

THE MINNESOTA CHILD TRAFFICKING CRISIS THAT CAN NO LONGER BE IGNORED.

“The material being traded online depicts the violent abuse, torture, and rape of young children—even toddlers. The material should break our hearts.”

- Grier Weeks, Senior Exec. PROTECT

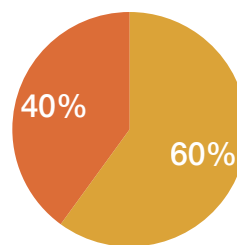
Probation keeps dangerous predators on the streets around our children. Too often, those who receive probation are not required to register as sex offenders.

MN law enforcement professionals are demoralized because they can't put these predators away without federal involvement. THAT'S NOT RIGHT!

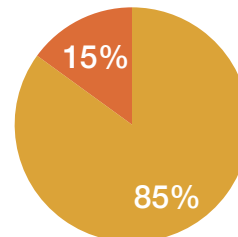
Weak MN sentencing guidelines often result in the perp not having to register as a sex offender either.

WEAK MN SENTENCING GUIDELINES HAVE RESULTED IN:

● Prison ● Probation/Stay



CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT (CSC) WITH A MINOR UNDER 13
Offenders are given a stay or probation 50-60% of the time.



POSSESSION OF CHILD ABUSE IMAGERY
85-90% receive only probation.

MN current law on violent child abuse images falls under the obscenity section rather than the criminal code 609. This effectively decriminalizes these despicable crimes.

ALL PREDATORS TRADING IN THESE MATERIALS ARE AN ACTIVE THREAT TO CHILDREN AND MANY ARE ACTIVELY ABUSING THEM.

How Safe is Your County? Use this Community Safe Tool to find out.

www.PROTECT.org/SafetyTool

Minnesota has **DECRIMINALIZED** the trading in images that depict the sexual abuse of children. About 85% of persons **CONVICTED OF TRAFFICKING** in these materials are receiving probation, **NOT** prison time. 74% of those producing this material are receiving probation.

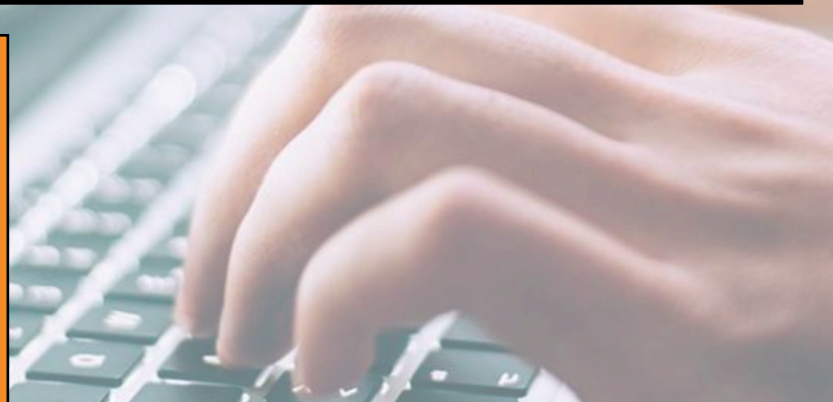


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MINNESOTA GRANTS STAYS OR PROBATION IN THESE CASES OVER 85% OF THE TIME!

The Protect MN Kids Act would adopt the much tougher federal criminal code sentencing guidelines, such as:

- *mirror federal penalties for production, distribution, receipt and possession of child sexual abuse imagery*
- *carry mandatory prison time for the conviction of receipt, distribution and production of child abuse sexual imagery*
- *adopt the federal standard where “receipt” carries the same penalties as “dissemination”.*
- *closes a loophole by adding “accessing with intent to view” to the crime of possession*
- *adopts the standard federal allowable penalties for possession when the victim is under the age of 13*



WHAT HAS THE MINNESOTA LEGISLATURE DONE?

Some lawmakers have tried for years to pass tougher bills, but they have faced indifference and in some cases stiff resistance from BOTH Democratic and Republican leadership as well as county attorneys. Only superficial, minor changes have been made in response to the data PROTECT has provided our MN legislators.

DID YOU KNOW?

55% of Predators in possession of violent child abuse images and videos are also “CONTACT OFFENDERS”, meaning they are actively abusing a child at the same time.

➔ TAKE ACTION! ⬅

*Minnesota children need you to be their voice. Please sign a petition calling on the Minnesota legislature to pass **Protect MN Kids Act** and get **TOUGH** on child predators!*

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