# THE BUTNER STUDY (2008)

### 155 MEN

WHO HAD
POSSESSION,
RECEIPT, OR
DISTRIBUTION OF
CHILD PORN

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 HANDSON OFFENSES

STUDIED 2 GROUPS OF MEN
AT THE TIME OF THEIR SENTENCING

Number of Victims

Known at Sentencing:

**75** 

# **METHODOLOGY**



60-WEEK
PSYCHOEDUCATIONAL
SERIES

PSYCHOSEXUAL EVALUATION (INCLUDING A POLYGRAPH TEST)

### AT END OF STUDY:

131 (85%) OF THE 155 ADMITTED AT LEAST ONE (1) HANDS-ON SEXUAL OFFENSE Number of Victims

Known at Sentencing:

1,777

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- "...THE EXPOSURE TO CHILD PORNOGRAPHY...
  NORMALIZES CHILD/ADULT SEXUALITY,
  DEHUMANIZES CHILDREN, AND DESENSITIZES
  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 <u>UNDETECTED CHILD</u> <u>MOLESTERS</u>, 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



