

# Oakland County Prosecutor's Office



Cyberbullying, School Threats,  
and Social Media

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5+ billion snaps are created everyday



Had 78.7 million users in the U.S. in 2021



80% of 12-15 year old's play video games online

# Social Media

intended use v. actual use

Technology to facilitate the sharing of idea, thoughts, and information through virtual networks

Instead, it has become a platform for negative peer exploitation



# Social Media and Your Mental Health



The “Silent Killer”

Alters one's mood

Sets unrealistic expectations

Opens them up to online bullying

Equally can be positive and negative

# Cyberbullying

Bullying taking place over digital devices

Cell phones, computers, and tablets

Sharing personal information to cause embarrassment

Potential to cross into criminal behavior

Face the potential consequence in removing you from your home



# Consequences for Cyberbullying



Bullying on public platforms

The punishment increases based on severity and quantity

1<sup>st</sup> offense – 93 day misdemeanor

2<sup>nd</sup> offense – 1 year misdemeanor

Continued pattern – 5 year felony

Causing death – 10 year felony

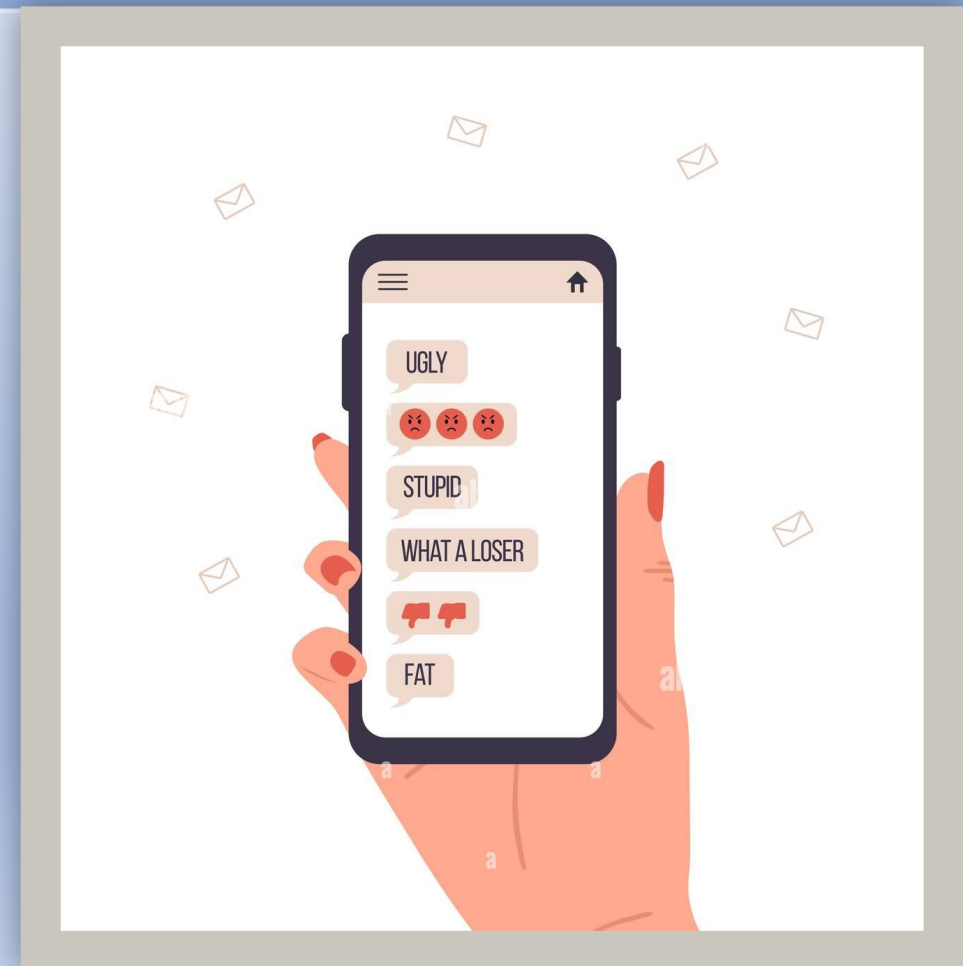
# Bullying by Texting and Calling

Malicious use of telecommunication service provider

Threatening via text messages

Using vulgar or offensive language

Repeatedly calling and hanging up





# Social Media Statistics

Access to a  
smartphone

Nearly half are  
online constantly

Increase since the  
pandemic

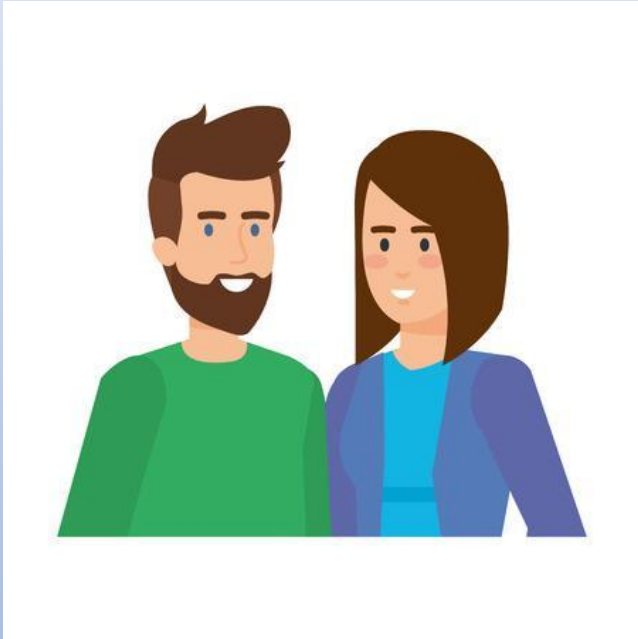
Impact on boys is at  
an older age than  
girls



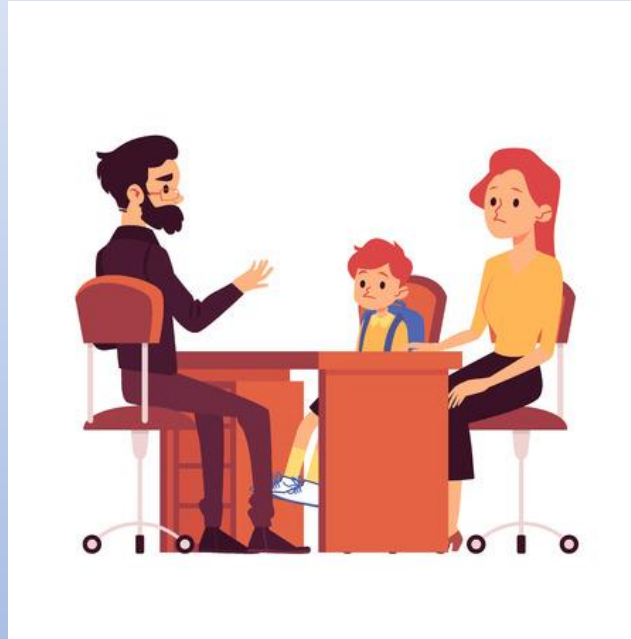
Boys and girls both correlate their social media with life satisfaction



# Reporting Cyberbullying



Parents



Teachers & Counselors



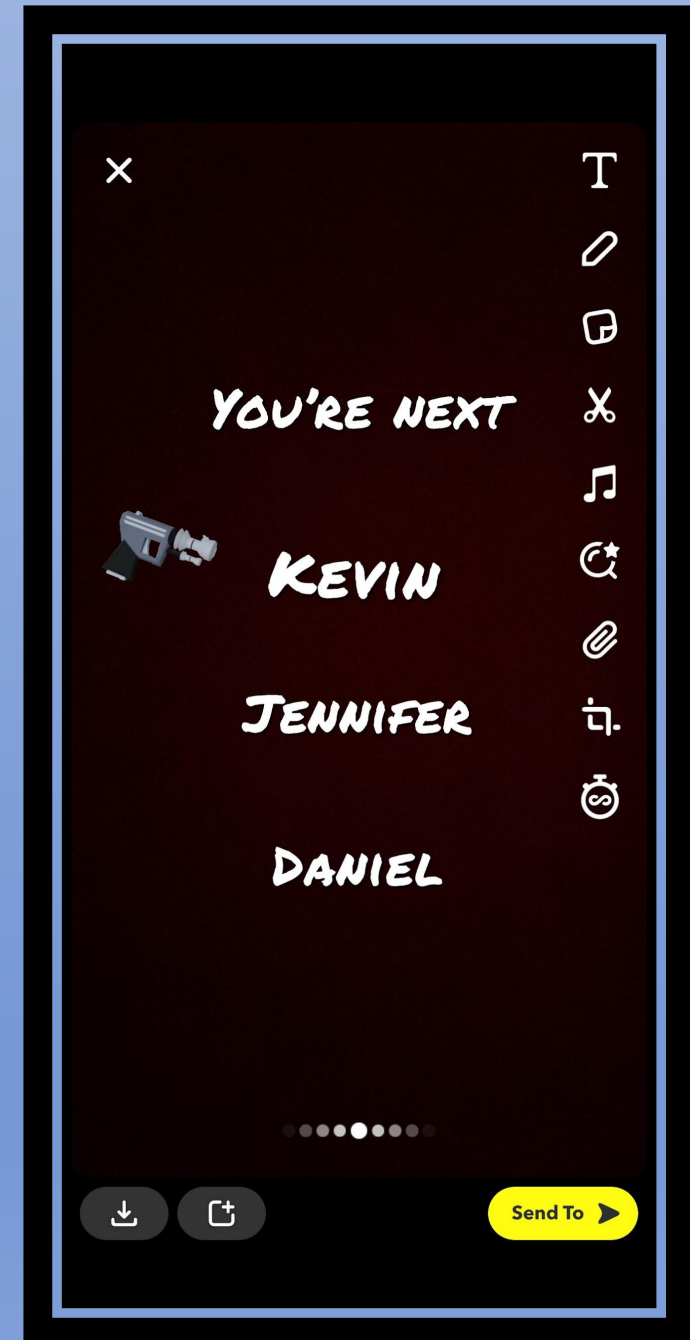
Officers

# Example

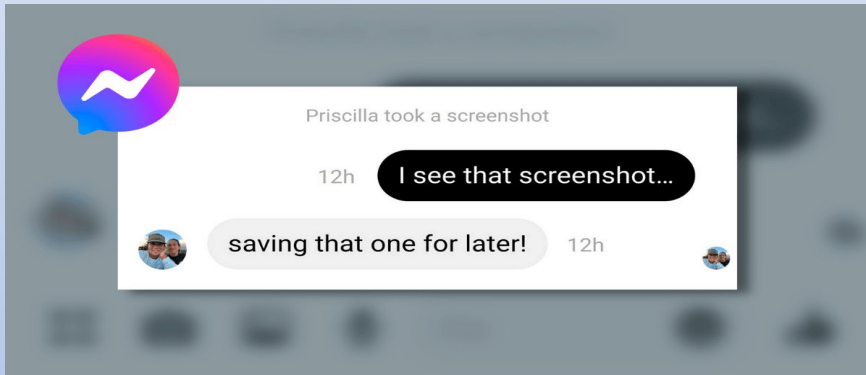
Hit list posted on snapchat

Threat of violence

Places Kevin,  
Jennifer, and Daniel  
in fear



# Nothing is ever deleted



Screenshots taken by peers



Warrants for the company

# Child Sexually Abusive Material

Nude photographs or videos of children

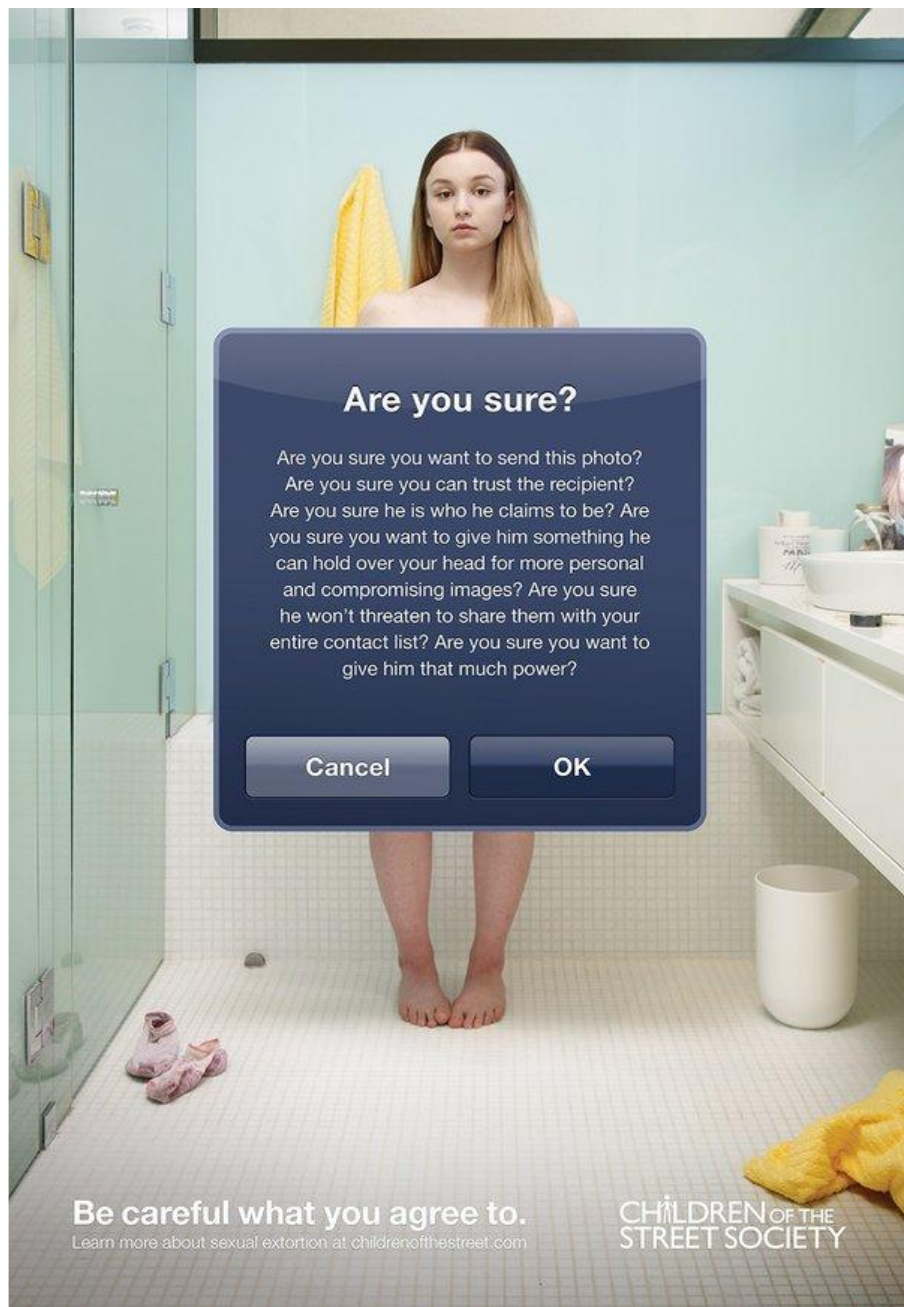
Anyone under 18 is considered a child

Sending and receiving this material has criminal consequences

Dating or not, it still has consequences

Remember, nothing is ever deleted





Possession of CSAM – Four year felony

Distribution of CSAM – seven year felony

Sex Offender Registration

Potential to have other charges attached

Protect your mental health



# School Shootings Statistics

1,924 school shootings  
since 1970

2021 had the greatest  
number of incidents

637 people have died in  
school shootings since  
1970





# School Threats and the Consequences



Threatening to commit violence against students or employees on school property

Threats can be verbal or in writing

Threat – one year misdemeanor

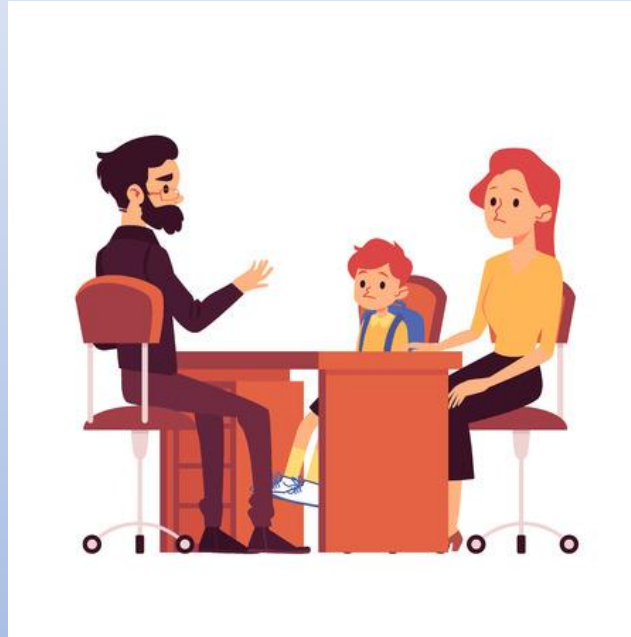
Threat and taking steps to completion – ten year felony

Both can result in removal from your home

# Reporting School Threats



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ALWAYS REPORT

# Final Thoughts

Social media can have its positives

It also can have severe consequences if used in the wrong way

Be smart, stay educated, be kind



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Questions?

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