Handouts and Go-Bys

Keeping Your Child Exploitation Investigation Victim Centered

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Victim-Centered Investigation

Cyber Crimes Investigation

Gather assistance and inform LE, FIS, VAS, other & Operational Planning

Location victim without family/parental contact

Forensics, collaterals other investigative measures

Forensic Interview: Identification, Notification and Interview all in one

All In One Process

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Some Do’s and Don’t when talking with parents?

**Remember you do not know the family dynamics**

- Do not tell them their child is a victim without positive ID from the victim that comes later
- Do not show the parents images of their child
- Avoid using the following verbiage:
  - Child Pornography
  - Victim
  - Interview
  - Child was sharing her photos
  - Compliance with the suspect/target of the investigation

- Provide Reassurance
  - Child or parent is not in trouble
  - Child may have helpful information for the investigation
  - Suspect/Target is in custody and unaware of meeting

- Ensure they come to meet you at the interview location, getting them in the door is the first step to the forensic interviewing

- Encourage face to face meetings and questions and answer

Sharing too much information is more harmful than limiting what is told

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What do we tell parents?

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- Working a cyber-crimes investigation
- You and your child are **not in any trouble with us**
- Your cooperation will not get either of you in trouble
- We believe that the suspect may have had **on-line contact** with your child
- We believe he/she has critical information that will be helpful to our investigation
- If applicable, inform the family that the **suspect is in custody** or that they are **not in current danger** from the target
- Inform them that **once we speak with their child** and gather more information, we will be able to sure much more with them. But NOT over the phone
- **Do not tell** them their child is a victim without positive ID from the victim that comes later
- **Do not show** the parents images of their child
- Inform the parents we need to speak with the child at the designated neutral location and time (interviewing at home or school should not be an option)
The HSI Prepare and Predict Method

This method allows the interviewer to prepare the victims for the evidence that will be presented while giving them an opportunity to predict what it is they are about to see, hear and/or discuss.
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