



A White Paper: *The Unsung Heroes of the Police / FBI and [ALL] Abuse Prevention Organizations & Advocates*

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This particular White Paper's primary focus is on the brave men and women who are in the trenches each and every day as law enforcement officers fighting on behalf of the children. In order to make this point as clear as possible, I will focus on the FBI (in the US, this is our Federal Bureau of Investigation); while providing a specific example of the agents operating out of the Detroit, Michigan Police Department and Michigan FBI Division responsible for Child Sexual Abuse Protection. I would be more than happy to provide the names of at least two of these individuals – one police officer and one FBI agent – however, because I do not want to impede their outstanding performance in any way, I will simply refer to these two individuals I am using as prime examples of an “Officer” and “Agent.” Note: I would be willing to openly commend these individuals if ever given the opportunity.

Let me first begin by stating the obvious: The Officer and Agent I speak of are saving lives. No truer words ever spoken. Within the paper I have cited several links to other articles and sources in order to provide the reader with a clear and in-depth understanding from the perspective of law enforcement, the legal system, social services, abuse prevention organizations, and the victims themselves. I am also focusing this white paper on a growing and ugly type of abuse I have studied as a professional, advocate, writer, and one in which I have also been a victim myself ... Child Pornography. It is as dreadful and pervasive as any terminal disease known to mankind. The effects are exactly the same *as a terminal disease* – including death.

Allow me to begin a point by clearly stating: “If you think law enforcement are doing nothing – You Would Be Dead Wrong.” I spent a great deal of time speaking with the FBI “Agent” about the issue of child pornography and learned a great deal about the work he and his team do.

Above all of the methods put in place to protect our children, I also saw the true face of law enforcement – both that of the “Officer” and the “Agent.” These are good men (and women; however for the purpose of this paper I had only dealt with two men – but I know for a fact there are women in law enforcement who are just as brave and effective). The men I came into contact are Fathers. Protectors. Individuals who literally put their lives on the line to protect our children. As an abuse prevention advocate and author, I cannot make such a claim. My life is not put in danger every day by taking what I do in the fight against abuse to the highest level: one in which the actions taken mean life and death. I do not face this danger while signing books or giving a speech. Knowing this, I am humbled considerably by what these men and women of law enforcement do on a daily basis.

Below are some notable sources I highly suggest reading which will help shed a brighter light on what I am hoping to convey:

<http://www.fbi.gov/news/pressrel/press-releases/105-juveniles-recovered-in-nationwide-operation-targeting-underage-prostitution>

http://www.popcenter.org/problems/child_pornography/

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-2330640/My-journey-hell-internet-child-porn-We-asked-AMANDA-PLATELL-view-websites-twisted-mind-little-Tias-killer.html>

<http://fox59.com/2012/12/19/feds-seek-to-identify-jane-doe-in-child-porn-investigation/#axzz2ePILIEq1>

<http://www.fbi.gov/atlanta/press-releases/2009/at030509.htm>

http://www.nytimes.com/2011/06/10/nyregion/pornography-victim-makes-voice-heard-in-queens-case.html?_r=0

<http://www.komonews.com/news/local/42848327.html>

<http://www.ozaukeepress.com/component/content/article/49-feature-1/4510-authorities-say-child-porn-case-involves-2000-videos-100-victims>

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/archives/12612/>

<http://www.10tv.com/content/stories/2013/07/24/upper-arlington-federal-child-porn-charge-filed-against-pediatric-oncologist-at-nationwide-childrens-hospital.html>

I am often thanked for my efforts; however, after meeting with and learning more of what law enforcement is doing to prevent child abuse; specifically in the area of child pornography, they are the ones truly deserving of gratitude and immense respect. And all too seldom the brave men and women of law enforcement are recognized for their actions.

Therefore, to all of you in law enforcement; especially, the Detroit Police Officer and FBI Agent, I say thank you with warmth, grace and hope to give you some ease with regard to the terrible task of dealing with abuse.

What you are doing will and has come back to you. I was incredibly impressed by your professionalism, courage, kindness, patience, and tenacity. I am grateful as both an advocate and survivor of child abuse. Your courtesy, thoughtfulness and abilities have made you stand out powerfully in an increasingly dangerous, confusing, and often unsympathetic world.

It is without a doubt I look upon your actions and say to myself, “They are saving those children just like me ... they are saving [me].” I applaud your work and your character as exemplary. You have restored a great deal of confidence in my view of abuse prevention and have shown me a brighter future. I hope one day I can thank you publically.

It is here I will end with the words from my White Paper dated 07-10-2013, “Abuse of {Any Kind} – The Work Behind and ‘Ahead of Us All’ ...

“There will always be hate in the world, but there is love too. The hope and the power of fighting against the darkness. The abused are trapped between a life we never had and want, and the life we have but have no idea how to accept. We have a long way to go. And, we have come such a long way from where we started. However, it breaks my heart to share with you this truth – We are not even halfway home. It is up to me, you, and everyone on this earth to change where we are – for our own and each other’s sake.”

And I will add this final piece as a continuation –

To the men and women of law enforcement and to the Detroit Police Officer and FBI Agent personally: You are my heroes. You are out there fighting for me and for us.

You are not alone and I promise ... from this day forward

You are not forgotten.

Thank you.

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In his words, "Please remember, the reason we are here is to save one another – Break the cycle." More information can be found at godmustbesleeping.com/.