

## **Sex trafficking, child sexual abuse, and more flourish on Facebook.**

### ***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](mailto: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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Below is a limited sampling of news articles and reports about the sex trafficking and child sexual abuse on the Facebook platform. Unfortunately, new cases and stories come out on a regular basis.

[D.A. Bragg Announces Takedown of Husband-and-Wife Sex Trafficking Operation,](#)

February 2022, Manhattan District Attorney's Office

"According to court documents and statements made on the record in court, KAREEM MITCHELL ran a sex trafficking operation involving at least eight women between November 2018 and February 2022. He used Instagram and Facebook to recruit women to work for him, then subjected them to verbal and physical abuse to coerce them to engage in prostitution, including in cars and hotels in Midtown and elsewhere in Manhattan, as well as Brooklyn, Queens, and the Bronx."

[St. Marys man charged with trafficking after soliciting sex from teens on Facebook: Police,](#)

February 2022, WJAC

"Police say a Saint Mary's man is facing human trafficking charges after soliciting sex from a teen on Facebook."

[Child-porn scheme gets former Palm Beach County schools worker 25-year prison sentence,](#)

February 2022, The Palm Beach Post

"[This man] spent years persuading women around the world on Facebook to molest children and send him images of it, prosecutors say."

[Facebook Papers reveal company knew it profited from sex trafficking but took limited action to stop it,](#) October 2021, USA Today

"What's striking in the documents is internal discussion around how to curb trafficking on Facebook's platforms. The reason company investigators proposed clarifying policies on revenue from human trafficking? To 'prevent reputational risk for the company,' according to the documents."

[Sex trafficked on Facebook,](#) March 2021, Daily Mail

Victim reveals how predator sent her friend request, lured her at age 15 with promise of modeling job - then raped her and forced her to have sex with paying strangers

[Logan man arrested for allegedly sharing child porn on Facebook,](#) December 2021, KSL News Radio

"A 33-year-old Logan man was taken into custody last week for allegedly using Facebook to spread child porn."

## 2020 Federal Human Trafficking Report

"More than half of sex trafficking victims (59%) were recruited on Facebook in the U.S., rising to 65% when involving children."

## **Additional News Articles:**

[Facebook urged not to encrypt children's messaging accounts over NSPCC grooming fears](#) ([Telegraph UK](#))

[Here Is What Facebook Won't Tell You About Message Encryption](#) ([Forbes](#))

[News story about a girl being groomed for sex trafficking through Facebook](#)

[Lawyer argues product liability claims in Facebook suit over sex trafficking](#)

[Teen Used Facebook to Mastermind Prostitution Ring, Cops Say](#)

[Woman sues Facebook over a revenge porn account](#) ([Digital Trends](#))

[Study: Facebook replacing Craigslist for prostitutes](#) ([CNET](#))

[KIDS RAPED, SODOMIZED ON FACEBOOK PAGES](#) ([Investigative Report](#))

[CAN FACEBOOK'S CHILD-PORN EXPLOSION BE STOPPED?](#) ([Investigative Report](#))

[Facebook Child Porn Pages: Shocking Groups Reportedly Uncovered on Social Network \(UPDATE\)](#) ([Huffington Post](#))

[Dawn Hawkins, Executive Director of MIM](#) ([Personal Account](#))

[Groundswell grows against pornographic Facebook pages](#) ([News Article](#))

[Child porn video gets 4,000 likes, 20,000 views on Facebook; takes Facebook 8 hours to remove](#)

[STUDY: 83 Percent Of Prostitutes Have Facebook Pages](#)