

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement

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MEMORANDUM

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TO All Interim Special Agents in Charge

FROM Interim Director, Investigations 

SUBJECT: Operation Predator

On June 9, 2003, ICE field offices initiated enforcement activities under Operation Predator nationwide. On July 9, 2003, Secretary Ridge will formally announce Operation Predator along with ICE partners U.S. Postal Inspection Service, the Department of Justice Child Exploitation and Obscenities Section (CEOS), and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) to the media.

A new Multi-Agency unit will be formed at the ICE CyberSmuggling Center (C3). This unit will include representatives from the various ICE components as well as investigators from the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and other federal agencies.

SSA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) has been designated as the Operation Predator Program manager at C3. SSA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) can be reached at 703-293-(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) or by pager at 1-877-380-(b)(6),(b)(7)(C). In the near future you will be provided with a list of the various agency representatives and their respective contact numbers.

All previous investigations conducted by former Customs and INS and any future ICE investigations that involve the exploitation of children will fall under Operation Predator. Please ensure that C3 is aware of all cases, statistics, events and operations of any kind that involve children. At this time all Operation Predator cases should be entered in (b)(7)(E) cases and contain the Operation Predator program code (b)(7)(E).

ICE will continue to aggressively pursue criminal fugitives and alien absconders. If multiple targets are encountered or assistance is required, ICE components shall be available to assist one another. Please ensure that individual queries are performed using all available ICE databases.

When pursuing Operation Predator criminal fugitives and alien absconders, if it becomes apparent that an individual is in a position to have contact with children or is in contact with children, this individual is your HIGHEST PRIORITY.

Secretary Ridge will announce that ICE is/has:

- Creating a single web portal to access all publicly available State Megan's Law databases

Creating a National Child Victim Identification System

- Deconfliction with the NCIC registered sex offender database
- Created an ICE toll free reporting number (1-866-DHS-BICE)
- Forming a new multi-agency unit at the ICE Cyber Crimes Center
- Appointed an Operation Predator coordinator
- Appointed an ICE Special Agent to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC)

Harnessed new intelligence capabilities to target sexual predators

Prioritizing investigations involving child exploitation

Targeting for removal fugitive criminal aliens with sex offense histories

- Identifying Alien Sex Offender inmates before release from prison

Partnering with foreign governments

Attached you will find an Executive Summary that outlines Operation Predator and the aforementioned initiatives. Please familiarize yourself with the content.

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cc: Interim Deputy Assistant Director, Investigative Services
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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Special Agents in Charge

THROUGH: Deputy Assistant Director
Division IV (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

FROM: Unit Chief
Cyber Crimes Center

SUBJECT: Child Sex Tourism Investigative Program

During July 2003, Assistant Secretary Garcia initiated Operation Predator, a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) initiative to protect children worldwide. As part of Operation Predator, the ICE Cyber Crimes Center (C3) is responsible for managing the Child Sex Tourism Investigative Program, which supports and assists domestic and foreign law enforcement in identifying and investigating child sex tourists.

This initiative was launched to capitalize on statute changes as found in The (Child) Protect Act of 2003. The Protect Act modified provisions under The Mann Act such as increasing prison terms from 15 years to 30 years for persons convicted under the statute, as well the elimination of proof of prior intent. Two provisions were also added to specifically target both child sex tourist business operators and conspirators who are involved these crimes. All of these recent revisions to existing child sex tourism laws have made it easier to successfully investigate and prosecute U.S. residents involved in child sex tourism.

C3 has partnered with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to disseminate information concerning the new laws to CBP Officers and to raise awareness of these types of violations to facilitate the identification, apprehension, and arrest of child sex tourists and their organizers. To this end, C3 has prepared briefing material pertaining to child sex tourism for CBP. (b)(7)(E)

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cc: Operation Predator Coordinator (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
OI Child Exploitation Coordinators
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OI/CBP Liaison

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