CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE MATERIALS (CSAM) TRADED ON TWITTER

Cover Page: National Center on Sexual Exploitation’s Policy on Sharing Proof

WARNING: The material in this document may contain graphic text, blurred images, and survivor quotes that may trigger the viewer.

Why do we post proof in the first place?

NCOSE researchers have collected this proof as evidence of the material that is made, contained, and/or distributed by the corporations and institutions NCOSE is confronting.

Proof is shared with corporate executives, shareholders, and/or board members, as well as with policymakers, law enforcement, journalists, and the general public to give witness to the sexual exploitation and abuse that is often rampant, yet sometimes hidden, on these platforms.

Why do you blur out images, including faces, if they’re publicly available?

While we believe it is important to provide ample evidence of wrong-doing to support our claims and inspire change, we also strongly believe that no one – neither adult, nor child – should be exposed to the type of material our researchers collect: either for their own well-being, or out of respect for those being exploited. It is for this reason we pixelate/blur/block not only nudity or sexually graphic content, but also the faces of those being exploited.

We also want to limit access to this material (unfortunately, a luxury not afforded to children and adults using many of the platforms and products made by these companies). Therefore, we add several layers before someone can access the proof, and also don’t include all the proof that we have obtained. If someone feels they need to see more evidence to understand the extent of the problem or the type of exploitation that is happening, they may request it of NCOSE by writing to public@ncose.com.

Did you receive people’s permission to post?

Any personal testimony shared to NCOSE directly is posted only with the affected parties approval.

For material that is publicly available, we do not seek permission to post. However, we redact names and usernames of survivors from articles, social media, etc. even when publicly available. To read more about our commitment to ethical engagement with survivors, please go here. We do not redact names or usernames of exploiters who have posted publicly.

Disclaimer: while we do collect information on those who request access to more proof, that information will only be used for our own, internal analysis. It will not be distributed, shared, or posted publicly or with outside parties.
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As it has been reported:

In order to remain under the radar, sellers of child sexual exploitation material operate via a number of coded hashtags in a number of different languages and phrases.

Customers seek out these hashtags and related accounts. They are then redirected to the messaging app Telegram where videos of child sexual exploitation can be bought with Bitcoin. From there, the videos are transferred via Megalinks, a file-sharing system similar to Dropbox, primarily used by adult performers. It has recently become synonymous with the sale of child sexual exploitation media.

Twitter is a popular platform to advertise the ability to buy or trade CSAM, connecting potential buyers to sellers who can then move conversations to encrypted links or messaging services. Many people will also natively upload CSAM directly onto Twitter.

Many hashtags on Twitter are widely known for trading CSAM, yet continue to populate.

Excerpts of Proof Found in 2022

Testimony from NCOSE Researcher, March 8, 2022:

I began searching well-known hashtags, reported in the media as popular methods for trading encrypted links that lead to CSAM on Twitter. I was expecting to take screenshots of the tweets advertising these links. But within minutes of searching these well-known hashtags, I was unintentionally exposed to natively uploaded child sexual abuse material on Twitter. This was a sexually explicit video of a very young boy, in my opinion he appeared to be under 10 years old. I am incredibly disturbed, and cannot stop thinking about this young boy’s eyes. I immediately reported the material to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children Cybertipline, and to Twitter directly. When reporting the tweet to Twitter directly, the child sexual exploitation reporting category was difficult to find and not intuitive. When reporting the tweet to Twitter directly, it gave me the option to report additional tweets from the account that posted the video and it was clear that this account had posted several sexually explicit videos of the same young boy.

After this, I went to close out Twitter and saw yet another video of CSAM by another account, this time of an adult man sexually abusing a young boy who appeared to be under 11 or 12 years old in my opinion. Once again, I reported the material to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children Cybertipline, and to Twitter directly.

At this time, I stopped searching these popular hashtags as it became clear to me that not only are encrypted links being rampantly shared through them but also natively uploaded and visible sexual abuse videos.
Excerpts of Proof Found in 2021
Ronny @ronytkr · 6d
$2r #m_______ts no link no reply young

Ash @AshAsh3812 · 11/12/20
Bored and can't sleep. Whos up? #jailbait #young #teen #dm #horny #trade # retorna #dropbox #links # retorna

Jay58 @Jay5815 · 11/12/20
#r___________s #Young for sale good deal
Dm me😊

Ronny @ronytkr · 11/11/20
#m_______ks #s____ young no link no reply
s2r
big links in return dont send small links

Ss @Swaroop4411 · 11/10/20
Dm for all kinda #m________ trade
Young r____
S2R

HornyAFTeeny @af Teeny · 11/10/20
#mr___nk #me dm me with young links i only respond to link and will take back (boys-girls)
Trade send to receive

Dm me now

#S__tata
#b__edvides
#k__l
#b__edvidesata
#d__ng
#m__ink
#b__-------rap
#s__x

8:44 AM · 11/22/20 · Twitter Web App
Fhaye @Fhaye83950687 · 2h
Replying to @Andreil64924349
Can I join

james hernandez @jameshe89... · 22h
Replying to @Andreil64924349
Can I have vid or links

rogerglory @rogerglory1 · 3d
Replying to @Andreil64924349
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