

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

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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.

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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 proofs, that information will only be used for our own, internal analysis. It will not be distributed, shared, or posted publicly or with outside parties.

PROOF BEGINS:

Examples of Trafficking, Rape, and CSAM in Studio-Produced Pornography

Visa's policy of continuing to facilitate payments for studio-produced pornography sites seems to rest on the assumption that these sites are free of CSAM, sex-trafficking, rape, and abuse. This is not the case. The below proof contains examples of these crimes still happening in studio-produced pornography.

Title: [Twenty-Year Sentence in GirlsDoPorn Sex Trafficking Conspiracy | USAO-SDCA | Department of Justice](#)

Source: Department of Justice, U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of California

Date: November 23, 2020

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Count 1 (charging all defendants)

Conspiracy to Commit Sex Trafficking by Force, Fraud and Coercion, 18 U.S.C. § 1591(a) and (b)(1)

Maximum Penalty: Life in prison, \$250,000 fine, and a special assessment of \$5,000 under 18 U.S.C. § 3014.

Count 2 (Pratt)

Production of Child Pornography, 18 U.S.C. § 2251(a) and (e)

Minimum penalty: Fifteen years in prison; Maximum penalty: 30 years in custody, \$250,000 fine, and a special assessment of \$5,000 under 18 U.S.C. § 3014.

Count 3 (Pratt)

Sex Trafficking of a Minor by Force, Fraud and Coercion, 18 U.S.C. § 1591(a)(1) and (2)

- “Adult film performer and producer Ruben Andre Garcia was sentenced in federal court today to 20 years in prison for conspiring with the owners of the adult websites GirlsDoPorn (GDP) and GirlsDoToys (GDT) to recruit young women to appear in sex videos for adult websites using force, fraud, and coercion.”
- “Garcia pleaded guilty in December 2020, admitting that as part of a premeditated scheme, Garcia recruited victims to appear in sex videos for the websites by promising them that these videos would never be posted online, that the videos would never be released in the United States, and that no one who knew the women would ever find out about the videos. Throughout the scheme, Garcia knew these representations were false.”
- “Victims were not provided a copy of the contracts that they signed.”
- “Before some of the video shoots, victims were offered alcohol or marijuana. Victims who consumed alcohol or smoked marijuana were directed to make a recorded statement saying that

they were not under the influence of any drugs or alcohol, even though they had just smoked marijuana or drank alcohol.”

- “As a part of the conspiracy, Garcia and others would at times coerce victims into completing the videos once they were underway. Garcia and other co-conspirators threatened to sue the victims, cancel flights home, and post the videos online, if the victims did not complete the sex videos. Hotel room doors were at times blocked by camera and recording equipment, and the victims felt powerless and unable to leave.”
- “Victims were also misled about how long the video shoots lasted. Most were told the video production would take around 30 minutes, when in reality, they typically lasted for several hours.”
- “Victims were also often paid significantly less than originally promised with Garcia and others would citing a tattoo, a mole, or some other perceived “imperfection” to pay the victim less.”

Title: [GirlsDoPorn Owners and Employees Charged in Sex Trafficking Conspiracy](#)

Source: Department of Justice, U.S. Attorney’s Office, Southern District of California

Date: October 10, 2019

- “The owners and two employees of the popular adult websites GirlsDoPorn and GirlsDoToys were charged in federal court today with sex trafficking crimes in connection with a scheme to deceive and coerce young women to appear in sex videos.”
- “According to the complaint, the circumstances were not at all what was promised. Some of the women were pressured into signing documents without reviewing them and then threatened with legal action or outing if they failed to perform; some were not permitted to leave the shooting locations until the videos were made; family and friends and the general public eventually saw the videos online; some victims were harassed and ridiculed and estranged from their families as a result; and some were sexually assaulted and in at least one case raped. Some were forced to perform certain sex acts they had declined to do, or they would not be paid or allowed to leave.”

Title: [Rape investigation targets French porn site after actresses reveal they are forced to perform sex acts they had not agreed to](#)

Date: October 1, 2020

Source: Daily Mail

- “A rape investigation has targeted a prominent French pornography site [Jacquie and Michel] after actresses revealed that they were forced to perform sex acts they had not agreed to.”
- “Estelle . . . said that one director forced her to accept certain scenes - despite her objections - that left her in intense pain for several days. 'He said: "She's crying because she's not used to it. Stop crying, we can't sell that - Smile",' Estelle claimed.”
- “Estelle added that she was forced to perform without a condom with a man who had lied about having tested negative for a sexually-transmitted disease despite having a herpes infection.”
- “They pay you hardly anything for doing scenes that you've never said "yes" to.' Other women have also come forward to speak about directors who suddenly demanded additional sex acts they had not been warned about in advance.”

Title: [French male porn actors charged with rape after abuse claims by women](#)

Date: October 29, 2021

Source: independent.co.uk

- “Four [porn actors](#) in [France](#) have been charged with [rape](#), in a first for the country’s adult film industry, according to a report.”
- “An investigation into what is touted as an amateur porn hub in 2020 prompted dozens of women in the industry to come forward and share their experiences about the abuse they have faced on amateur as well as professional film sets.”
- “One actor said in 2020 that a director had forced her into acts that left her in pain for days. Other women also recounted experiences when they were forced by directors to accept scenes that were not discussed before.”
- “One actor said that she had been forced to engage in a sexual act with a man who was not wearing a condom. He had lied about testing negative for sexually transmitted diseases and actually had herpes, she said.”
- “French daily [Le Parisien reported](#) how even the men who have been charged found it difficult to rewatch the pornographic videos in the courtroom. One actor was asked to rewatch a scene in which he violently forced an actress to fellate him, and a judge asked him how he would describe the scene. He replied, “In this case, I’m guilty, I don’t have an excuse. From what you’ve told me, it’s rape, because the girl’s consent isn’t …” before bursting into tears.”
- “If you have a woman in front of you who is crying and you carry on having anal sex with her – whether you’re in your bedroom or acting in a porn film, the law is the same. Consent has to be constantly reiterated during a sexual act.” ~ Marjolaine Vignola, a Paris-based lawyer representing two of the victims

Title: [Is France’s porn industry having its #MeToo moment?](#)

Date: November 4, 2021

Source: france24.com

- “Over the course of a year-long police investigation, 53 women have come forward to recount their experiences of abuse on porn sets in France. They have described a culture of [sexual violence](#) in the industry, including being drugged and forced to carry out humiliating and degrading acts. Thirty women have filed a formal complaint with police.”
- “It’s the latest development in an investigation into the French amateur porn website ‘French Bukkake’ that began in March 2020. Four people were charged last October with aggravated pimping and human trafficking, including the porn director, actor and producer who set up the French Bukkake website and who goes by the pseudonym of ‘Pascal OP’.”

Title: [Czech Casting: Women Lured By Modeling Gigs, Manipulated Into Shooting Porn](#)

Date: July 18, 2020

Source: Prague Morning

- “Detectives from the National Centre for Combatting Organized Crime have uncovered a group of nine people who offered paid professional modeling photograph opportunities, but in reality, they manipulate them into filming pornographic videos and put online under the channel ‘Czech

casting'. The nine people are accused of human trafficking, sexual coercion and rape, spokesman Jaroslav Ibehej, told police on Friday.”

Title: [Porn Actresses Accuse Powerful Industry Agent of Fraud, Sex Abuse](#)

Date: March 7, 2019

Source: NBC Connecticut

- Derek Hay, one of the pornography industry-leading agents, was accused by several women “of fraud, sexual abuse and links to an illegal escort business — accusations including coercing performers to pay off ‘unconscionable’ fees and penalties either in cash or by performing sexual acts on him.” NOTE: these accusations fall under the definition of sex trafficking.
- ““Most egregiously, he coerces some of his performers into 'escorting' and then, should they seek to terminate their (illegal) contracts, threatens to 'out' them for performing illegal sex work,” says the complaint. If they do not comply, Hay destroys their careers by refusing to book them for work, even if they have been requested specifically, it says.”
- “The complaint accuses Hay of signing multi-year, multi-page contracts with his clients but then submitting only one page for approval by the Labor Commissioner's Office. He requires producers to pay more than his clients' agreed upon fees but fails to pay his clients their share, the women say.”

Title: [“I Didn’t Know If They’d Kill Me”: What Happened When This Jane Doe Was Trafficked By GirlsDoPorn](#)

Date: July 20, 2021

Source: Fight the New Drug

- “I was really scared. I didn’t know if they were going to kill me. Watching the video now, I can see it in my eyes. The quivering of my lips and my voice, I know exactly how I was feeling in that moment. But to anyone else who sees it, they see what they want and they think I was complicit.”
- “Andre told Jane they needed a photo of her to confirm her measurements. He instructed her where to stand and commanded she strip nude. Jane refused. Not only did she not agree to this beforehand, she didn’t know these men and definitely didn’t want them to have a naked photo of her. But it was two large and intimidating men versus Jane. She didn’t want them to hurt her, and she didn’t believe she could safely escape, so after arguing with them, she did it.”
- “In the hotel room, the men took Jane’s cell phone and Andre unplugged the hotel telephone.”
- “Whenever Jane protested the men coerced her into compliance, saying they canceled her hotel and her return flight. They refused to fly her home unless she complied with everything they said.”
- “Jane estimates they began filming at 9pm and didn’t finish until 3 or 4am. ‘Basically, I got raped for however many hours that was,’ Jane said. Early on in the assault, she began to bleed vaginally. Jane pleaded, ‘I’m bleeding. You’re hurting me. I need to stop now. I don’t care who you tell. Let me leave.’ The men responded that the more she fought, the longer it would last. ‘Just give us what we want, stop trying to fight it,’ they kept saying. This, again, was coercion.
- “She tried to run out of the room naked, but they forced her back in. . . ‘They physically blocked the door and threw me back in.’”

- “A nearly hour-long video of that agonizing night was released on two major porn websites, including Pornhub. The title included her full legal name. When Jane found out, she ran to the bathroom and was violently sick.”

Title: [‘I Was Just Shocked and Frozen’: Alleged Sexual Assault Victims Reveal Chilling Details About Ron Jeremy](#)

Date: September 4, 2021

Source: Rolling Stone

- “Porn legend” Ron Jeremy was indicted on more than 30 sexual assault charges involving 21 victims. Note that these charges do not seem to be against fellow porn performers, however they lend credence to earlier allegations made by porn performers that Ron Jeremy assaulted them.
- “In 2017, [Rolling Stone spoke with more than a dozen women](#) in the adult industry who alleged that Jeremy used his reputation as one of the most well-known men in porn to grope and sexually assault fans and fellow performers with impunity.”