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"Take 25"-Make Time to Talk about Child Safety

Between 1979 and 1981, a series of high-profile missing children cases became national headlines. Three such cases contributed to the shock of the nation's consciousness by bringing attention to the seriousness of child victimization and forever changing the way law enforcement agencies responded to reports of missing children.

On May 25, 1979, 6-year-old Etan Patz disappeared from a New York City street on his way to school. For almost three years, from 1979 to 1981, national media attention was focused on Atlanta, Georgia, where the bodies of young boys and girls were discovered along waterways. By the time a suspect was arrested and identified in 1981, 29 children had been murdered. On July 27, 1981, 6-year-old Adam Walsh disappeared from a Florida shopping mall. His parents, John and Revé Walsh, immediately turned to law-enforcement agencies to help find their son.

The tragedies of these children and others exposed a fundamental flaw. There was no coordinated effort between federal, state, and local law enforcement; no national response system in place; and no central resource to help searching families. In response, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) was created in 1984 under federal mandate as a private, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization to provide services for families and professionals in the prevention of abducted, endangered, and sexually exploited children. One year earlier, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed May 25, the day that Etan Patz disappeared, as National Missing Children's Day. Since then, each administration has honored this day as an annual reminder to the nation to renew efforts to reunite missing children with their families and to make child protection a national priority.

To commemorate this day, NCMEC launched the Take 25 campaign, a national grassroots initiative encouraging parents, guardians, and others to take 25 minutes out of their day to talk to children about safety. With a focus on prevention, Take 25 provides communities with free safety resources including safety tips, conversation starters, child ID kits, and more.

To better reach children and families with this message, NCMEC has partnered with more than 100 local and national organizations, including the National Law Center for Children and Families, to host Take 25 events across the United States and abroad. To help facilitate these events, Take 25 provides event organizers with sample outreach materials, planning resources, and talking points, free of charge.

The Take 25 campaign has grown tremendously since its inception in 2007, when 375 events were hosted nationwide. In 2009, 1,335 child safety events were hosted in 475 communities across the United States and Canada. As a result of these events, tens of thousands of children and families have been provided with invaluable child safety information.

"I believe that in order for children to be safe, they need to have an open line of communication with a safe adult," said event organizer Kristi Baker, Executive Director of the Southwest Washington Child Care Consortium. "The Take 25 philosophy exemplifies the significance of time and preventive measures to help children stay safe. Thanks to the Take 25 campaign we have the materials to share with our families!"

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NLC introduces first three PROTECTS seminars of 2010



Our first 2010 PROTECTS seminar will be held at the

Corporate Training Center Tampa, Florida March 17th and 18th.

Law enforcement, prosecutors and probation and parole officers are invited to attend this two-day training seminar to gain further knowledge on topics such as child witness interviews, child pornography law and sex offender management.

Deadline to register for the NLC PROTECTS seminar in Tampa is March 12th.

Houston to be host city for April Seminar

NLC PROTECTS & Child Defenders' Technology Expo

Who: Command Staff, Investigators, Prosecutors and Probation Officers

What: Training on Child Exploitation Crimes

Where:

Minute Maid Park Home of the Houston Astros Houston, Texas

When:

April 19th and 20th Registration and Payment Deadline April 15th





The 22nd NLC PROTECTS Seminar will be held on May 20th and 21st at the Al Bahr Shrine Center in San Diego.

Our two-day event features experts teaching on child exploitation issues such as the investigation and prosecution of child exploitation crimes, basic computer forensics and sex offender management.

Deadline to register for the NLC PRO-TECTS seminar in San Diego is May 14.

For more information on upcoming seminars, including registration forms, scholarship information and deadlines, visit www.nlcprotects.org If you are interested in having a *NLC Protects* seminar in your area, please send an e-mail to jbarney@nationallawcenter.org or call us at 703-548-5522.

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Updates from the Battle Against Child Exploitation

FORT WYLIE MAN SENTENCED FOR POSSES-SION OF CHILD PONOGRAPHJY

Columbia, SC, November 13, 2009:

A report issued by the United States Attorney's office of the South Carolina states that Jord Hampton Jordan IV, 26, has been charged with a child pornography offense on November 13, 2009. The defendant faces 80 months imprisonment as well as federal supervision for the rest of his life. In addition. Jord Hampton Jordan IV is required to register as a sex offender near his home and work.

Jord Hampton Jordan IV admitted that he possessed child pornography and turned his computer over to federal authorities which then located five child pornography videos and numerous images.

The case was investigated by Assistant United States Attorney Dean A. Eichelberger of Columbia as well as by agents of the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

COLUMBIA MAN CHARGED FOR ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE SEX WITH MINOR

Columbia, SC, November 23, 2009:

The United States attorney's office of South Carolina released a report of a 56 year old man being arrested for possession of child pornography. Dennis Michael Gallipeau has been sentenced to 97 months in prison and lifetime supervision upon his release. In addition, he is required to register as a sex offender in the state of South Carolina.

Gallipeau contacted a police officer who pretended to be a mother of a younger girl. The defendant made plans with the undercover agent to travel to Detroit to engage in sexual activities with the child. Federal agents confronted Gallipeau and examined his home where they found disturbing images of child pornography on his computer. This led to the prosecution and sentencing of the defendant.

This case was handled by Assistant United States Attorney Dean A. Eichelberger of Columbia office in cooperation with the agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

LORIS MAN SENTENCED TO 11 YEARS IN PRISON FOR CHILD PONOGRAPHY

Loris, SC, October 23, 2009:

The United States Attorney offices reports that Charles A. Hardee, 45, was sentence to 11 years in federal prison for possession of child pornography. The defendant will also be supervised for three years upon his release.

Agents traced emails from a New York man's computer who was suspected of trading child pornography to Hardee's residence in South Carolina. After completing a detailed examination agents found two computers and one thumb drive containing images of child pornography. In addition, evidence was found which revealed that Hardee has traded child pornography as well as entered chat rooms seeking mothers who are willing to allow their children to have sexual activities with the defendant.

This case was investigated by the agents of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Assistant United States Attorney William E. Day, II, of Florence office handled the case.



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19th Protects Seminar in Nashville, Tennessee

The National Law Center for Children and Families was proud to hold its 19th PROTECTS seminar on November 4th and 5th in Franklin, Tennessee. Law enforcement officers, prosecutors and probation and parole officers attended the two-day event which took place at the Embassy Suites Hotel: Nashville South-Cool Springs. The 53 attendees traveled from different Tennessee jurisdictions as well as Alabama, Kentucky, Indiana, Utah and South Carolina.

The National Law Center received positive feedback from its attendees. "Great seminar for awareness of resources available to victims and identifying victims", one attendee remarked after the seminar and "The diverse representation of attorneys, law enforcement and child services was nice to see and hear what one group needs from the other" another attendee stated when leaving the conference.

The National Law Center would like to show its appreciation to all participants, speakers and expo partners - <u>AccessData</u>, <u>Pen-Link</u>, Rimage and Thomson Reuters - who made this event a triumph.



"Take 25"-Make Time to Talk about Child Safety



Make time to talk about child safety.

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The success of the Take 25 campaign has always depended on the support of its event organizers and program partners, including members of the law enforcement, education, non-profit, and public service sectors. With nearly 800,000 children reported to law enforcement annually, partnerships such as these are invaluable.

In order to continue providing communities with the information to empower children to make safer decisions, NCMEC continues to seek the support of additional organizations, corporations, and individuals. Our goal for the 2010 campaign is to reach 2,000 events nationwide, but in order to achieve this goal, we need your help.

Take 25 urges you to get involved — host a child identification event; promote the campaign to your constituents, distribute materials in your community; conduct a safety presentation; or simply make time to talk to children about safety. With your help, we have the ability to put potentially life-saving information into the hands of the children and families in your community. Together, we can better protect those who cannot protect themselves — our children.

To learn more about the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children or the Take 25 campaign, please call NCMEC's toll free hotline at 1-800-THE LOST[©] (1-800-843-5678), visit www.Take25.org, or send an e-mail to take25@ncmec.org.



Confronting the Challenge of Child Exploitation Crimes

NLC PROTECTS ADVANCED TRAINING

One-Day Specialized Sessions for Child Exploitation Investigators and Prosecutors

We know that cracking down on Internet child exploitation is one of law enforcement's highest priorities. Effective training and education can improve arrest and conviction rates, but many law enforcement professionals need a greater level of detail to take their investigative techniques to a higher level.

Since 2006, the NLC PROTECTS seminar program has trained more than 1,800 law enforcement professionals from coast to coast. Now, the NLC is launching NLC PROTECTS Advanced Training – a specialized version of its PROTECTS seminar program – to allow even more child defenders to better address the threat of child exploitation crime in their own communities.

NLC PROTECTS Advanced Training gives law enforcement the power to design an individualized training session to suit its most urgent training needs. Plus, NLC Protects Advanced Training is done "on location" at local law enforcement agencies, eliminating the need for expensive travel and lodging.

NLC PROTECTS Advanced Training is a customized curriculum for law enforcement, providing greater depth of training in one or more specific topics, such as:

- Child pornography legal overview
- Child exploitation case studies and prosecution tips
- Human trafficking
- Interview and interrogation techniques
- Sex offender management
- State and federal laws related to crimes against children
- Introductions to computer, Internet and digital forensic investigations
- •Other topics of local interest

To register and for additional information, please go to www.nlcprotects.org



The National Law Center for Children and Families (NLC) is a non-profit law center formed in 1991. The NLC's mission is to support law enforcement to protect children and families from the harm of sexual exploitation. Since 2006, the NLC has produced extensive legal materials and training and the NLC PROTECTS program has trained over 1600 law enforcement professionals from coast to coast.



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Updates from the Battle Against Child Exploitation



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MAN CHARGED FOR ATTEMPT TO ENGAGE IN SEXUAL CONDUCT WITH MINOR

Benton, IL, January 7, 2010:

53 year old Paul R. Bradley was charged for travelling from Oregon to Illinois to engage in illicit sexual conduct with a minor. Therefore, the defendant was sentenced to 20 years in prison, fined \$500 and placed on a 10 year supervised release by the State District court in Benton, Illinois.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Southern Illinois Cyber Crimes Task Force, the Illinois Attorney General's Office Crimes Against Children Task Force, the Wabash County Sheriff's Office, the Mt. Carmel, IL Police Department,

The Wabash County State's Attorney's Office, and other state and local law enforcement agencies and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney George A. Norwood.

FEDERAL JUDGE PUSHES FOR RESTITUTION IN CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CASE

St. Paul, MN, January 5, 2010:

Federal Judge Patrick Schlitz queried federal prosecutors on their position on restitution of a child pornography victim.

This case involved a civil proceeding where a child pornography victim demanded damages in court. Under the Adam Walsh Act enacted in 2006, a part of that law provided the ability of victims of child pornography to file civil suits to recover financial damages from those who victimize children.

The Judge requested the local federal prosecutor to explain their position on the issue. The Court said,

"Given the clear congressional mandate that those convicted of child-pornography offenses pay restitution to their victims, the court will no longer accept silence from the government when an identified victim of a child-pornography offense seeks restitution," Schiltz wrote.

The government had until January 29 to file their response to the Court.

These cases by child pornography victims are being reported in the media. While financial damages may address some of the victim's harm, the impact on the policy of eradicating child pornography can be significant. The National Law Center will continue to monitor these cases and encourages prosecutors to look into restitution incases which merit victim awards.

Calendar of Upcoming Training Events septem

FEBRUARY:

01-05, 2010 **Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force**

ICAC Investigative Techniques

(Austin, Texas)

www.icactraining.org

21-22, 2010 **National Center for Missing and Exploited Children**

Missing and Exploited Children Chief Executive Officer Seminar

(Alexandria, Virginia) www.missingkids.com

MARCH:

8-13, 2010 **National Center for Missing and Exploited Children**

Forensic Imaging Training Course

(Tampa, Florida) www.missingkids.com

National Law Center PROTECTS 17-18, 2010

NLC PROTECTS Seminar & Child Defenders' Technology Expo

(Tampa, Florida)

www.nationallawcenter.org

22-25, 2010 The National Children's Advocacy Center

26th National Symposium on Child Abuse

(Huntsville, Alabama) www.nationalcac.org

APRIL:

19-20, 2010 **National Law Center PROTECTS**

NLC PROTECTS Seminar & Child Defenders' Technology Expo

(Houston, Texas) www.nlcprotects.org

MAY:

20-21, 2010 **National Law Center PROTECTS**

NLC PROTECTS Seminar & Child Defenders' Technology Expo

(San Diego, California) www.nationallawcenter.org

Please visit the websites listed above for the most current information regarding course offerings, including dates and locations, registration deadlines, and forms.

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Executive Director presents "Online Investigation" Webinar offered by Vere Software

On January 21, 2010, Richard Whidden, Executive Director and Senior Counsel of the National Law Center for Children and Families, was the instructor of the fifth free webinar series, "Online Investigation," offered by Vere Software. This presentation provided an overview of recent court rulings involving child exploitation internet crimes. In addition, he presented the *Comprehensive Drug Testing* case concerning "forensic procedures relative to search and seizure of electronically stored evidence."

"Much of the case law on electronic evidence comes from child pornography cases because those are what prosecutors take on. So investigators of many other crimes can take important information away from these cases," Mr. Whidden said.



The objective of the webinar was an effort to educate and inform investigators on what particular evidence may be substantial to provide prosecutors for building a strong case.



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