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2021-2022 Legislative priorities include increasing the penalties for predators convicted of producing, possessing and trading of child sexual abuse imagery.

MN Sentencing Guidelines Commission defines the crime like this:

“Child pornography images frequently depict children, toddlers and infants being sexually assaulted, physically abused, tortured and humiliated.”

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MN IS ONE OF THE WORST IN THE NATION IN TERMS OF CHILD SAFETY; QUITE POSSIBLY THE WORST.

- **85% of convictions for possession of child sexual abuse imagery get probation instead of prison time**
- **75% of convictions for dissemination of child sexual abuse imagery get probation instead of prison time**
- **50% of predators convicted of these crimes are also “contact offenders” meaning they are actively abusing a child when caught**

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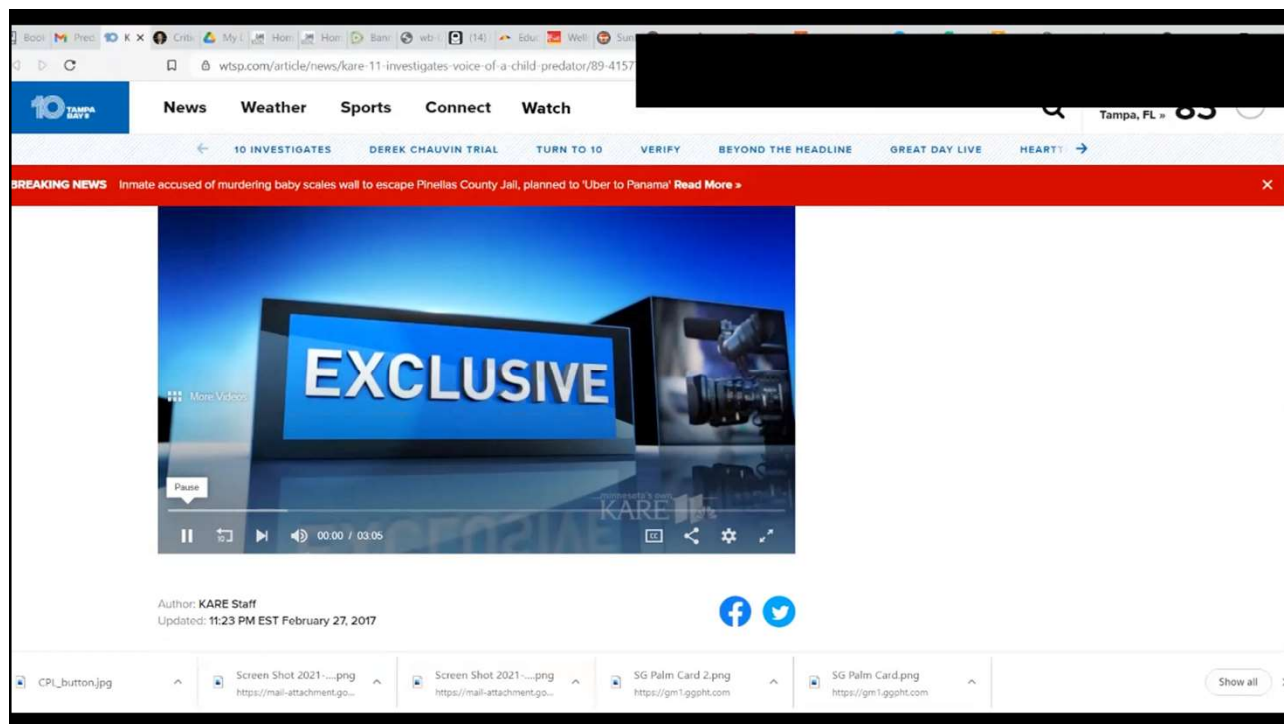
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MSGC reviewed the 2012 US Sentencing report to Congress and found it to be disturbing because it reflected a typical MN posse variety of rape and torture child sexual abuse materials.

The victims range in age from teenagers to infants.

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In the last 5 years, there were 427 convictions for possession and only 32 convictions for dissemination even though in almost all cases, those convicted of possession ARE ALSO trading in these images at the same time.

Possession is considered the lesser crime and in MN it is a presumptive stayed sentence.

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WHAT HAS BEEN DONE TO CHANGE THIS?

- **Bills to strengthen our sentencing guidelines have been met with resistance or indifference.**
- **Only superficial minor changes have been made; crumbs**
- **Law enforcement is demoralized because they can't put these predators behind bars.**
- **MN children continue to suffer because the predators are not in prison.**

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Numbers may change as bills move forward.
Currently HF229/SF1220 & HF226/SF1826

None received hearings in 2021.

Continue to work with stakeholders involved, in hopes of getting them heard in senate and house.

Bills would:

Reflect federal law with mandatory minimums

Require registration as sexual offenders

Prison time

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Why do they resist the tougher guidelines?

Too Expensive

Afraid to use mandatory minimums

MN is known as a low incarceration state.

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What can you do?

- Call, email and visit with your legislators and the chairs of the committees, Mariani and Limmer, ask them to give the bills a hearing.
- Contact Senate and House Majority leaders and ask for their support to get a hearing.
- Call, email Governor Walz-to encourage house and senate to pass the bills and get them to his desk ASAP.
- Encourage and thank Sen. Ingebritgsen, author of SF 1220 and 1826.

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This information shocks the conscience and the fact it is happening to MN children should break our hearts.



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HEROES DEFENDING CHILDREN FROM SEXUAL PREDATORS

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