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# Proof of Exploitation on OnlyFans

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## **Threat to the Safety and Well-Being of Creators**

OnlyFans is often thought to be a “safe” alternative to other iterations of the commercial sex trade—but this could not be further from the truth. “Creators” report facing a myriad of serious harms, including doxing, stalking, rape, abuse, physical threats from subscribers and traffickers, financial exploitation by subscribers and the platform itself, psychological manipulation, death, suicide, mental health harms, and more.

*Death Threats, Stalking, and [Image-based sexual abuse \(IBSA\)](#)*

[OnlyFans 22-year-old has 'had threats to dismember and rape' her](#), Nottingham Post, Katie May Nelson Local Democracy Reporter and Annette Belcher Digital Publishing Editor (LDR), November 30, 2022.

- In November 2022, the Nottingham Post published an article revealing the dangers of OnlyFans. One 22-year-old OnlyFans creator reported receiving death threats, some of which threatened to dismember her. She also reported being stalked online and received disturbing comments during the time she has been on OnlyFans.
- In the same article it was revealed that from January 2022 – November 2022, Kent Police have received “35 reports where ‘OnlyFans’ has been included in the inquiry log. Among these, there have been six reports of stalking, four reports of harassment, three reports of sending letters etc. with intent to cause distress or anxiety, and two of blackmail.”
- Image-based sexual abuse was also listed among the reports. There were “four reports of disclosing or threatening to disclose private sexual photographs or films with intent to cause distress, and two reports of threats to destroy or damage property. In most cases (14) whilst a suspect was identified, the victim did not support or withdrew support for further action.”

- The creator reports multiple negative experiences from being on OnlyFans: “I’ve been stalked online and had people try to find out where I live, making hundreds of new accounts just to still see what I post. Getting harassed online is pretty typical for every OnlyFans creator but I’ve also had it in public, for instance I once said no to hanging out with a group of guys in a nightclub that recognized me and they tried to act up. At that time my friend stepped in to intimidate them and get them to leave me alone. I’ve been followed around conventions, I’ve had people threaten to send my content to family members despite them already knowing what I do for work.”
- She also reports her experiences with image-based sexual abuse, rape threats, and death threats: “I’ve also had my content stolen and resold by others and I’ve had numerous threats of being kidnapped and/or raped. One person even told me that they would “find and dismember me.” Most of these things I would be unable to report as they’ve come from people overseas or from untraceable accounts unfortunately.”
- She criticizes the lack of safety measures on OnlyFans: “Luckily for me, every public occurrence has been quelled by my friends or staff stepping in so hasn’t led to a report. The site unfortunately has absolutely no safeguarding in place for when things like this happen. They barely reply to technical support emails. Even with content leaking and theft online, they do not support creators. I currently pay an outside agency to help me deal with that. I would like to think the police would take OnlyFans creators seriously as they should be impartial when dealing with crimes.”

### *Stalking*

[The dark side of OnlyFans: Model, 24, reveals her 'stalker from hell' experiences of being filmed from her apartment and followed in public](#), Daily Mail UK, Carina Stathis, December 17, 2022.

- In December 2022, a 24-year-old OnlyFans creator with 2.2 million Instagram reported having numerous experiences with a subscriber stalking her and family.
- The stalker broke into her mother’s apartment and demanded to meet with the creator, recorded her in her apartment, and posted the footage online.
- The man has been stalking her since 2019, when he recorded her through her window in Los Angeles without her knowing. He had recorded her from his apartment across the street. The creator stated, “He would wait for me to use my balcony to record me there, and the videos were posted online on some questionable websites.”
- Doing a Google search of her name, she discovered other videos of her and others in her apartment building recorded by the man. He had been doing the same thing with five other women that police were aware of.
- The police recommended she contact the FBI, but as of December 2022, she hadn’t received a response.
- She also bought a second phone in an attempt to hide her number from strangers and hired a cyber security company, “There have been times when I’ve been scared in my own home; It’s a bit concerning because even though I try to hide my home and private information from the public, influencers aren’t able to provide themselves with much security or privacy despite being at risk of this type of behavior from fans.”

- Unfortunately, the creator has had multiple stalking experiences. One of which happened shortly after she moved into her new home, “I started receiving texts from an unknown number, including pictures of my house taken from their (the neighbor’s) backyard, pictures of the inside of my house from Zillow, and disgusting verbal harassment. He also made threats, both violent and sexual, to myself and my family.”
- She contacted the police and filed a restraining order against the offender “due to the violent and sexual threats, in fear that they may someday come to my house. Nothing has happened since then.”
- She has also been stalked in public by strange men, one who followed her ‘everywhere’ she went. She said her friends would post about their activities, and the man would use her friends’ posts to locate her. She said that when he showed up, “he would ask for pictures of my feet.” These experiences may also be linked to her involvement with OnlyFans—as the journalist points out, “being a glamorous model with millions of followers also means you’ll likely be recognised in public.”
- Her mom has even received fan mail and phone calls despite never having posted her address or phone number.

[OnlyFans model forced to move after stalker sends disturbing backyard knife photo](#), Dexterto, Michael Gwilliam November 2, 2022.

- In November 2022, a YouTuber and OnlyFans creator revealed she had been forced to move twice due to a subscriber stalking her.
- The subscriber had sent her a photo of himself holding a knife in her backyard. He claimed it was a hiking knife.

[Man drove 400 miles to stalk OnlyFans model, WI court docs say. ‘I was ten feet away’](#), The Kansas City Star, Mitchell Willetts, July 31, 2022.

- In May 2022, a 45-year-old former Indiana high school swim coach drove over 400 miles to the home of an OnlyFans model using a car rented in his wife’s name and began stalking the creator.
- The offender had previously sent the creator private messages to her OnlyFans account, confessing his love for her.
- He located her apartment and watched her from outside. The following day he followed her to a baseball game where her boyfriend was playing.
- He paid a boy \$5 to deliver an envelope with a note and \$200 to the OnlyFans creator.
- The note read: “I’ll no longer pursue you here in person. You are safe & always were. I just had to see for myself.”
- The creator contacted the police and then found a string of messages she had noticed before from a user named ChiGuy34.
- The messages contained pictures of her and her boyfriend, some of which were taken outside of her apartment with messages accusing the creator of cheating on the offender.
- One of the pictures taken at the baseball game contained a message stating, “I was ten feet away from you.”

- Some of the other messages the offender sent included, “I literally watched you 2 do everything together.” He said that he “saw it all.”
- Police were able to connect the account with the 45-year-old former Indiana high school swim coach and verify his identity and connection to the crime with cell phone records and surveillance videos.
- He was charged with a felony count of stalking.

*Pressure to escalate to more extreme acts:*

[Myth: Selling nudes on OnlyFans is “empowering” - a thread](#), Collective Shout, Twitter, August 12, 2022.

- OnlyFans creators report having to perform “degrading, violent sex acts and describe how their mental health suffered as a result.
- One creator reported starting an OnlyFans as a way to take back her power after someone had stolen and posted her nude images online.
- She felt pressured to post more explicit photos, use sex toys, and live stream. She eventually entered the pornography industry.
- Another woman reported that her fans would ask her to do degrading and dehumanizing acts and she reported feeling like she had to comply because they were paying her. She called it, “borderline sexual assault.”
- A different creator reported “I have been asked to dress as a schoolgirl and pretend to masturbate myself. Once I was told to tie a rope around my neck and pretend to choke.”

*Creators who died by suicide*

[TRAGIC LOSS. Niece Waidhofer, 31, was an OnlyFans star who tried to sue over stolen lingerie pics before tragic suicide](#), The U.S. Sun, Katy Forrester, July 23, 2022.

- In July 2022 an OnlyFans creator died by suicide.
- She was a survivor of image-based sexual abuse. Photos of her and other OnlyFans creators were stolen and sold on Thothub. They sued Thothub and other pornography sites, such as Chaturbate and BangBros and Cloudfare for providing services to Thothub. The suit was later dropped without settlement.

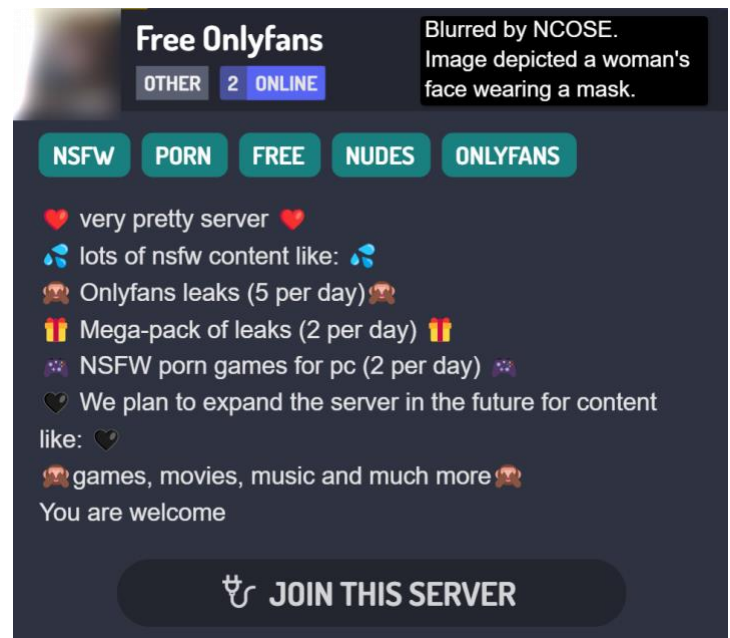
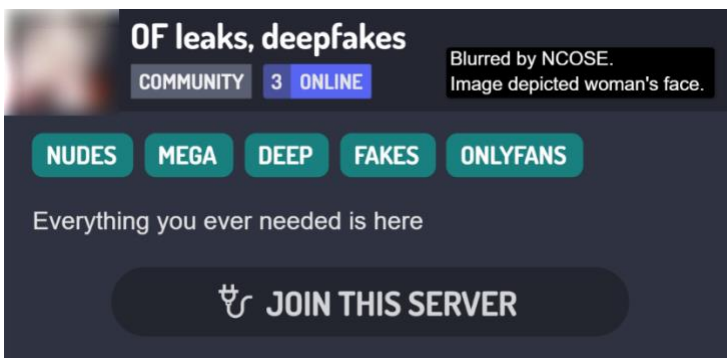
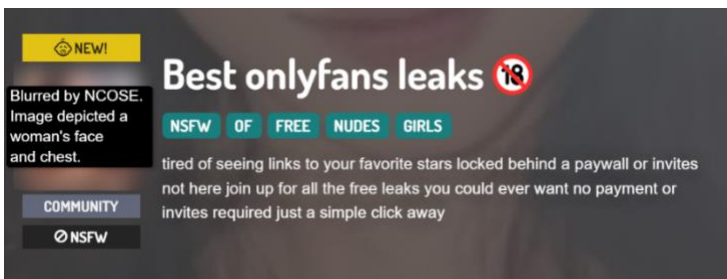
[OnlyFans model Rachel Kaitlyn dies months after giving birth to her first child](#), Marca, December 23, 2022.

- In December 2022, an OnlyFans creator was reported to have died by suicide.
- The message by the creator’s friend about her death alluded to struggles with mental health, “[the creator] sadly lost her battle with the pressures of this world. We are all so saddened with this devastating news, how this world has failed such a beautiful young girl and how she felt she had no other option [than] to no longer be here.”

## Image-based Sexual Abuse

Image-based sexual abuse (IBSA) is the sexual violation of a person committed through the abuse or weaponization of any image depicting the person. Creators on OnlyFans have reported experiences of IBSA such as having sexual content they posted on their account stolen, distributed, and sold without their consent or knowledge. With the rise of generative-AI and deepfake technology, IBSA will only become a more pervasive problem on OnlyFans. There is evidence of image scraping bots stealing creators' content from OnlyFans, as well as evidence of stolen content being distributed on pornography sites and social media platforms like Discord and Reddit.

NCOSE researchers found evidence of 'leaked' and stolen content on various social media sites like Reddit and Discord. Results also suggested that generative AI and deepfakes are increasingly problematic for OnlyFans creators. A few Discord servers suggested containing sexual deepfakes of OnlyFans creators.



↑ r/findaserver · Posted by u/waitdisaintyoutube 3 months ago

13 ONLYFANS LEAKS

↓ discord.gg/cdg

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↑ r/onlyfansadvice · Posted by Verified OF Creator ✓ 9 months ago

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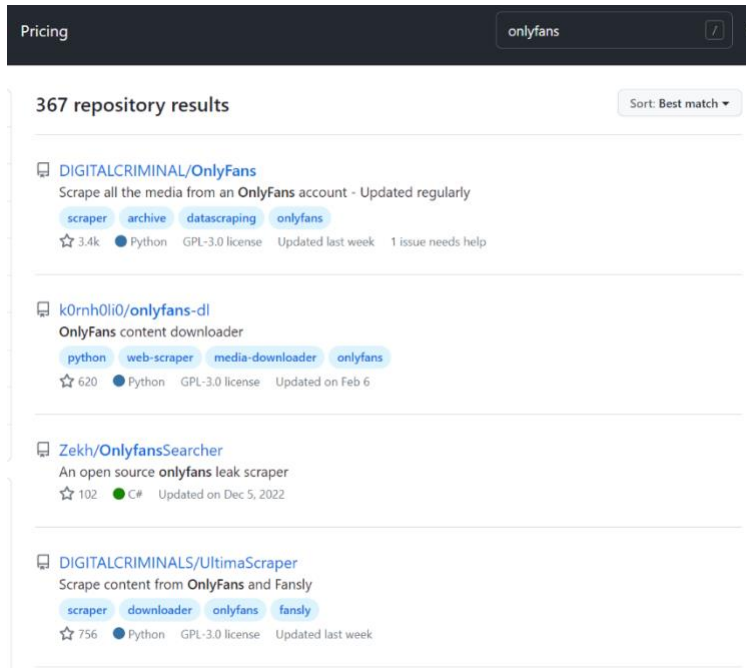
I need advice

I've reported this Twitter account countless of times. I changed my name and they took my verification video. I started watermarking ALL of my content with my new username and they attached my OF link to their Twitter account so they can say that both are me. I feel so defeated and violated. I really depend on the extra income but I can't keep having my content stolen. Twitter has done absolutely nothing to help, no matter how many people report the account. Sometimes the account scams people and then they find me and get mad and Im scared someone will take it too far.

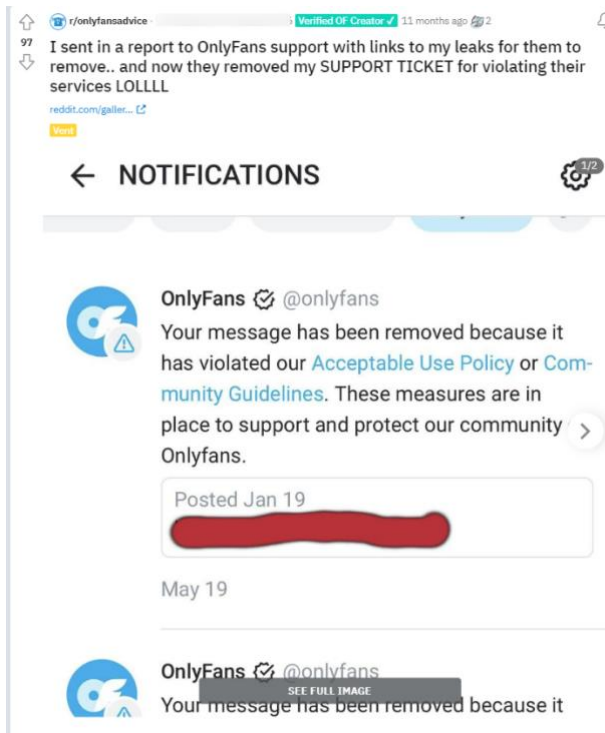
Is there anything I can even do?

14 Comments Award Share Save ...

Additionally, when NCOSE researchers conducted a search on GitHub for “onlyfans” more than 300 results containing image scrapers for downloading content from OnlyFans were returned.



Creators have reported OnlyFans' lack of safety measures and support for those who are victimized through image-based sexual abuse. One creator explained how when she submitted a support ticket reporting the IBSA, her support ticket was removed for purportedly violating OnlyFans policies: .





Further, a 2021 report from the Avery center interviewed former and current OnlyFans creators and found that many raised the platform’s lack of safety measures or support for IBSA: “[The creators] were also aware that while OnlyFans has the money and technology to keep their content safe, there were no protections in place to stop customers from stealing it.”

In addition to evidence captured by NCOSE researchers, news articles and other reputable institutions have also demonstrated IBSA as a pervasive issue on OnlyFans. More recently, creators have reported experiences with sexual deepfakes (ie. images that have been edited to be sexually explicit) and generative AI<sup>1</sup> on OnlyFans. Based on recent reports, instances regarding AI and deepfakes on OnlyFans are no longer in their infancy – they are now severe threats for OnlyFans creators and will only become more dangerous in the coming months and years.

[I'm a mom who earned \\$4,000 a month with my OnlyFans. Here's why I quit.](#), Insider, Emme Witt, February 10, 2023.

- A mother of two children started an OnlyFans to earn extra income after experiencing divorce.
- She reported believing that it was the ‘perfect job for a mom’ at first, but the risks soon outweighed the benefits.
- The mother reported knowing other OnlyFans creators who had their images leaked, stolen, and uploaded on other websites. Women were getting doxxed, losing their day jobs, and mothers were losing custody of their children.
- She then explained how one mother was banned from volunteering at her kids’ school because of her OnlyFans account.
- Another was banned from coming to her kids’ games at their school.
- The fear of having images leaked and the resulting repercussions other mothers were facing was overwhelming.
- She imagined her children being made fun of, laughed at, and even bullied if anyone discovered her images on OnlyFans.

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- She also reports on the lack of safety measures on OnlyFans, placing the responsibility for remaining safe and avoiding abuse, “Luckily for me, every public occurrence has

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<sup>1</sup> Note. What is Generative AI, Ellen Glover, BuiltIn, March 23, 2023, <https://builtin.com/artificial-intelligence/generative-ai>. Generative AI is a form of artificial intelligence in which algorithms automatically produce content in the form of text, images, audio and video. These systems have been trained on massive amounts of data, and work by predicting the next word or pixel to produce a creation.

been quelled by my friends or staff stepping in so hasn't led to a report. The site unfortunately has absolutely no safeguarding in place for when things like this happen. They barely reply to technical support emails. Even with content leaking and theft online, they do not support creators. I currently pay an outside agency to help me deal with that. I would like to think the police would take OnlyFans creators seriously as they should be impartial when dealing with crimes."

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- A creator shares how her experience of IBSA was accompanied with doxxing and stalking: "After turning down a male subscriber's sexual advances, 'Becky' was sent death threats and her real name, age, phone number and location were shared online alongside her pornographic images." 'Becky' reported that the effects are all-encompassing, "I'm hardly sleeping, eating, I'm crying and having severe panic attacks and I'm just absolutely destroyed mentally, physically and emotionally. I have all the evidence in the world and no one will help me."
- This content can be virtually impossible to take down because of the permanent and pervasive nature of the Internet. A lawyer specializing in IBSA stated, "You might spend a whole week sending takedown requests only to have content resurface six months later. Victims will sometimes have to look over their shoulder for the rest of their lives."

### *Artificial Intelligence and Sexual Deepfakes*

[LEAK' THREAT: Twitch and OnlyFans star Indiefoxx blackmailed with AI deepfake nudes as fans tell her to 'stay strong,'](#) The Sun, Aliko Kraterou, April 18, 2023.

- In April 2023, an OnlyFans creator experienced sexual extortion when a subscriber threatened to "leak AI-generated nudes" depicting her if she did not comply with his demands for money.

[We Asked OnlyFans Creators What They're Thinking About AI-Generated Porn,](#) Pirate Wires, River Page and Brandon Gorrell, February 13, 2023.

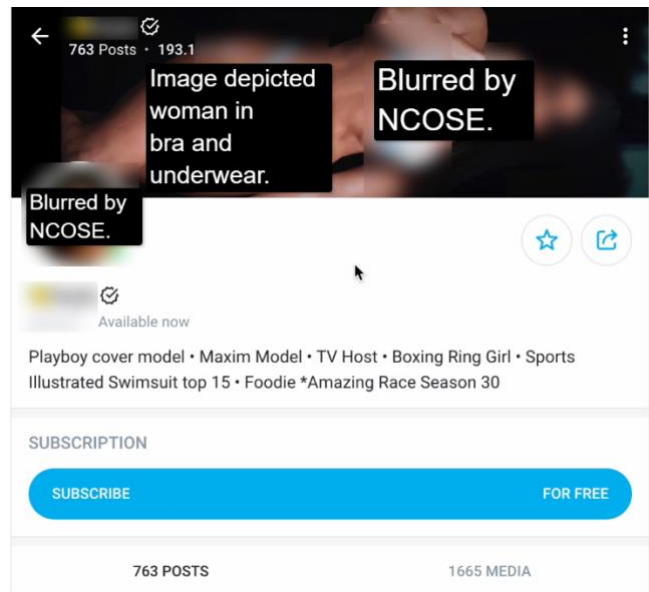
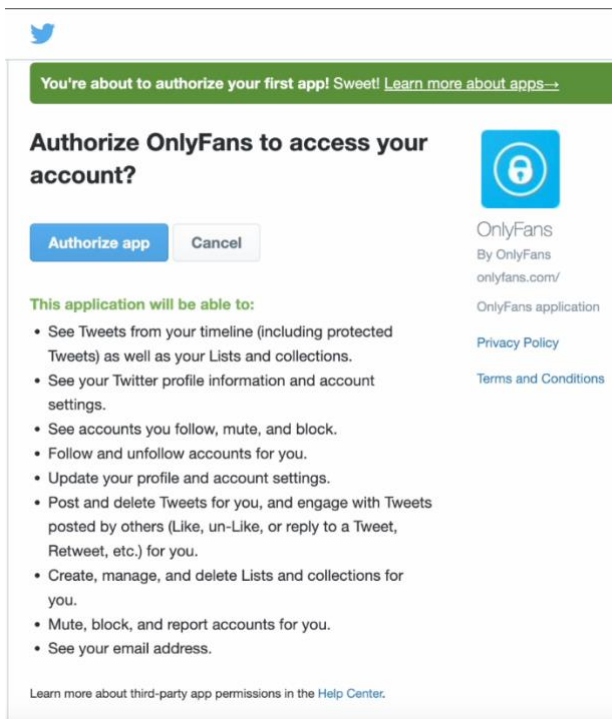
- In an investigative article asking OnlyFans creators their thoughts on AI-generated pornography, many creators reported lack of consent as a primary concern.
- One OnlyFans creator was a survivor of IBSA and had experienced the non-consensual dissemination of her images online – she described the experience as terrifying, like she had lost control. She reported the same concerns with sexual deepfakes and AI-generated pornography: "When it comes to AI, I have no control over that. That's a big issue for me."

## Insufficient Age Verification and Moderation

OnlyFans fails to implement age and consent verification and moderation systems and fail to keep criminal and harmful activity off of the platform. The lack of consideration for the safety and wellbeing of the creators on the platform is alarming. By ignoring the concerns and refusing to implement more stringent processes for age and consent verification and moderation, OnlyFans continually puts its community and creators at risk.

While OnlyFans does have age verification measures in place for creators, these have been easily circumvented. Live streams, private messages, and published content of individuals who are not the account owner have been found to depict non-consensual content and child sexual abuse material. Age and consent verification must be comprehensive to be effective. Currently, OnlyFans fails to require age and consent verification after signing up for a creator account.

OnlyFans allows Users to [authenticate accounts through Twitter and Google](#). However, because Twitter and Google fail to verify age upon account creation (they merely ask the user to provide a data of birth), OnlyFans' reliance on these sites to authenticate users is insufficient and provides easy methods for minors to access sexually explicit content. To test this, NCOSE researchers set up an account on Twitter (18+) and then used that account to verify their age when creating a User account on OnlyFans. The NCOSE researchers were able to access sexually explicit content in less than 60 seconds after creating the fictitious adult Twitter account.



The lack of age and consent verification upon account creation allows minors to create accounts on the 18+ platform. This has resulted in minor-aged users being exposed to sexually explicit content and participating in various contests and activities on OnlyFans.

[OnlyFans star hopes subscriber 'had fun' filming racy clip after learning he's a 'minor.'](#) Daily Star UK, Lizzie McAllister, April 14, 2023.

- In April 2023, a minor was selected as the winner of an Italian OnlyFans creator's contest to film a video with her to go on her OnlyFans.
- She selected the teenage boy and they filmed the scene. Only after filming was over did she ask the teenager to sign paperwork involving age and consent verification – criteria he did not legally meet.
- In a translated TikTok video, the creator spoke out about the incident, "I had to choose a guy from my subscribers to record the video with. After several selections I chose and met him. Everything went well, we shot the video, but I hadn't gotten him to sign the paperwork yet."
- She then detailed how she was unaware he was under 18 and "went a little on trust," rather than going through official proceedings to verify his age prior to filming, "For obvious reasons [the fan being under 18], the video cannot be distributed. In fact, it really shouldn't exist. And indeed it was cancelled. It was my fault, I should have made him sign everything sooner, but being the first time I've done it, I went a little on trust."
- The creator then reported that she is, "looking for a partner again now. The boy got smart, but I hope he at least enjoyed himself."

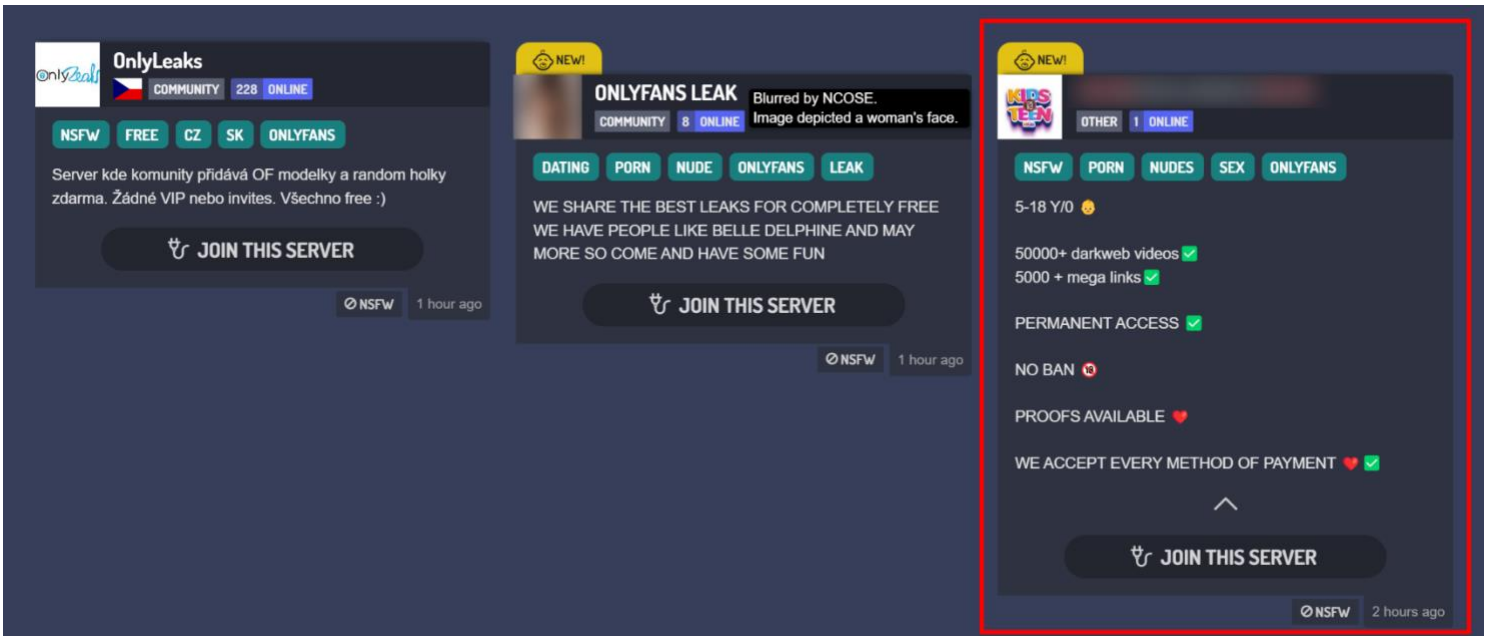
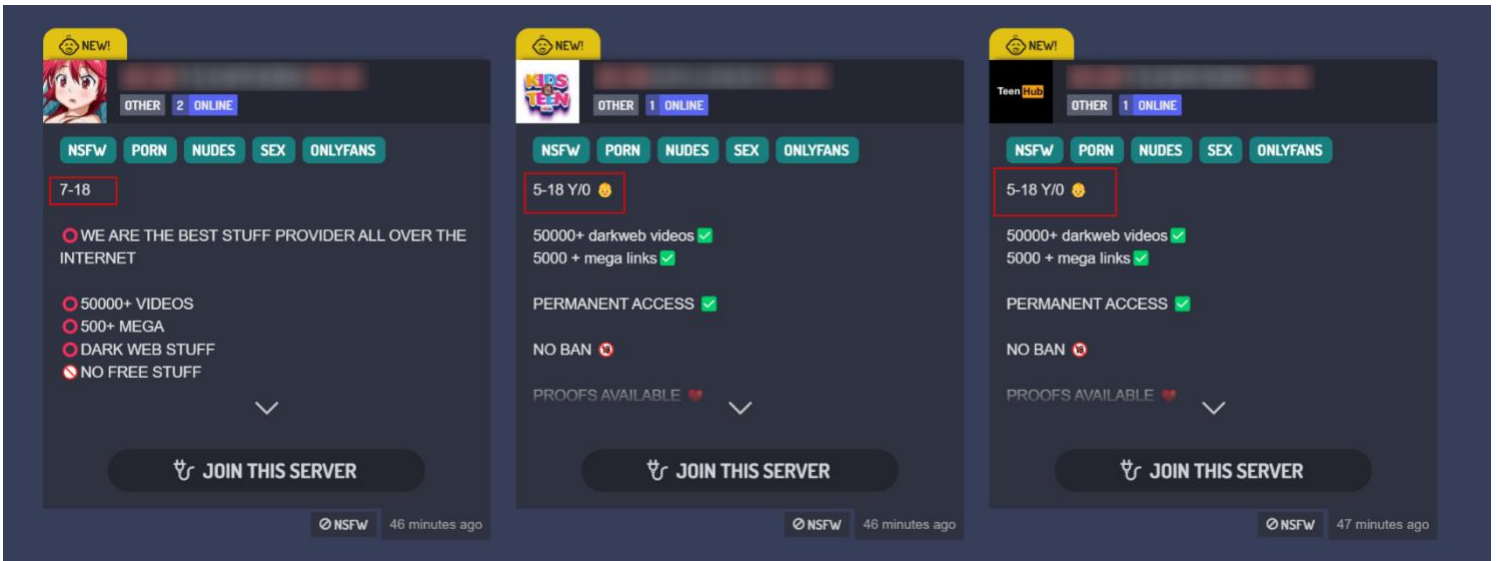
The lack of age and consent verification has directly resulted in criminal activity such as child sexual abuse material (CSAM, the more apt term for "child pornography) and sex trafficking.

## **Child Sexual Abuse Material and Sex Trafficking of Minors**

In light of the significant rise in image-based sexual abuse (IBSA) occurring on OnlyFans, such as through “leaks” of content on other social media websites like Twitter, Discord, and Reddit, NCOSE researchers used Disboard, a public Discord server listing website, to see if Discord was hosting servers dedicated to IBSA on OnlyFans. Our researchers were looking for server names indicating IBSA such as “OnlyFans Leaks” or “OnlyFans Free.” However, after only using the keyword search “OnlyFans,” NCOSE researchers were exposed to an overwhelming number of servers containing high indications of CSAM. Close to every third server contained titles, tags, and descriptions suggesting CSAM. These were scattered across the results and had multiple servers with slightly different names.

Additionally, a handful of servers had thumbnails containing actual depictions of child sexual abuse material [VR1] (CSAM). One server, contained a thumbnail depicting a small female child who was roughly 6 years old, lying down with her mouth open holding a fully erect penis. The picture appears to be taken by the man lying down on his back and does not show anything other than his penis and shorts. However, the child's face is completely visible. This was available as a public Discord server. NCOSE researchers *immediately* reported these servers to NCMEC and did not enter any of the indicating servers.

NCOSE researchers were inadvertently exposed to content indicating CSAM occurring on OnlyFans. Disturbingly, when NCOSE researchers searched “OnlyFans” on Disboard, a public website for finding Discord servers, every third result contained indications of child sexual abuse material (CSAM). There is no excuse for why searches for OnlyFans returned such a high volume of results indicating CSAM.



[Miami-Dade Man Accused of Sexually Assaulting Teen, Posting Footage to OnlyFans](#), NBC Miami, NBC 6, July 27, 2022.

- In July 2022 a 25-year-old South Florida man was arrested for allegedly raping a 19-year-old teenage girl, filming the assault, uploading it to OnlyFans, and selling it for profit. He was charged with sexual battery and selling/distributing obscene material.
- The victim believed that she and the offender were going to a social gathering when he picked her up from her house.
- The victim told police she tried to leave but the rapist and the co-defendant wouldn't let her leave and continued to film the rape.
- The co-defendant was also charged with uploading and selling the footage for profit on OnlyFans.

[Broward OnlyFans creator used site to get child sexual abuse material, deputies say](#), Local 10, Chris Gothner, March 30, 2023.

- A 59-year-old Oakland Park man was arrested in February 2023 after investigators discovered he had been using OnlyFans to send and receive child sexual abuse material (CSAM), via direct message. Investigators were led to the offender after OnlyFans reported CSAM on his account to NCMEC in May 2021.
- The offender asked another user if he had any “videos of ‘y0ung’ — using a ‘0’ instead of an ‘o’ in an apparent, yet ultimately unsuccessful, attempt to evade flagging.”
- The offender then alluded to how to evade age “becoming an issue in sexual meetups,” referring to an experience in which “he had a 14-year-old boy perform a sex act on him.”
- The conversation escalated to the point in which the offender’s conversation partner offered to make a video involving a 14 or 15-year-old teenager and sent the offender eight files of CSAM, depicting young boys between the ages of 8 and 16. This was prompted by the conversation partner asking the offender “you don’t mind if they’re too y0ung?” According to deputies, the offender replied verbatim, ““you asked if i MIND if theyre too yng. Too yng? whats THAT? lol” and continued to describe his “favorite” image.
- The conversation partner continued to send the offender files of CSAM depicting boys as young as 8 years old. However, deputies stated that the offender “drew the line” at toddlers telling the other user “that’s a little disturbing...” but quickly reconciled by telling the other the user that it was “all good” after an apology. He told the other user that CSAM depicting toddlers “freaks (him) out” particularly because “they seemed like they weren’t exactly willing.” The offender then proceeded to instruct the other user to clear out his messages “just in case.”
- The offender never sent CSAM but he did request and receive CSAM and described his attraction to minors by describing specific acts of sexual abuse faced by a child left in his care.

Colorado Springs man arrested in alleged human trafficking of minor, The Gazette, Annika Schmidt, August 5, 2022

- In August 2022, a Colorado Springs man was arrested on suspicion of sex trafficking a minor and several other felony sexual offenses involving a juvenile. He had contacted an undercover member of the Metro, Vice, and Intelligence Division who was posing as a 14-year-old girl online.
- The offender allegedly paid for the girl whom he believed was a minor to travel from her home to Colorado Springs where he intended to sexually exploit the teenage girl. Police also reported that the sex trafficker had set up an OnlyFans account to facilitate posting child sexual abuse material of the girl.
- He was suspected of human trafficking of a minor for sexual servitude, sexual exploitation of a child, procurement of a child for sexual exploitation, internet luring of a child and sexual assault on a child under the age of 15 by one in a position of trust.

[Expert Analysis of Open Source Material relating to Child Sexual Abuse Material and Sex Trafficking occurring on OnlyFans.com](#), Anti-Human Trafficking Intelligence Initiative in Consultation with Veteran Law Enforcement Officials, April 3, 2022.

The expert analysis outlines the issues with OnlyFans, demonstrated how “sex crimes are actively taking place, including crimes involving the sexual exploitation of minors and adults.”

The business structure facilitates sex crimes and inhibits effective law enforcement investigations from occurring. A major contributor to these inhibitions is the paywall, making traditional open-source law enforcement investigations difficult, expensive, and time-consuming.

The investigation used simple open-source methodologies in addition to “utilizing a specialized subscription darknet tool and investigative techniques consistent with those used by law enforcement.”

According to the report, using open-source methodologies, two ATII researchers “found a high volume of OnlyFans.com profiles possessing commonly understood indicators of CSAM and/or sex trafficking” within only 1.5 hours. The significant amount of content discovered using open-sourced methodologies in such a short period of time revealed OnlyFans’ lack of meaningful and effective age and/or consent verification measures. Additionally this revealed an apparent lack of obligation by the Trust & Safety teams to implement similar measures at companies doing business with the platform.

Using an “enlisted specialized subscription darknet tools and investigative techniques consistent with those used by law enforcement,” researchers identified concerning “connections between OnlyFans.com profiles and the darkweb utilized by sex predators.” When ATII researchers searched keywords in tandem like “OnlyFans” AND “pedo” (pedophiles), more than 54,400 darknet results were returned. During this search, researchers found references to “children being sold for in-person physical contact sexual encounters.”

Investigators conducted a series of Google series of websites known for sex trafficking and linkage to OnlyFans.com to determine the extent of possible criminal activity on OnlyFans.com. Their results demonstrate OnlyFans.com as more than a passive hub for sexually explicit content



but an active site for sex trafficking and the large-scale monetization of other criminal activity. In addition to evidence indicating sex trafficking of adults and minors, ATII and veteran law enforcement also found evidence of sexual violence (content depicting forced rape and criminal assault). Examples provided included “apparent victims in visible pain or duress, blank expression, appearance of being under the influence, bruising and degrading handwritten markings or derogatory language on their bodies, and/or on signs being held.”

For further information, check out the full analysis [HERE](#).

## Sex Trafficking of Adults

One recent high-profile case of sex trafficking on OnlyFans is that of the kickboxer and influencer Andrew Tate. The below articles detail the allegations against Tate.

Andrew Tate's victims were forced to perform on TikTok and OnlyFans [pages he controlled, legal documents say](#), Insider, Feb 2, 2023

- “Andrew Tate's victims had their TikTok and OnlyFans accounts controlled by two of his female confidants who threatened to beat them, according to new legal documents out of Romania.  
In documents from a prosecutor's file, seen and described by Reuters, Georgiana Naghel and Luana Radu are named as being in charge of the accounts on behalf of Tate and his brother Tristan.  
The documents described a bleak world in which the women made pornography for Tate under duress, and Naghel and Radu threatened to beat the women if they did not comply.”
- “The group face allegations of using the "loverboy method" — a common tactic used in human trafficking cases where women are manipulated into thinking the perpetrator has genuine feelings for them.”
- “According to the document, the alleged victims' OnlyFans accounts made tens of thousands of euros.”

[Sex, lies and video cams: Andrew Tate turned women into slaves, prosecutors say, Reuters](#), February 2, 2023

- “Tate, an influencer with millions of online followers, urged the Moldovan woman to join him in Romania. . . Romanian prosecutors say, Tate raped the woman twice in the country while seeking to enlist her in a human-trafficking operation focused on making pornography for the online platform OnlyFans, a site that allows people to sell explicit videos of themselves.”
- “Prosecutors say the Tates controlled the victims' OnlyFans' accounts and earnings amounting to tens of thousands of euros, underlining concerns among some human rights groups about the potential for the exploitation of women on such platforms.”
- “[Tate and his brother] used deception and intimidation to bring six women under their control and "transform them into slaves", prosecutors said in the document.”

[Andrew Tate's female 'accomplices' threatened to beat up OnlyFans models if they did not do their job and fined them if they were late for work or were seen sniffing on camera, prosecutors claim](#), Daily Mail, February 3, 2023

- “Tate, a millionaire anti-feminist influencer, was jailed on December 29 along with his brother and the two 'accomplices' in a human trafficking sex probe.”
- Georgiana Naghel, the girlfriend of the jailed influencer, and Luana Radu, a former policewoman turned cam model, allegedly controlled six victims' OnlyFans and TikTok accounts on behalf of the Tate brothers.

- The women, who have been detained in a sex trafficking probe along with the Tates, skimmed off half the OnlyFans revenue and fined women for being late or sniffing on camera, according to court documents.

Another recent case of a sex trafficking ring on OnlyFans:

[Couple arraigned for allegedly running multi-state sex trafficking ring through OnlyFans](#), ABC Eyewitness News, WABC, June 29, 2022

- A couple, M(29) and F(27), was indicted for sex trafficking multiple women across six states including the state of New York. The couple filmed the sex trafficking of one woman and posted the videos on OnlyFans for profit.
- The couple would beat the women, threaten them with a gun, withhold personal identification documents, and force them to use cocaine. The couple also used the victims' documents to obtain government benefits and take out loans in their names. To hide the money the couple was earning from sex trafficking, they set up an LLC in Connecticut.
- Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg commented, "These horrific allegations detail an abhorrent sex trafficking scheme that preyed on vulnerable people so the ringleaders could turn a profit. The internet gives traffickers new ways to exploit people through economic, emotional, physical and psychological coercion."
- For further information on this case click [HERE](#).

## **Glamorization and False Promises**

OnlyFans glamorizes participation in the sex industry with deceptive promises of empowerment, freedom, influencer status, and quick cash. However, the truth is much grimmer.

### ***Myths about OnlyFans – Debunked***

Myth: “OnlyFans is an easy way to get rich quick.”

Reality: The top 1% of OnlyFans creators make an average of \$2,500/month. That is roughly \$15/hour before taxes. On average, a [McDonald’s Crew Member makes more money](#) than an OnlyFans creator in the top 1%, at roughly \$2,600. The average OnlyFans creator makes \$180/month.

Myth: “OnlyFans is not dangerous because it is online.”

Reality: [Research shows](#) that OnlyFans significantly increased the supply of individuals offering the purchase of in-person sexual access. 34% of surveyed creators reported experiencing adverse mental health effects as a direct result of their OnlyFans participation. Nearly 1/3 of respondents reported knowing when a sex trafficker controlled an OnlyFans creator’s account. See also [Threat to Safety and Well-being of Creators](#).

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Myth: “OnlyFans has sufficient safety measures in place.”

Reality: [Research shows](#) that reported feeling like OnlyFans did not do enough to protect users and creators on the platform. 11% of respondents knew of minors having accounts on the platform. Respondents collectively knew of 35 minors who had their content sold on OnlyFans and six percent self-disclosed that their traffickers helped them create and market their content.

- Some of the top creators on OnlyFans are stepping down and speaking out against the lies of “empowerment”:

[Woman describes her OnlyFans journey from empowerment to objectification](#), Talker News, Lydia Patrick, September 21, 2022.

**“Sexually objectifying myself on social media became addictive and I was in denial. I was financially consumed by it. My whole personality became OnlyFans.”**

- A 28-year-old OnlyFans creator, who was in the top 1% of earners no longer offers sexually explicit content because of the degrading and dehumanizing comments she received from men on the platform. She told reporters that she quickly became addicted to OnlyFans—echoing the voices of many other female creators.

- She spoke out about how she suffered from “negative body image growing up and was bullied at school, with cruel classmates calling her ‘lanky beanpole’ or ‘anorexic,’” and saw OnlyFans as an opportunity to gain confidence. She originally posted photos showing her long legs before moving towards sexually explicit content.
- After two years of spending 12 hours a day talking to men and recording sexually explicit content, she felt that “it was no longer empowering.” Her mental health was deteriorating and she was tired of being “objectified by creepy men” and made the choice to go back to only posting photos of her legs.
- She told reporters that she felt she was at a crossroads: “I could either give in to the pressure of requests and make raunchier content or take a step back and take down my explicit content. They [men] would send constant messages like ‘I’m really horny show me something now.’ It made me feel horrible.”
- What she used to describe as liberating and empowering became the source of her mental health issues. When she made the change to stop posting sexually explicit content, her mental health improved: “I started uploading less explicit content of me wearing tights again and it felt good and empowering.”
- The creator found that she “would socially isolate and felt ashamed that I was objectifying myself.”
- “I felt like a contradiction because on the one hand I was telling women to love themselves and on the other hand I felt ashamed of myself. I wondered how many people were sitting crying in the mirror because of my image?”
- Now the creator focuses on helping other women leave the industry: “It’s never too late to get out. . . If you’re a drug addict or an alcoholic there is an exit plan, you can get rehabilitated. What is there for people who are lost in the sex industry? I now want to help mentor girls who find themselves in the same position and show them there is a way out. It makes me sad thinking how many girls are jumping up and down to show off their cleavage in front of the camera fronting a brave face but are actually dying inside.”
- She reported finding it difficult to cope with being inundated with derogatory requests and comments from men online. Some of the comments men would make included: “I’d really like to see that up close” or “bend over.” There was constant pressure to make more explicit content.
- She also wants to help women exiting the industry to find their own sense of empowerment and guide them to different career paths. Having faced stigmatization from being on OnlyFans, she never wants other women to feel that way: “A lot of women felt intimidated, and they don’t associate me with being a good person. No one should be shunned in society.”
- Despite the financial and relational struggles she has faced, such as with dating, she is confident in her decision: “I feel so much better now I have made this decision and I want to help other women who find themselves in my position.”

#### *Additional News Articles about OnlyFans and Camming*

- [No, You Won’t Get Rich Quick On OnlyFans: The Math Behind The Fool’s Gold Rush](#)  
Nicole Dominique, Evie Magazine, April 7, 2023
- [No, OnlyFans Is Not Safe: Sex Trafficking And Child Exploitation Are Happening On OnlyFans](#)

- Nicole Dominique, Evie Magazine, January 12, 2023.
- [Hustle and charm: The unusual workplace of cam performers](#), Jessica Lucas, The Morning Brew, October 14, 2022
  - [The Progressive Myth of OnlyFans](#), Tabitha Isabell Boyton, Res Publica, July 28, 2022.

### Survivor Testimonies

Highlighting survivor voices is crucial to NCOSE. As the reality of exploitation on OnlyFans unravels, content creators are speaking out about their experiences. The following images, links, and videos document the traumatic experiences of former content creators on OnlyFans.

[\*Top 1% of OnlyFans And I Quit!\*](#), Tracy Kiss, March 28, 2023.



[\*The Reality of OnlyFans\*](#), Brett Cooper, February 5, 2023



[Why I Quit OnlyFans](#), Lauren Lexx, March 2023.

