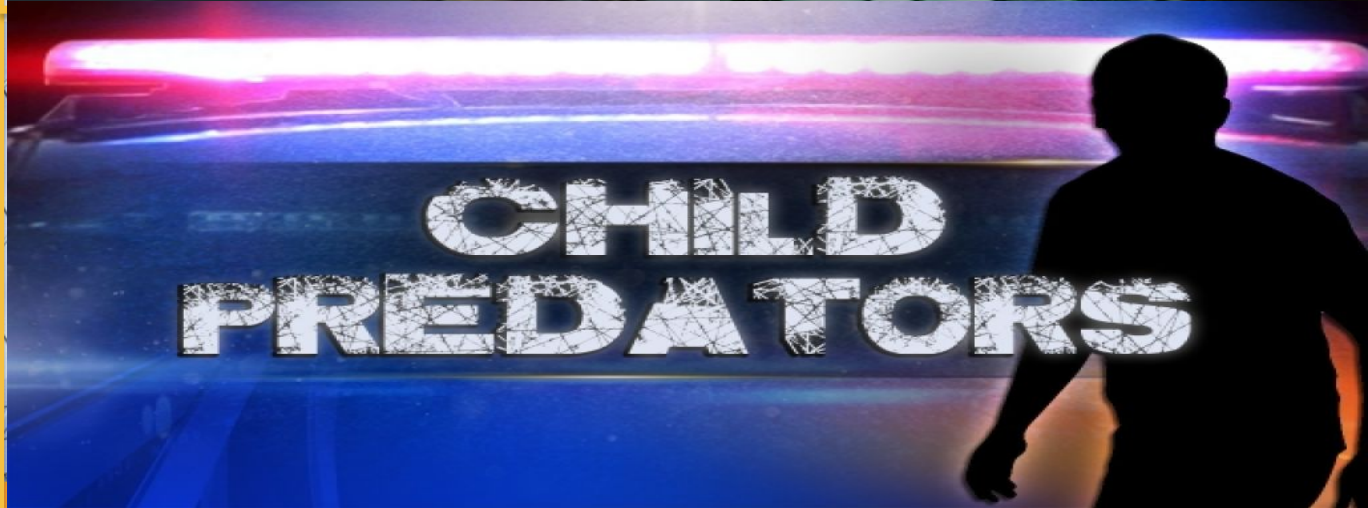


**Internet Child
Exploitation Unit
I.C.E.**



**Overview of Internet Child
Exploitation Unit**

Detective Mark Gordon # 2011



<https://youtu.be/BNRQgX1xPDg>



In the Offender community, the term “loli” is a very disturbing term that is used to describe victims or child sexual abuse material.

10,824 lollipops, representing the number of images detected online globally every 12 hours.

Reference to the “Lolli” exhibit hosted by the Canadian Centre for Child Protection.

BACKGROUND



Established in 2004 to identify, investigate and prosecute persons involved in the online victimization of children.

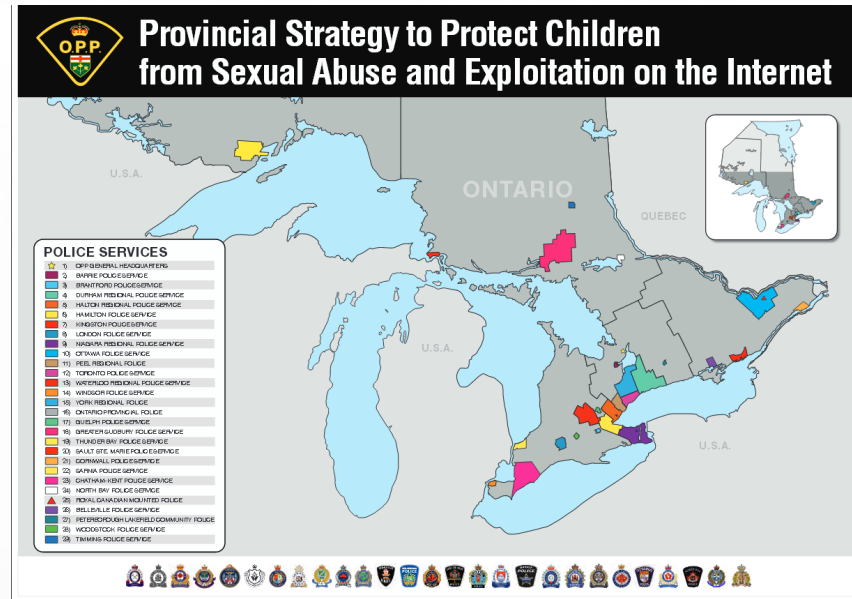
Operates under Crimes Against Persons, Investigative Services.



ICE UNIT COMPOSITION

Has six assigned ICE Investigators, mostly conducting P2P investigations & 1 full time Luring Officer.

Work within a Provincial Strategy with 29 other police services across the Province, while also working with law enforcement around the world to create a unified effort to combat child pornography.



MANDATE



- Reduce the supply of, and demand for, child pornography.
- Ensure the successful prosecution and sentencing of child pornography offenders.
- Identify otherwise unknown victims.






CHILD PORN, WHAT IS IT? (SECTION 163.1 C.C.C.)



- 1/ Shows explicit sexual activity of someone under the age of 18 (real or depicted).
- 2/ The dominant feature for a sexual purpose is the sex organs or anal region of a person under 18.
- 3/ Includes cartoons and written material.

How Do INVESTIGATORS DETERMINE CP

- *Hip development*
- *Facial features*
- *Height & Weight*
Body hair
- *Genital and breast*
Development
- *Skin texture*
- *Sexual maturation*



82.1% of the images analyzed by
Cybertip.ca depict very young, pre-
pubescent children **under 12 years old.**



CHARGES RELATED TO CP



Possession of Child Pornography: Mandatory Minimum Sentence – 6 Months / 1 Year, Maximum Sentence 2 years less a day / 10 years.

Accessing Child Pornography: Mandatory Minimum Sentence – 6 Months / 1 Year, Maximum Sentence 2 years less a day / 10 years.

Making Child Pornography: Mandatory Minimum Sentence – 1 Year, Maximum Sentence 14 years.

Distribution/Making Available: Mandatory Minimum Sentence – 1 Year, Maximum Sentence 14 years.

NOTE : recent case law, R vs John 2018, has struck down the mandatory minimums in ICE related offences, found to be “entirely un-necessary”, “constitutes cruel and unusual punishment”

ONLINE LURING INVESTIGATIONS



Communication with a person who is (or believed to be) under the age of 18, with a computer system, for the purpose of facilitating the following offence(s):

Indecent Act / Invitation to Sexual Touching / Sexual Interference /
Abduction / Incest / Child Pornography / Procuring Prostitution / Sexual
Assault

Penalty: Minimum sentence 6 months / 1 year, maximum of 2 years / 14 years.



APPLYING CP DEFINITION TO SEXTING



When young people trade images with one another, are they committing an offence?

So long as

- The act in the image is legal
- All parties are aware the image is being made
- All parties consent to the image being made
- The one in possession is either depicted in or took part in it's production
- And the images are strictly for their own consumption...

No offence has occurred (R V Sharpe 1 S.C.R. 45 2001 SCC 2)



NEW OFFENCES OF SHARING INTIMATE IMAGES



- 162.1 CCC
- Cannot knowingly publish, distribute, transmit, sell, advertise or make available an intimate image of a person, knowing that they didn't give their consent.
- Images where the person is nude or engaging in sexually explicit behaviour where the person would have a reasonable expectation of privacy.

INVESTIGATIVE PARTNERS



The O.P.P. manage a “Provincial Strategy” that assists Ontario law enforcement agencies with coordination and funding.



The R.C.M.P. manage the National Child Exploitation Coordination Center (N.C.E.C.C.) which coordinates Canadian law enforcement and maintains the national image database.



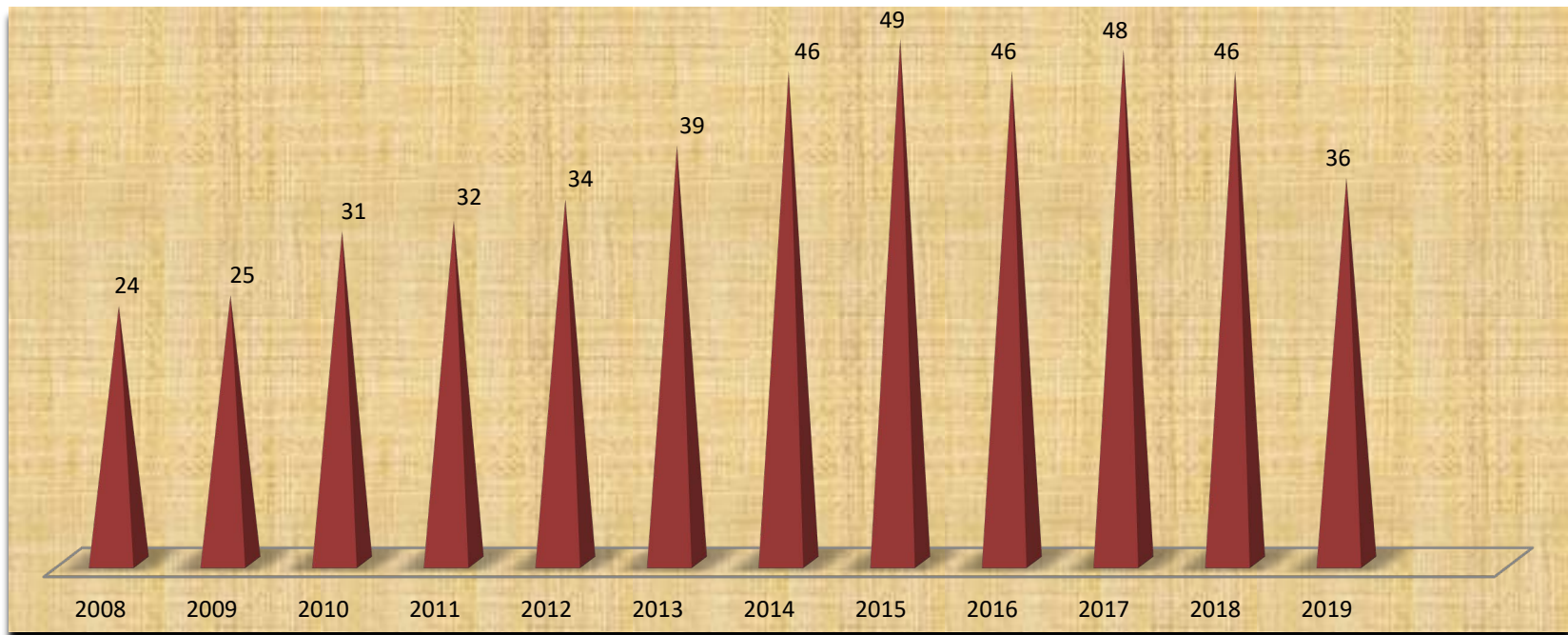
The United States National law enforcement coordination center that shares information with the N.C.E.C.C.



A Canadian N.G.O. (non government organization) that receives citizens' complaints regarding C.P. and forwards the information both to the N.C.E.C.C. and appropriate local agency.

ICE UNIT PERFORMANCE

ICE Unit – Persons Charged by Year



INVESTIGATIVE CHALLENGES



- Personnel turn over in 2018 and 2019 has seen the ICE unit lose a significant amount of experience and expertise
 - Training for each new officer can take upwards of 1-2 years to receive necessary courses.
- Advancement in Technology and storage creates investigative strain
 - In 2019 we have approximately 14 terabytes of extracted files for categorization as apposed to 1.5 terabytes this point in 2018 (ten times the amount).
 - Once seized data has been imaged, all images and videos are carved out and prepared for review by an officer for analysis. It is not uncommon for an excess of 1,000,000 images/videos per device requiring reviewing.
 - The large commodity of storage has become easily attainable by the members of the public; advent of cloud storage, tablets, smart devices.

EMPLOYEE WELLNESS



- All members of the ICE Unit participate in a confidential meeting with a psychologist.
- These meetings occur every six months, and include pre-entry and post-departure for members of the ICE Unit.

CASE STUDY #1



- Information received via Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) in June 2019 of a non-Canadian resident examined at entry to have suspected Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM).
- Warrant executed by members of the ICE Unit on the seized device, examination revealed several images that met Criminal Code (CC) definition for Child Pornography, some of which illustrated the suspect depicted in the images with the unknown young person.
- ICE Unit investigators located and arrested the suspect, executed a CC search warrant at the residence, devices seized incident to arrest. Further investigation determined the identity of the young victim depicted in the CSAM.
- ICE investigators collaborated with members of the RCMP and Law Enforcement agencies abroad to verify the safety and wellbeing of the young victim.

CASE STUDY #2



- Information received via Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in Spring of 2019 of a suspect on a popular social media platform for the purpose of luring young girls for a sexual purpose.
- Suspect was in contact with four different undercover online luring officers of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force , posing as young girls.
- Conversations with the suspect all sexual in nature, included the exchange of sexual explicit photos by the suspect and request for sexual explicit photos in return.
- PRP ICE team collaborated with DHS and the undercover operators in the ICAC Task Force to identify the suspect as a resident of Peel Region.
- PRP ICE Unit arrested the suspect and executed a search warrant at the residence to obtain devices of the suspect. Further investigations provided corroborating evidence in support of Luring charges laid here in Canada.

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