THE BUTNER STUDY (2008)

155 MEN
WHO HAD
POSSESSION, RECEIPT, OR DISTRIBUTION OF CHILD PORN

Number of Victims Known at Sentencing:

AT END OF STUDY:
131 (85%) OF THE 155 ADMITTED AT LEAST ONE (1) HANDS-ON SEXUAL OFFENSE

115: NO DOCUMENTED HANDS ON VICTIMS
40: HANDS ON SEXUAL ACT (DFCS REPORT, SELF ADMISSION, ETC.)
1: CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONTACT WITH ADULT

GOAL:
DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THOSE THAT WERE “MERELY” COLLECTORS OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY WERE AT LITTLE RISK FOR HAVING HANDS-ON OFFENSES

OF THE 155 ADMITTED AT LEAST ONE (1) HANDS-ON SEXUAL OFFENSE

STUDIED 2 GROUPS OF MEN AT THE TIME OF THEIR SENTENCING

AT END OF STUDY:
1,777

METHODOLOGY

15 HOURS PER WEEK OF THERAPEUTIC ACTIVITIES

60-WEEK PSYCHOEDUCATIONAL SERIES

PSYCHOSEXUAL EVALUATION (INCLUDING A POLYGRAPH TEST)

Number of Victims Known at Sentencing:

75
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“...THE EXPOSURE TO CHILD PORNOGRAPHY... NORMALIZES CHILD/ADULT SEXUALITY, DEHUMANIZES CHILDREN, AND DESSENSITIZES THE OFFENDER TO THE HARMFUL CONSEQUENCES OF CHILD VICTIMIZATION...”

“...THEIR DEVIANT SEXUAL AROUSAL WAS NOT LIMITED TO FANTASY. RATHER, WHEN AN OPPORTUNITY AROSE (EITHER INCIDENTALLY OR AS A RESULT OF PLANNED, PREDATORY EFFORTS), MANY OFFENDERS MOLESTED OR RAPED CHILDREN, AND ENGAGED IN A VARIETY OF OTHER SEXUALLY DEVIANT BEHAVIORS.”

“RESULTS OF THIS STUDY SUGGEST...THAT MANY INTERNET CHILD PORNOGRAPHY OFFENDERS MAY BE UNDETECTED CHILD MOLESTERS, AND THAT THEIR USE OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY IS INDICATIVE OF THEIR PARAPHILIC ORIENTATION.”
THE USE OF TACTICAL POLYGRAPH WITH SEX OFFENDERS

- COLLECTED 127 CASES FROM USSS, USPIS, AND FBI WITH TARGETS UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR POSSESSION, RECEIPT, OR DISTRIBUTION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

- 73 OFFENDERS WERE IDENTIFIED AS HAVING NO KNOWN HISTORY OF HANDS-ON OFFENSES PRIOR TO THE TEST

- ALL 73 DISCLOSED SEXUAL ABUSE WITH AT LEAST 1 MINOR DURING THE TACTICAL POLYGRAPH

DISCLOSURE OF:
- 282 VICTIMS
- 97 IDENTIFIED
- 10 WERE ACTIVELY MOLESTING A CHILD