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Murder Games: I Couldn't Save My Child From Being Killed By An Online Predator By Anna Moore Article from The Guardian

I approach Lorin LaFave's house in Caterham, Surrey, set back and unlit on a long dark road. My fear is that she's behind the door, dreading my arrival. I'm thinking how difficult it will be for her to go over the grooming and murder of her son Breck yet again – and how difficult it must be to talk about Murder Games, a BBC documentary that unpicks each turn of the case, with interviews, analysis and sinister re-enactments.

Very soon, though, Lorin curled up by the fire sipping tea in a silent house, I realize that recounting how her eldest child was lured to his death is no more or less difficult than anything else – getting up each morning, shopping, attending parents' evening with her remaining three children. "It's all equally hard and I kind of dread everything," she says. "I do these things – I do everything in a robotic way, forcing my body when, really, I'd rather sit and hide and disappear because the pain this has caused is just too deep."

Murder Games is a hard programme to watch, harrowing beyond belief, but probably essential viewing for all teenagers, and teenage boys in particular. To be shown on BBC3, it will come with website links, access to advice and information on internet

safety. There has also been a separate screening for teachers and charity workers via BBC Learning and BBC Outreach. "The reason I agreed to the programme is that I can't bear to have lost the most precious thing to me for nothing," says Lorin. "I want everyone to understand the dangers."

Lorin's story starts with a son who, like so many other boys, loved gaming. Breck was born in 1999 – his American parents, Lorin and Barry, had come to the UK two years before for Barry's work as an oil trader. Two years later, their triplets were born – Carly, Chloe and Sebastian, now 14. Though Barry and Lorin separated in 2006, Barry remained close, having the children every other weekend.

"From the start, Breck loved fixing things, taking them apart, putting them together," says Lorin. "At school, Breck wasn't with the footballers, he wasn't competitive. He was in the 'Lego gang' – a little group who made rockets and guns and ran around playing out little fantasies."

Later, computers drew him in. "He dismantled and rebuilt them," says Lorin. "We didn't buy the set-up he had. He was very resourceful, saving birthday and Christmas money, selling and exchanging parts." Though Breck excelled in school and was an A student, Lorin describes him as chilled. "He never yelled, swore, slammed the door. He'd come home, get his homework done, his chores out of the way, then go online." Online, Breck would game. At 14, he was invited into an online gaming group – a 'virtual clubhouse' – by school friends. "Breck's bedroom door was always open and he'd sit, with headphones on," says Lorin. "There was a gaming screen where they might be on a battlefield, a screen with icons for the boys who were online and another screen for live messaging, with images or music or YouTube clips – whatever they were talking about. "I have to say, I'd rather sit and talk face to face but I could see why they liked it. It was very interactive, social. I could hear everything they were saying – I loved hearing Breck's laugh – and there was nothing very sinister."

Except for one thing – the ringmaster, whose server they played on.

While the other members were known to Breck or his friends, Lewis Daynes was not someone they knew in real life.

He claimed to be a 17-year-old computer engineer running a multimillion pound company. Sometimes he was in New York, working for the US government. Other times, he was in Dubai, or off to Syria. "To Breck, who still had his baby teeth and saw no evil in the world, Daynes seemed very cool, very exciting," says Lorin.

When Lorin walked into Breck's room, he'd say, "My mum's come in." While the other boys would go quiet – a mum is enough to silence most teenage boys, Daynes would say, 'Hey, Mum!' and start some banter. When she'd just returned from a dance class, he'd send a dancing lady across the screen. "I might ask what was going on in New York, and he'd say, 'Not a lot ...' "I'd ask why he wasn't out with friends on a Friday night and he'd say he was too tired. My fear was that he was some 40-year-old pedophile sitting in his underpants."

As the months passed, Dayne's presence loomed larger. "I'd get a lot of 'Lewis says ...'," Lorin says. "'Lewis says I don't need to finish school as he can get me a Microsoft apprenticeship when I turn 16.' 'Lewis says as I don't drink or smoke and do well in school, I should be allowed to game as long as I want ...'"

It became harder to get Breck offline, to do his homework or his chores. ("Lewis says I shouldn't have to do chores as it's the triplets who make the mess.") When Lorin walked into Breck's room, Daynes now sent images of wicked witches or goose-stepping Hitlers on screen. "I'd be telling Breck to get offline and he'd literally have Dayne's voice in his earphones telling him not to listen. I could see Breck's face, torn between me or his cool mentor who had the whole world going for him."

Lorin believes if it was a daughter enthralled by an online stranger, she would have been taken more seriously. "I worked as a teaching assistant, I asked staff, teachers, other parents and not one person thought it sounded dangerous," she says.

Murder Games continued....

“They’d say, ‘Oh, that’s what boys do.’ Or ‘My son was a gamer – he grew out of it’.” Both Lorin and Barry offered to take Breck to meet Daynes. “I wanted him to not show up and prove he wasn’t who he claimed to be, but Daynes wouldn’t. He was too busy with ‘important work’.”

In December 2013, Lorin could take no more. “I knew I needed to do something so I did the biggest thing I could and dialed the police on 101. I told the call handler what I’d heard, what I feared. She obviously didn’t understand online grooming. She asked if Breck could just play on another website or if I could ask Lewis not to contact my son again. If it was that easy, I’d have done it! I gave her Lewis Dayne’s full name and his county – and by the end, I honestly believed he’d be checked in the Police National Computer.”

Had this happened, police would have seen that Lorin had good reason to be afraid. Lewis Daynes had led a troubled life – his parents had divorced, his mother had left the country, he’d spent time in the care of his grandmother and his local authority. Now 18, he was unemployed, living alone in an Essex flat where he bought server space and used it to game with teenage boys. In 2011, he’d been accused of raping a boy and possessing indecent images, though he was not charged. “In my dream life, the police look him up, then come and tell Breck who Daynes really is,” says Lorin. Instead, she heard nothing. She confiscated Breck’s computer equipment and organized a meeting with Barry, Breck, another boy from the gaming group and his parents where they set out their suspicions.

But Daynes was one step ahead. He couriered a phone to Breck so they could communicate and persuaded Breck to record the meeting about him so he knew what was said. “From then on, he knew we were on to him,” says Lorin. “It sent everything underground.”

Realizing that time was running out, police have now established that Daynes began to claim he was ill and dying – too weak to run his company. He’d decided to hand it over to Breck, if Breck could come to his flat in Essex and learn how to take it over.

It’s not the grooming we associate with girls and predatory pedophiles, nor the kind we warn our children to watch for. “This wasn’t sexting,” says Lorin. “Police didn’t find a single image or text about bodies or sex. Breck thought their relationship was about technology and computers.” Daynes, meanwhile, was out buying duct tape and condoms. On Sunday 16 February 2014, Breck took a £100 taxi ride to Daynes’s home (Daynes paid). It was the start of half term and he was staying with his father, but told him he was going to his friend Tom’s to build a new server. Later, he texted to ask if he could stay the night there. What happened in Daynes’s flat is still unknown. “Unfortunately, you do try to imagine,” says Lorin. “At some point, the tables turned and Breck must have thought, oh my God, my mum was right – and it would have been too late. My heart breaks to think how scared he must have been to be tied up and gagged and stabbed by someone he trusted so much.”

Dayne’s utterly calm, utterly chilling 999 call on the Monday morning is played on the opening of Murder Games. “My friend and I got into an altercation ... and I’m the only one who came out alive.” Barry and Lorin’s life now crossed into the realms of a horror flick. Daynes had cut Breck’s throat, photographed his body and sent the image to other members of the gaming group. The news quickly spread between phones to reach Breck’s siblings just as police were informing their father. Daynes later pleaded guilty to murder with sexual and sadistic motivation and was sentenced to life imprisonment.

“It’s incomprehensible,” says Lorin. “I have to carry on for the other children, but I’ve aged 100 years. The triplets lost their youth. They went from 12 to teen, from ‘yay, happy, poopoo’ to ‘duct tape, murder, stabbing’. I didn’t know Daynes was a murderer but I knew he was dangerous. All I’d done with police, with other parents, with Breck, all the rules I’d had, the talking we did ... it all failed.”

Before the funeral, while they were still waiting for Breck’s body to be released, Lorin decided to set up the Breck Foundation to raise awareness on internet safety. She speaks at schools, conferences, to parents and police. “When I was worried about Breck, no one I turned to understood or knew what I should do,” she says. “Boys may report this less but I want everyone to understand that they can be groomed and hurt – maybe not murdered but hurt in other ways – by people who are not who they say they are online. I want police to understand what grooming is so that when a parent calls with a name, it will go into the system. “There’s nothing worse than thinking you could have saved your child and didn’t. I cannot bear for another family to go through this.”

Online grooming: What you need to know

A new friendship or relationship may not appear to be about sex – there may be no sexual references as the groomer builds the relationship. It might not make your child uncomfortable, so it can be hard to recognize that they are being groomed. Breck enjoyed his relationship with Daynes.

It may take others to spot what is really going on – perhaps another teenager worried that a friend is being controlled. Maybe that teenager confides in a parent. That parent isn’t sure whether to intervene. Young people should be on their guard not just for themselves but for other children. Act on concerns by telling a parent or teacher. Information on the Breck campaign:

www.breckbednar.com

• This article was amended on 23 January 2016. The title of the BBC documentary was corrected from War Games to Murder Games. <https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2016/jan/23/breck-bednar-murder-online-grooming-gaming-lorin-lafave>

Technology Safety Interview

Detective William Dramis, Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force

Special Agent Darren J. Pitt, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations

By Andrea Aldous, SARC Prevention Department

With the daily addition of new phone and tablet apps, web pages, online gaming sites and increasing abilities to circumvent parental controls, it can be an extremely daunting and complex task to stay ahead of children's access to potentially dangerous and harmful technology exposure. Not only is there a real danger of online predators but also the reality that teens and pre-teens are sharing pictures and videos of themselves and classmates through texting, online chat rooms and social media. With FaceTime, Skype, and apps like Kik, WhatsApp, Instagram, Snapchat, Musical.ly, the ability to share digital content is easier than ever, with a false sense of security that often times has children unaware of not only where the pictures could end up, but also who this content could be seen by in the future.

We had the opportunity to sit down and talk with Detective William Dramis, Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force and Darren J. Pitt, Special Agent, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations, about online predators and child pornography. There is no consistent demographic for online predators (offenders who use the internet to groom and lure children to meet them offline to have sex with them), so although they are mostly male, the offender can be any occupation, age, marital status, ethnicity, etc. The main mode of technology used by these offenders are smart phones because they are able to instantly have connection with potential victims.

Even with education and prevention, there can still be times when a child may form a relationship with an online predator or share an inappropriate photo. The online predator is looking to fill a gap or void in the needs of the child. They may start out in a mentoring or tutor role as part of their grooming and testing process. You could encounter denial from your child or they may minimize what the relationship means to them. Often times they are groomed and then coached about what they should and shouldn't do if a parent discovers what is going on. Some tips from investigators if this happens:

- It is extremely important to **treat law enforcement as your partner** and not your adversary. You don't know where or what may have been done with any photos or videos shared. In certain situations, the child is unaware that screenshots of webcam conversations or chats have been taken. Since the extent of contact between your child and the offender is unknown at this point, it is extremely important to trust the investigators and be as honest and helpful as you can. Remember, your child is not the one who is in trouble. It is the offender who needs to be held accountable.
- **Please do not destroy evidence.** Do not erase photos or messages. Remove the devices your child uses immediately and put them into airplane mode. This helps to preserve any evidence of communication or sharing of digital content.
- Don't be afraid to have conversations with your child about these potential dangers. When it comes to children having a phone or a tablet, **be a parent, not a friend.** It is important you know the applications your child has downloaded, passwords, friend lists, and users who are "liking" their pictures or videos. If they are not friends with them in real life, they should not be friends on social media.
- Treat the discovery or disclosure as you would a sexual assault disclosure and believe them, explaining that it is not their fault about what happened. **We call these offenders online predators for a reason.** They are predators. Their main goal is to get a child to meet them offline to have sex with them, and in some cases, cause them harm, even death. Your reaction to the discovery of this online relationship will affect the way your child moves forward from this situation, how their boundaries and future relationships are affected and the potential for revictimization in the future.
- Investigators rely on networks of other investigators both state and nationwide. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children is a group that they work closely with. NCMEC operates a CyberTipline, a national mechanism for the public and electric service providers to report instances of suspected child sexual exploitation. In 2016, the CyberTipline received 8.2 million reports, most of which related to: apparent child sexual abuse images, online enticement including "sextortion", child sex trafficking, and child sexual molestation. Since its inception, the CyberTipline has received more than 16.5 million reports (www.missingkids.org). After taking in these tips, they then send the information out to state and local agencies for investigations.

If you see something in the community or at home that is of concern regarding online content or suspected child pornography, please contact local law enforcement or the CyberTipline at 1-800-843-5678.

This can be done anonymously. You can also make a tip online at www.cybertipline.com.

Thank you to Detective Dramis and Special Agent Pitt for taking time to meet with us and provide this valuable knowledge!

April 2017: SARC Community Events

April is **Child Abuse Prevention Month** and **Sexual Assault Awareness Month**. During the month of April, we plan a variety of community events to demonstrate our agency's commitment to ending violence. The Crime Victim Service Center is also busy planning an event to recognize the **National Crime Victim's Rights Week** April 2-8. SARC encourages all the readers of the *Advocate* to get involved with their community events during the month of April.

We need to send a strong message that violence is not tolerated and we are prepared to make a change. We invite you to pair up with a local advocacy center to engage in their events or plan your own. SARC invites community members from Benton and Franklin Counties to participate in the events below.



Strides of Strength - April 29th, 2017

Strides of Strength is a walk designed to empower victims and survivors of crime and to give our community the opportunity to publicly demonstrate their commitment to preventing crime. With each step we provide strength and support to crime victims. This year the Support, Advocacy & Resource Center is hoping to gain even more community group involvement. SARC will be holding group registration, so please get a group together and get involved in this great event!

Community members who attend will also have the chance to win prizes!

The prizes are as follows:

***Largest group will win \$200 cash**

***Second largest group will win \$100 cash**

***All other groups or individuals attending will be able to enter in a raffle to win \$50 cash**

(Each group member will get a ticket entered so those with larger groups will have a higher chance of winning. Each participant must register to be eligible to win!)

Registration for the event is FREE and will start at 10:30 AM. The Strides of Strength walk will begin at 11:00 AM. This exciting event will be held at The Lord of Life Church at 640 North Columbia Center Boulevard, Kennewick, WA 99336.

Clothesline Project:

The Clothesline Project is an awareness campaign in which survivors of crime decorate T-shirts with an artistic display of how victimization impacted their lives.

The t-shirts are hung on a clothesline for the community to see the impact of crime on survivors. The clotheslines are displayed around the community at the local libraries in Benton and Franklin Counties.

Come and see for yourself!

April 3rd- 7th



GET INVOLVED!

In order to put on these great events, we need a lot of help from the community! To find out how you can

get involved or to get more information about a

specific event, please contact us at

(509) 374-5391 or visit our website at

www.supportadvocacyresourcecenter.org.

Find us on Facebook at Support, Advocacy, and

Resource Center or email Andrea Garcia

(a.garcia@frontier.com) or Denise Martin

(dmartin@frontier.com).

We look forward to seeing you in April!!

Little People Project:

Each wooden figurine of a child in the Little People Project represents one of the 295 children who were interviewed through our Kids Haven program last year. They will be displayed at the Columbia Center Mall to raise awareness about child physical and sexual abuse. The Little People will be placed **during the week of April 7th-14th**. They will also be carried by participants at our **Strides of Strength Walk on April 29th**.



You can **sponsor a Little Person** by purchasing a “little heart” for **\$10**. The “little heart” will have the sponsor’s name as well as an inscription saying, “Helping Little Hearts Heal”. Each sponsor is also listed by name or organization on a sign that goes on display with the little people. The Little People Project is a great visual reminder of how often child abuse occurs within our community.

We appreciate your support!!



Kids Haven Benefit Auction April 2017

We are inviting you to participate in our annual auction to benefit children. Proceeds raised through this event will be used for services for children who have been physically or sexually abused. Kids Haven is a joint program of our local city and county governments and the Support, Advocacy & Resource Center.

Our benefit auction will be held online from April 21st to May 12th, 2017.

Please visit www.biddingforgood.com/SARC to view all of our great auction items.

How You Can Help

***Become a Sponsor**

***Donate an item or service to the auction**

***See something you like? Bid on it!!**

**Please call or email Mitzi or JoDee for questions: (509) 374-5391
or mveng@frontier.com/jgarretson@frontier.com.**



End-of-Auction “Cinco de Mayo” Celebration Dinner

Friday, May 12th, 2017, 6-9pm, Richland Community Center

Please join us for a festive evening of food, silent auction, on-line auction, games, and fun to benefit the children served at the Support, Advocacy & Resource Center. We will celebrate the last day of online bidding on Friday, May 12th, 2017 from 6:00-9:00 PM, at the Richland Community Center (500 Howard Amon Park Dr., Richland, WA).

**Tickets are \$50 each; they include a fabulous authentic Mexican dinner,
a hosted social hour, a silent auction and an exciting live auction.**

For more information or to purchase your tickets please call (509) 374-5391 or email jgarretson@frontier.com. We hope to see you there!



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Onsite Counseling will be added. Therapy will be provided at no cost to clients.

Additional office space allows for an increase in **advocacy and prevention services.**

Expanded waiting room provides **appropriate space** for clients.

"Serenity Cove" will be an outside courtyard in the center of the building; a peaceful space for clients to relax, reflect and heal.

The estimated completion date for the new facility is **May 9, 2017!!!**

The new building is located in
Spaulding Business Park
1458 Fowler Street, Richland, WA

We have raised approximately 70% of the funds; please consider contributing to help us raise the remaining dollars needed.

For more information please contact
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Donor Levels

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- Recognition in Annual Report
- Acknowledgement on Website

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• Donor Gift

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- Recognition in Annual Report
- Acknowledgement on Website

Guardian: \$10,000 to \$24,999

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- Recognition in Annual Report
- Acknowledgement on Website

Partner: \$5,000 to \$9,999

• Certificate of Appreciation

- Recognition of Campaign Donor Wall
- Recognition in Annual Report
- Acknowledgement on Website

Supporter: \$1,000 to \$4,999

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- Acknowledgement on Website

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- Acknowledgement on Website

Associate: Under \$500

- Recognition in Annual Report
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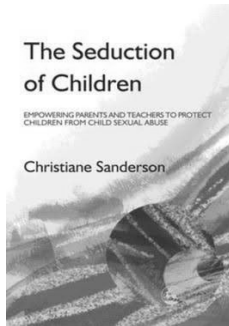


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Library Resources



**The Seduction of Children:
Empowering Parents and Teachers
to Protect Children From
Child Sexual Abuse**

By: Christiane Sanderson

This informative book offers techniques on how to protect children in all different types of areas. The book challenges myths surrounding child sexual abuse and offers guidance on how to discuss this important topic with your loved ones and peers.

Child sexual abuse is defined and the grooming process predators use to target children is discussed. The role of internet usage and the growing epidemic of predators strategies through the web are detailed. Find this book in the SARC library and check it out yourself.

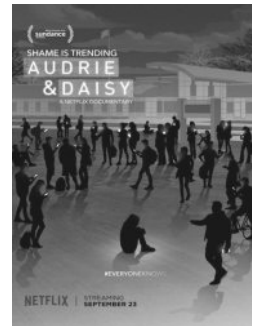


**Teen Cyberbullying Investigated:
Where Do Your Rights End and
Consequences Begin?**

By: Judge Tom Jacobs

This book gives you the ins and outs of being harassed online. If you have a teenager in the house you would find this book necessary. Harassment online is twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week and understanding how our youth is at risk is helpful to their safety. This easy read informs the reader of state and federal laws against cyberbullying and details real life incidences. Knowing where your rights begin and the harasser's ends is crucial to help your child or teen going through harassment.

Search for this resource in the SARC library and enjoy this book yourself.



**Audrie & Daisy:
A Netflix Documentary**

Directors: Bonni Cohen & Jon Shenk

This documentary explores the world of two different teenage girls affected by cyberbullying. Audrie and Daisy gives an honest look into the dangers of underage drinking and the disastrous effects it could have on their friends, family and school lives. After a night of overindulgence with alcohol they find themselves incoherent. During their unconscious state, both girls are video taped and sexually assaulted by males they know. The aftermath includes these videos being passed throughout their schools and relentless online harassment. While one story ends tragically the other story continues with hope.

Find this documentary through the Netflix website.



Crime Victim Service Center

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Dear Readers,

As an advocate for crime victims, I would like to inform the community about Cybercrime. After reading the Vigilant I hope you have a better understating of Cybercrime and what you can do to protect and prevent it from happening to you.

Alejandra Cardoso
Crime Victim Advocate

Crime Types

- Assault
- Child Physical Abuse
- DUI/DWI Crashes
- Elder Abuse
- Fraud
- Hate Crimes
- Human Trafficking
- Identity Theft
- Kidnapping/Missing persons
- Property Crimes
- Robbery
- Survivors of Homicide or Victims of Attempted Homicide
- Vehicular Assault

All crimes other than sexual assault or domestic violence.

Victim Story

Nicole was browsing the internet when a pop-up message appeared on her screen informing her that she had won a holiday to the Bahamas. To claim her prize she would have to call the number listed within three minutes. Nicole immediately called the number. A female voice with an American accent answered the call and told Nicole in an excited voice that she'd won the holiday. "The woman who answered the phone spoke very quickly and I was quite excited about the prospect of a holiday. When she asked me if I accepted the holiday, I immediately said "yes". I was very excited and my adrenaline was right up," Nicole explained.

The woman mentioned some figures that didn't seem to have any connection to the holiday prize, and asked Nicole for her credit card details. It wasn't until she asked for these details that Nicole began to suspect that she had not really won an all-expenses-paid holiday package. After the woman had taken Nicole's credit card details, she told Nicole that she was "locked in" to buying the holiday. Nicole panicked when she heard the term "locked in" as she and her husband were both students. Once she realized that part of the holiday cost had been charged to her credit card, Nicole asked to withdraw but the woman on the phone refused. Eventually, Nicole spoke to a manager who also refused to let Nicole cancel the agreement to purchase the holiday package. Nicole said by that stage "I was almost crying and I was very upset". Nicole was told that if she didn't calm down they wouldn't help her at all. After this, the manager said, "We'll take the amount you have to pay down from \$680 to \$350 and you can try and sell the holiday to someone else". The manager also told Nicole that she had to listen to a recording of the company's terms and conditions and confirm that she understood and agreed to them. Nicole was still upset and asked if she could wait until her husband was there before she listened or agreed to anything. However, the manager told Nicole that if she hung up the phone, she would have to pay \$1,000 and she would be charged double if she made a complaint. Nicole reluctantly agreed to listen to the recorded terms and conditions. "I agreed to the terms and conditions even though I was too upset to understand what they were really saying". The company selling the holiday used high pressure tactics to force Nicole into a transaction she didn't really understand. Nicole said that "it was abuse, full tilt abuse. They were so rude to me".

After Nicole got off the phone with the holiday people, she contacted her bank and cancelled her credit card and the bank said they would do their best to get the money back. "My husband spent hours on the internet looking for these people and trying to contact them. Eventually we made contact and the person from the company was extremely apologetic and promised a full refund," Nicole said. However, the next day when they contacted Nicole again, they gave her a false telephone number. Even though Nicole's bank managed to get her money back, this scam caused Nicole and her husband a lot of stress and inconvenience.

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Source: <https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/get-help/real-life-stories/the-holiday-prize-which-nearly-cost-nicole-thousands-of-dollars>

What Is Cybercrime?

Washington

Victim Demographics						
Age Range	Victim Count	Mon. Lost	Female Count	Female Loss	Total Count	Total Loss
Under 20	111	\$ 75,704	102	\$ 90,057	213	\$ 135,762
20-29	567	\$ 1,093,722	512	\$ 297,388	1,099	\$ 1,391,110
30-39	616	\$ 2,380,082	549	\$ 1,343,656	1,165	\$ 3,523,738
40-49	709	\$ 6,172,731	647	\$ 2,287,483	1,356	\$ 8,460,213
50-59	616	\$ 1,749,117	687	\$ 3,295,189	1,303	\$ 5,044,306
Above 60	738	\$ 3,372,273	644	\$ 3,714,941	1,382	\$ 7,087,214
Totals	3,077	\$ 16,643,629	3,141	\$ 10,998,714	6,528	\$ 27,642,344

Cybercrime is any criminal activity involving computers and networks. It can range from fraud to unsolicited emails. It can include the distant theft of government or corporate secrets through criminal trespass into remote systems around the globe. Cybercrime incorporates anything from downloading illegal music files to stealing millions of dollars from online bank accounts. Cybercrime also includes non-money offenses, such as creating viruses on other computers or posting confidential business information on the Internet. Most cybercrimes cannot be placed into a single crime category, which makes statistical recording of this activity limited at best. The Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) compiles and releases annual reports on statistics and cybercrime facts. Using statistics and facts, analysts prepare reports on cybercrime trends and growth. Knowing the facts, trends, and growth is critical to crime prevention efforts on protecting personal data in public and private sectors. This also helps in the creation of tools and strategies to combat cyber criminals. Internet connected activities are as vulnerable to crime and can lead to victimization as effectively as common physical crimes. The types of crimes that are currently occurring have existed long before the Internet was around. By virtue of the tools being used today to commit cybercrimes, criminals are now more anonymous and provided with a virtual market of available victims. The responsibility falls on individuals to protect themselves and their families through safe online practices.

Source: <http://www.ncpe.org/resources/files/pdf/internet-safety/13020-Cybercrimes-revSPR.pdf>

Attacks On Computer Systems

Sophisticated criminals are able to exploit vulnerabilities on computers and other devices. Some of the techniques criminals use is unauthorized access or hacking, malware and denial of service attacks.

Unauthorized access or hacking is when an individual gains access to your computer or device without permission. Hackers may gain access to your computer or device through security weaknesses, phishing or malware. Once hackers have compromised your email, banking or social media accounts, they can change passwords which prevent you from accessing your accounts. Scammers often send out messages impersonating you directing people to fake websites or asking them to send money.



Malware is a term to describe different types of malicious software which include viruses, worms, spyware, trojans or bots. Criminals may use malware to monitor your online activity and cause damage to the computer. Malware is often downloaded when individuals open an infected email attachment or click a suspicious link in an email. Malware can also be used to steal your usernames, passwords or other information and then be forwarded to a third party.

A denial of service attack floods a computer or website with data and can overload the computer or system to prevent it from functioning properly. Unlike hacking or malware, it generally does not involve access to the computer system. This type of attack is more frequently targeted at businesses rather than individuals.

Source: <https://www.acorn.gov.au/learn-about-cybercrime/attacks-computer-systems>

Email Spam & Phishing



Spam is electronic, unsolicited junk mail sent by email, text message or instant message without the individual's consent. Spam messages often offer free merchandise or prizes, cheap products, promises of wealth or other similar offers. You might be asked to pay a joining fee to buy something in order to win a prize, call or text a 190 telephone number. Usually these numbers are charged at premium rates.

Phishing is a way criminals trick individuals into giving out their personal or financial details. Phishing messages often pretend to come from legitimate businesses, such as banks or telecommunications providers.

Source: <https://www.acorn.gov.au/learn-about-cybercrime/email-spam-and-phishing>

Online Scams & Fraud

With the growth of online services and internet use, there are many opportunities for criminals to commit online scams and fraud. These criminals seek to take advantage of unsuspecting individuals to gain a benefit, such as money or access to personal details. Online scams and fraud are often contained in spam and phishing messages. The common types of online scams include unexpected prize scams, unexpected money scams, dating or romance scams, threat and extortion scams, job and investment scams.

Unexpected prize scams include lottery scams, scratchie scams and travel scams. These scams can be delivered online, by telephone or by mail. These criminals inform you that you have won a prize, such as a large sum of money, shopping vouchers or travel related products. However, to claim your prize you are asked to send money or provide personal information.

Unexpected money scams include inheritance scams, Nigerian scams, money reclaim scams and other upfront payment or advanced fee fraud. Scammers may ask you to provide personal information, send money upfront for a product or reward, pay taxes and lawyer fees to claim your inheritance or large claim that you have from a relative overseas, transfer money on someone's behalf with the promise of receiving money.

Dating and romance scams are particularly convincing because they appeal to your romantic or compassionate side. They play on emotional triggers to get you to provide money, gifts or personal details.

Threat and extortion scams include ransomware, malware and hit man scams. Ransomware and malware scams can involve harmful software being placed on your computer. This can give criminals access to your personal information and may result in loss of data or prevent you from accessing your programs and files. Scammers then demand payment before allowing you to access your computer again. Hit man scams involve scammers sending random death threats via text message or by email from a hired hit man. The message will contain threats to kill you unless you send the hit man cash.

Job scams target individuals who are looking for a new job or who want to work from home. Often these scams promise a high income for little work, but request an up-front payment before starting work. Investment scams involve scammers contacting you via unsolicited phone calls or by email with offers of investments in lucrative schemes that will provide attractive returns. In many cases, scammers use sophisticated and genuine looking websites to convince consumers their offers are legitimate. If you are an individual of a job or investment scam, you should report it. These scams may cause you to engage in money laundering, which is a serious crime.

If you receive an email or message which looks like a scam, the best thing to do is delete it. Do not respond, attempt to unsubscribe, or call any telephone number listed in the message. Most importantly, do not send any money, credit card details or other personal details to the scammers.

Source: <https://www.acorn.gov.au/learn-about-cybercrime/online-scams-or-fraud>

Online Trading Issues

Online trading issues involve scammers targeting individuals who buy, sell or trade online. There are many types of scams which aim to rip off unsuspecting shoppers. Online trading scammers may include:

- Advertise products for sale at cheap prices and once purchased the products never arrive.
- Pay the seller a larger amount than advertised, invent an excuse for the overpayment and then request the excess amount be repaid either back to the scammer or to a third party before the seller realizes the fraud.
- Offer miracle cures for medical conditions where none exist, especially for weight loss.
- Target small businesses and attempt to bill them for a particular service, usually a listing or advertisement which the business never asked for.
- Take advantage of natural disasters by impersonating charities requesting donations.
- Claim your computer is infected with a virus and request remote access to fix the problem.
- Attract you with offers for free merchandise by subscribing to mobile premium services.

If you have been affected by an online trading scam or are concerned about something that appears on an online trading website, such as eBay, you should report it to the site. Many online auction sites have established reporting procedures to deal with trading scams.

Source: <https://www.acorn.gov.au/learn-about-cybercrime/online-trading-issues>

Protect & Prevent

We all need to accept responsibility for our own security and safety online to avoid becoming a victim of cybercrime. This means using safe online practices and being aware of the ways criminals try to obtain personal information online.

Consider the following tips to help protect against and prevent cybercrime:

- Keeping your personal information protected.
- Securing your computer from cybercrime attacks.
- Lookout for email scams.
- Exercising caution when shopping online.



Consider the following computer tips to ensure your computer and other devices are protected from possible cybercrime attacks:

- Use a firewall to block unauthorized access.
- Ensure your device's operating system is up-to-date.
- Use up-to-date anti-virus and anti-spyware software.
- Use a pop-up advertising blocker on your internet browser.
- Use strong passwords, but do not use the same password on different sites.
- Secure your wireless network and be careful when using public wireless networks.
- Use reputable websites and mobile applications.
- Avoid clicking on unexpected or unfamiliar links.

Consider the following via email tips to avoid falling victim to cybercrime:

- Use a spam filter on your email account.
- Be suspicious of unsolicited messages, even from a person or organization you know.
- Avoid opening suspicious or unsolicited messages with attachments and links to other websites.
- Avoid replying to or forwarding suspicious or unsolicited messages.
- Never supply your personal information to unsolicited emails from unknown persons.
- Seek independent advice about sending money to an unknown person or organization.
- Read terms and conditions carefully.
- Regularly check your bank statements to make sure there are no suspicious transactions.
- Shred any documents you may no longer need that contain personal information.
- Remember, if it seems too good to be true, it probably is!

Consider the following online shopping tips when buying and selling online:

Buying online:

- Keep your personal details private and secure.
- Do your research and shop around.
- Check quality, warranty, return/refund and complaints policies.
- Check the buying and selling tips on the sites you are using.
- Always use a secure payment method.
- Never send bank or credit card details in an email.
- Never send wire transfers to anyone you don't know and trust.

Selling online:

- Install security software from a verified provider and set it to update automatically.
- Beware of scams, including fake suppliers and customers.
- When using a selling platform, make sure it is trusted and reliable.
- Offer clear terms and conditions.
- Always use and offer a secure payment method.
- Avoid bank transfers and direct debits.
- Independently confirm that payment has been made before supplying merchandise.

Source: <https://www.acorn.gov.au/protect-and-prevent>
<https://www.acorn.gov.au/protect-and-prevent/computer>
<https://www.acorn.gov.au/protect-and-prevent/email>
<https://www.acorn.gov.au/protect-and-prevent/online-shopping>

SARC Program Reports



Crisis Program

During the first half of the 2016-2017 fiscal year SARC served **154** new sexual assault victims and **97** new crime victims in the Crime Victim Service Center.

Types of Sexual Assault

Family Molestation:	26%
Acquaintance Molestation:	23%
Acquaintance Rape:	20%
Other/unknown:	13%
Family Rape:	7%
Stranger Rape:	4%
Date Rape:	3%
Adult Survivor:	2%
Marital Rape:	1%
Stranger Molestation:	1%
Sexual Harassment:	1%

SARC's sexual assault advocates invested **1,052 hours** providing advocacy for their clients. They also provided a total of **3,855 follow up services** and made **896 contacts** on behalf of their clients.

SARC's general crimes advocate invested **492 hours** into providing services for clients. She provided **2,256 follow up services** and made **213 contacts** on behalf of her clients.

Crime Type

Harassment:	35%
Assault:	32%
Child Abuse:	9%
Robbery:	5%
Homicide:	6%
Kidnapping:	4%
Property Crimes:	4%
Identity Theft:	3%
Hate Crimes:	1%
Fraud/Forgery:	1%
Trafficking:	1%

Age of Victim

0 thru 5:	9%
6 thru 11:	29%
12 thru 18:	36%
19 thru 59:	24%
60+:	1%
Unknown:	1%

Age of Victim

0 thru 5:	3%
6 thru 11:	7%
12 thru 18:	10%
19 thru 59:	72%
60+:	5%
Unknown:	3%

"I only wish to express my gratitude and thankfulness that this resource exists for me and my son." - parent of a child interviewed at Kid's Haven

Kid's Haven Program

During the first half of the 2016-2017 fiscal year, **122 interviews** were conducted at Kid's Haven.

Crime Type

Sexual Abuse:	82%
Physical Abuse:	6%
Witness to Violence:	10%
Other:	2%

Age of Victim

0-5:	14%
6-11:	58%
12-18:	28%
Over 19:	0%

Gender

Female:	72%
Male:	28%

"Thank you for making a painful experience as painless as possible!" - parent

Prevention Program

SARC's Prevention Program provided **491 presentations** during the first half of the 2016-2017 fiscal year, reaching **14,293 individuals**. Additionally, through outreach efforts such as community fairs and media, **372,863 individuals** were reached.

Programs			
Body and Boundary Safety:	2	Harassment and Bullying Prevention:	158
Safe Bodies, Healthy Minds:	32	Creating Healthy Relationships:	55
Personal Body Safety:	82	SARC Services:	1
Technology Safety:	143	Trafficking:	1
Parent Education:	5	Other:	12

For more information regarding these reports please contact Jessica Ramirez, jramirez@frontier.com

The Holidays at SARC

We were again so grateful for the support from Bill McCurley Integrity Dealerships for their generous donation of 50 turkey dinners for our client's Thanksgivings.

During the Christmas season 30 SARC children were sponsored through Cops and Kids and given the opportunity to shop for their families with local law enforcement. At the end of their shopping trip they each sat on Santa's lap and received a gift of their own!

Additionally, many generous community members sponsored 25 SARC families for Christmas. Sponsors included, Parish of the Holy Spirit, Craig Littrell and family, Anne Peters, HD Fowler Company, Gennie Currie, Erin Sharma, Morrisa Douglas and family, Jill Douglas, Hawthorne Elementary, C-Comm, SARC Board of Directors and Mission Support Alliance. THANK YOU!



New SARC Employees



Due to growth and change in our organization, SARC has hired five new employees. **Andrea Aldous** is filling a new position, Prevention Program Assistant. **Andrea Garcia** is our newest Prevention Specialist. **Anna Hahn** is our new Clinical Director for our new counseling program. **Stina Mason** is our new Sexual Assault Advocate. **Sondra Dixon** is also filling a new role, Crisis Program Assistant. WELCOME TO THE SARC TEAM!

Volunteer Advocates

SARC volunteer advocates provided a total of **19,348 hours** for our after hours crisis and hospital lines. Thank you for your compassion and dedication for victims of crime in our community!

Congratulations to the following individuals who recently completed our 32-hour Advocate Training in March:

Michaela Austin, Michelle Barker, Marilyn Kirkham, Shantel Lamm, Jessica Lord, Nancy Manente, Elise Mills, Fredrick Mills, Erin Stevens, Lisa VanLear, Robin Wojtanik, Glenda Zylinski

On March 16th we celebrated our volunteers at our annual **Volunteer Appreciation Event**.

The following volunteers received awards for their service:

Melinda Ihnen "Volunteer of the Year" as well as the "Most Hospital Hours" at 2,784 hours.

Riley Dixon received the "Most Crisis Line Hours" with 1,452 hours volunteered.

Jan Seely received the "Longevity Award" with 14 years of service to SARC.

Thank you to these dedicated volunteers!

Sex Offender Information

This Notice is For Information Only

This information is provided in accordance with RCW 4.24.550. The Police Departments have no legal authority to direct where a sex offender may live. Unless court ordered restrictions exist, the offender is constitutionally free to live wherever they choose. Citizen abuse of this information to threaten, intimidate or harass registered sex offenders will not be tolerated. Such abuse could end our ability to do community notifications.

Level II Sex Offender: Franklin County, WA



NAME: Angel Sanchez Beltran
 ADDRESS: 1700 Block of
 N 21ST ST PASCO, WA 99301
 SEX: Male
 AGE: 75 yrs old
 HAIR: Black
 EYES: Brown
 HEIGHT: 5'08"
 WEIGHT: 168 lbs.
 CONVICTION DATA:
 Communication with minor for
 immoral purposes.

Level II Sex Offender: Benton County, WA



NAME: Melvin Rode
 ADDRESS: 225000 block
 of E SR 397
 KENNEWICK, WA 99337
 SEX: Male
 AGE: 54
 HAIR: Brown EYES: Blue
 HEIGHT: 6'
 WEIGHT: 200
 CONVICTION DATA:
 Communication with minor
 for immoral purposes,
 Indecent Exposure,
 Criminal trespass against
 children, Indecent liberties,
 Assault in the fourth degree
 - sexual motivation, Sex
 Offender - felony - failure
 to register.

**Throughout the year we receive many generous donations from our community members.
 We appreciate each and every contribution we are given.
 All donations help us to continue to serve the important needs of our clients.
 Thank You To All Of Our Wonderful Supporters!**

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 Project Linus
 Village Tavern
 Franklin County Sheriff's Office

SARC NEWS



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars

April 3-7	Clothesline Project Displayed
April 7-14	Little People @ Columbia Center Mall
April 2-8	National Crime Victims' Rights Week
April 29	Strides of Strength Walk 11:00 am
April 17	Board Meeting 5:15 pm
April 21	Kids Haven Online Auction Opens
May 12	Cinco de Mayo Celebration Dinner
May 15	Board Meeting 5:15 pm
May 29	Closed for Memorial Day
June 19-23	Summer Camp
June 30	End of Fiscal Year
July 3-4	Closed for 4th of July



SARC Staff Members

JoDee Garretson <i>Executive Director</i>	Denise Martin <i>Prevention Specialist</i>
Mitzi Veng <i>Office Administrator</i>	Andrea Garcia <i>Prevention Specialist</i>
Jessica Ramirez <i>Program Administrator</i>	Jennifer Tonn <i>Program Assistant</i>
Rosanna Herrera <i>Sexual Assault Advocate</i>	Sondi Dixon <i>Crisis Program Assistant</i>
Stina Mason <i>Sexual Assault Advocate</i>	Andrea Aldous <i>Prevention Program Assistant</i>
Alejandra Cardoso <i>Crime Victim Advocate</i>	

Where Shopping & Giving Unite

Support SARC just by shopping at Fred Meyer with your Rewards Card. All you have to do is link your Rewards Card and scan it every time you shop at Fred Meyer. You can link your card and/or sign up for a rewards card in just 2 simple steps:

1. Sign into your account at:
www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards
(you can obtain a rewards card on this same link if you do not have one)

2. Enter your Fred Meyer Rewards Card Number and the SARC non-profit number which is: **86721**

Each time you shop, SARC receives a percentage at NO COST TO YOU and without affecting your benefits you are currently receiving utilizing your card!

Please join and share—we appreciate your help!

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support SARC every time you shop, at no cost to you.

When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate **0.5%** of the purchase price.

How do I shop at Amazon Smile?

To shop at Amazon Smile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device.

Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile?

Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and Amazon Smile.

How do I select SARC to support when shopping on Amazon Smile?

On your first visit to Amazon Smile (smile.amazon.com), select SARC. Amazon will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.

Happy Shopping!!

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about the program

The Support, Advocacy & Resource Center serves Benton and Franklin Counties with sexual assault crisis and education services. We provide free and confidential assistance for victims of sexual assault, child sexual abuse, dating violence and adult survivors of child sexual abuse.

SARC also provides prevention education for our schools, day cares and community groups on sexual abuse and safety issues. Our services are available to all people regardless of age, gender, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or physical and mental ability.

The Washington State Office of Crime Victims Advocacy accredits SARC as a Community Sexual Assault Program. SARC is a member of the Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs and the United Way of Benton and Franklin Counties.

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