



UNDERSTANDING DIGITAL ABUSE: SEXTORTION, SWATTING, DOXING, AND NONCONSENSUAL PORNOGRAPHY - PART 1



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INTRODUCTION



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THE EVOLVING LANDSCAPE OF ABUSE

Digital technology has revolutionized communication but also created new avenues for abuse.

These forms of abuse often intersect with traditional sexual assault and have significant impacts on victims.

This module will provide an overview of key digital abuse tactics and their implications for civil rights investigations.

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What is Sextortion?

**Sexual photos +
extortion=
Sextortion**



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SEXTORTION: ONLINE BLACKMAIL AND EXPLOITATION

Sextortion is a criminal act and a form of sexual exploitation. It involves coercing an individual using, or threatening to use, images/videos previously obtained to demand additional images/videos that are sexual in nature.

They may also be exploited for money or other favors.

Often involves threats to distribute intimate images or videos to family members or friends without the person's consent.

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SEXTORTION



"Revenge Porn"
Distribution of intimate images without consent, often following a relationship breakup.

Online Predation

Targeting minors with promises of romance or friendship, then demanding sexual favors or images.

Targeting individuals through dating applications. Offenders pretend to be an interested dating partner to obtain images to exploit.

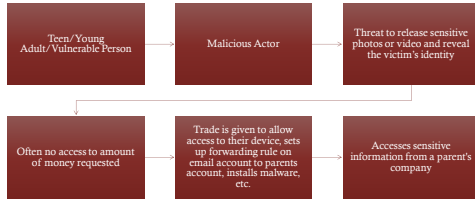
Even if images aren't shared offenders can digitally alter photos to make it look like they are of the victim.

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COMMON SCENARIO- ONLINE PREDATION



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SOME NOTES ABOUT GENERATIVE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE



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WHAT IS SWATTING?



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SWATTING: A DANGEROUS FORM OF HARASSMENT

Swatting is "the deliberate and malicious act of reporting a false crime or emergency to evoke an aggressive response (often a SWAT team) from a law enforcement agency to a target's residence or place of work to harass and intimidate them."

This means that the person doing the swatting reports a fake crime or emergency to get police or other emergency personnel to show up somewhere and possibly scare or cause harm to the individual, group or location they're targeting.

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WHY DO ATTACKERS ENGAGE IN SWATTING?

- Ideological
- Entertainment
- Financial
- Domestic Violence

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WHAT IS DOXING?



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DOXING: THE PUBLIC RELEASE OF PRIVATE INFORMATION

Doxing (or doxxing) is the action or process of collecting and disseminating someone's personal information in order to shame, embarrass, expose, or intimidate them. This information can come from private sources but is often obtained from public records. The term derives from the phrase "dropping dox (documents)" and describes a tactic that has evolved into a form of online harassment that can escalate into stalking or other criminal conduct.

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DOXING

Information could be obtained through a **phishing scheme**. *Phishing schemes come from scammers disguised as trustworthy sources and can facilitate access to all types of a person's sensitive data.*



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NONCONSENSUAL PORNOGRAPHY



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CREATING INTIMATE IMAGES WITHOUT CONSENT

- Definition:
 - The creation of sexually explicit images or videos of an individual without their consent.
- Key elements:
 - May use hidden devices or hidden technology.
 - Violation of Privacy: A fundamental breach of trust and personal autonomy.
 - Stigma and Shame: Can have severe emotional and social consequences for victims.

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VICTIM SUPPORT AND RESOURCES



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VICTIM SUPPORT AND RESOURCES

- Create a safe and supportive environment for victims to disclose information.
- Provide information about available resources and support services.
- Respect victim autonomy and privacy throughout the investigative process.

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PROTECTING PRIVATE INFORMATION AND DATA

- Set social media accounts to private and limit the information shared on them.
- Use a VPN that will encrypt internet transmissions and sends them securely.
- Use Strong passwords and changes them for each site.
- Be knowledgeable about phishing emails.
- Check app permissions, cookie permissions, and privacy settings as they change with updates.
- Set up google alerts in case your information is shared online.
- Victims should document any electronic communications that occur.

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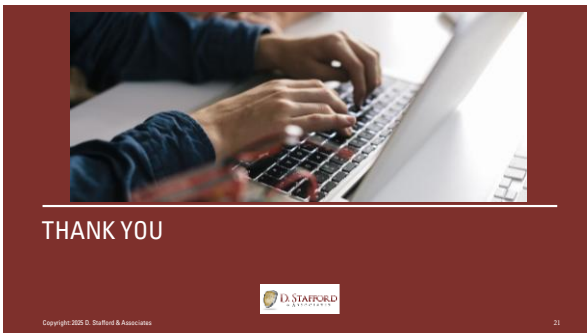
CONCLUSION

Key Takeaways:

- Digital abuse is a serious and growing concern with significant impacts on victims.
- Understanding these forms of abuse is crucial for effective investigation and support.
- Collaboration between law enforcement, technology experts, and victim support organizations is essential.

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