

### Internet Predators

Idaho Council on Domestic  
Violence

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### Real World

- Environmental and Internal Stress
  - Biological predispositions
  - Affective reactions                      = Behavior
  - Cognitive reactions

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### Environmental and Internal Stress

- Biological predispositions
  - Neurotransmitters
  - Cortical reactions
  - Hormones
  - "Error signals" -- homeostasis distress
- Affective reactions
  - Lonely
  - Depressed
  - Feelings of hopelessness and weakness

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### Environmental and Internal Stress

- Cognitive reactions
  - Trying to understand causes and meaning of stress
  - Attempts to continue motivation to feel stronger
  - Begins to search for more uplifting experiences
- **Behavior**
  - Pretend normal
  - Look for ways to reduce stress

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### Web World as an Escape

- **Behavior**
  - Using Internet – begins chatting
- Biological reactions
  - Anxiety is reduced
  - Back to homeostasis and beyond
  - Neurotransmitters help evoke a high

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### Web World as an Escape

- Affective reactions
  - Develops relationships with objects
  - Feels potential attachment although impersonal
  - May feel slight ego dystonia
- Cognitive reactions
  - Previous intensity of norms begin to attenuate
  - Feels like he is gaining control of his life (a paradox)
  - "I can handle this behavior. I'm not really doing anything wrong."

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### Web World and Real World Coalesce

- **Behavior**
  - Begins role playing
- Stress begins to fluctuate as fantasy and reality battle each other
  
- Biological reactions
  - Homeostasis is not enough
  - Needs to feel a high
  - Stimulation may or may not be sexual

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### Web world and Real World Coalesce

- Affective reactions
  - Role-playing develops feelings of power
  - Enhances dissociation/detachment
  - Ego dystonic
  - Objects of attachment may not be sexual
- Cognitive reactions
  - "I can stop this at any time. No one is getting hurt."

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### Web World and Real World Collide

- **Behavior**
  - Intense computer use and role playing
  - Other responsibilities suffer
- Stress increases
  - Anticipation of next check/event
  
- Biological reactions
  - Needs to fantasize or think about meeting in order to maintain and increase the physiological high

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### Web World and Real World Collide

- Affective reactions
  - Excitement intensifies
  - Begins to wonder if this is real
  - Attached more to fantasy object than real object-may be sexual or may be addicted to "words"
- Cognitive reactions
  - Norms of right and wrong become blurred
  - It will be okay to meet – may or may not think about sex
  - Does not want to disappoint object

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### Attempts to Transform Web World Into Real World

- **Behavior**
  - Addicted to role playing and the power it delivers
  - Will meet object
- Internal stress pushes him to meet
  - Anticipation evokes a high
- Biological reactions
  - Physiological arousal may be sexual or nonsexual

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### Attempts to Transform Web World Into Real World

- Affective reactions
  - Intense excitement and fear of unknown
  - Object is a new relationship
  - Recapturing pleasurable feelings from the past
  - Ego dystonic
- Cognitive reactions
  - Derealization
  - Overwhelming drive to meet object and believes he must do this
  - New norms have taken the place of old norms
  - Wants to please self and object

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### Sexually Determined Type

- This type of offender is determined to meet a minor online with the hopes of talking this person into engaging in sexual relations.
- Characteristics:
  - Narcissistic
  - Entitled
  - Hebephilia or pedophilic

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### Sexually Determined Type

- Pathological liar who feels no remorse when captured
- He is sexually stimulated by the child's body size or teenage features
- Groom
- No respect for the law

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### Sexually Determined Type

- Extremely fantasy driven
- He will bring sexual paraphernalia

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### Sexually Determined Type

- Motive: To have sexual relationships with minors in an exploitive way, possibly due to anger and/or revenge
- Reaction to Arrest: This person will most likely blame the police for being entrapped, as he feels he has been unjustly tricked.

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### The Sexually Ambivalent – Fate Oriented Type

- This offender will possibly meet with the minor, telling himself that if the conditions are right, he and the minor will engage in sex

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### The Sexually Ambivalent – Fate Oriented Type

- Characteristics: This offender is usually dysthymic to depressed, lonely and feels sexually incompetent with his own peers.
- He does not have a "fantasy image" of a child or minor, instead, he is sexually aroused by the attention directed his way.

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**The Sexually Ambivalent – Fate Oriented Type**

- He is unlikely to be married or have a steady relationship
- Motive: To meet minors in person who may or may not want to have a sexual relationship with him.
- He needs to reassure his own worthiness as a person through sexual encounters.

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**The Sexually Ambivalent – Fate Oriented Type**

- Reaction to Arrest: This offender also believes there is no "real victim" since the person with whom he corresponded was a police officer.
- He will partially blame the police for entrapment, but he will also see his role as culpable

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**The Sexually Ambivalent – Vacillator Type**

- This offender is experimenting with the Internet to meet people of all ages, but is positively reinforced when a minor engages in sexually explicit conversations with him

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**The Sexually Ambivalent –  
Vacillator Type**

- Characteristics:
- This offender is lonely and there is a lack of intensity in his fantasy life.
- He is more likely to be eroticized by the actual typing of words on the computer than the fantasy of having sexual relations

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**The Sexually Ambivalent –  
Vacillator Type**

- He will most likely have a wife and family, but something will be wrong
- Wants to impress or please the person with whom he is corresponding.
- He does not have the verbal skills as others do and he is more "performance" oriented.
- Generally, he is not attracted to teenagers

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**The Sexually Ambivalent –  
Vacillator Type**

- Motive: To talk with someone on the Internet in a sexual manner.
- He may agree to meet the teenager if encouraged to do so, as he will want to please him/her

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**The Sexually Ambivalent –  
Vacillator Type**

- Reaction to Arrest: He will fully admit that he broke the law by using sexually explicit language with a minor

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**The Sexually Ambivalent –  
Paranoid Type**

- This offender is most like the Sexually Determined, except he is more fearful of the consequences associated with this type of criminal action.

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**The Sexually Ambivalent –  
Paranoid Type**

- Characteristics: Characteristics of this offender include being narcissistic with feelings of entitlement.
- He will most likely be a pathological liar who feels no remorse when captured, as his behaviors are ego syntonic

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**The Sexually Ambivalent –  
Paranoid Type**

- Motive: To fantasize about having sexual relationships with minors in an exploitive way, possibly due to anger and/or revenge

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**The Sexually Ambivalent –  
Paranoid Type**

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**The Sexually Ambivalent –  
Paranoid Type**

- Even though he may have engaged in sexually explicit conversations with someone whom he thought was a minor, he believes that he has not actually committed a crime because there was no real victim, and besides, he never intended to meet the victim

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### The Proximal Platonic Type

- This offender has no interest in actual sex with a minor, but wants to meet with him/her face-to face.

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### The Proximal Platonic Type

- Characteristics:
- He sees the minor as his new best friend and he attributes the teenager with having adult qualities.
- He is lonely and does not feel he can interact with peer age others. He has few or no adult relationships and he feels sexually incompetent

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### The Proximal Platonic Type

- Motive: To have an adult-like, friendship with the minor, face-to-face.

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**The Proximal Platonic Type**

- Reaction to Arrest: This offender will be highly remorseful, yet he has convinced himself that he was "falling in love" with the minor

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**The Non Proximal Platonic Type**

- This offender does not want any type of face-to-face meeting with the minor.
- He only wants verbal interactions with the minor through the Internet or possibly by telephone

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**The Non Proximal Platonic Type**

- Characteristics: This person is role-playing. He is a completely different, and most of the time, opposite person in the chat room than he is in real life

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### The Non Proximal Platonic Type

- Motive: To become aroused, not necessarily perceived as sexual, to an online or telephone relationship with a minor

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### The Non Proximal Platonic Type

- Reaction to Arrest: This person is highly embarrassed and genuinely wants to cease this type of behavior. He feels remorse for his actions and is probably self-loathing

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### John Robinson – Sadistic and Instrumental Killer “Slavemaster”



- Kansas, killed 8, (1993-2000), age 50
- Unremarkable childhood
- Married, 5 children
- Equi II – International Council of Masters – sadomasochist
- Met women online in BDSM rooms
- Lured them to his house with fraudulent schemes – killed them

Linked to last victim

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