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PROJECT: OPERATION FLICKER

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NARRATIVE:

1. In April 2007, [REDACTED] DCIS, Arlington Resident Agency received information from Assistant U.S. Attorney (AUSA) Gerald Smagala, U.S. Attorney's Office (USAO), Eastern District of Virginia (EDVA). AUSA Smagala provided information concerning a national investigation being conducted by ICE. ICE had identified over 5,000 individuals who subscribed to websites that were known to contain child pornography. ICE designated their operation as PROJECT FLICKER.
2. Several individuals identified under Project Flicker used their DoD/government e-mail address, Fleet Post Office (FPO) military address, or Army Post Office (APO) military address to register for the child pornography websites. AUSA Smagala requested that DCIS assist in the identification of individuals affiliated with the DoD. Initiation of a joint project into this matter was initiated to provide short term assistance to EDVA and ICE. As DoD subjects were identified, information was provided to the DCIS office within the appropriate area of responsibility for action deemed appropriate. Coordination was made throughout the project with the appropriate Military Criminal Investigative Organizations.
3. [REDACTED] obtained a complete list identifying all U.S. based subjects from the ICE Cyber Crime Center. The list contained the name, e-mail address, telephone number, and postal address of each subject. Queries of subjects were conducted through Autotrack, the Joint Personnel Adjudication System, the Defense Central Index of Investigations, and the DoD Employee Interactive Data System to obtain additional identifying information and establish a DoD nexus. In total, 20 states and D.C. were vetted.
4. As a result of the database queries, 264 individuals affiliated with DoD were identified, including 39 individuals within the Eastern District of Virginia. Of those identified, 9 individuals possessed a Top Secret Sensitive Compartmented Information security clearance, 13 possessed a Top Secret security clearance, 8 possessed a NATO Secret security clearance, 42 possessed a Secret security clearance, and 4 possessed an interim Secret security clearance.
5. The subject information containing DoD query results were divided by location and forwarded to the appropriate ICE and DCIS office for action.
6. To date, 31 spin-off cases have been initiated and 52 subjects have been titled:
 - 200701274Z - [REDACTED]
 - 200701277C - [REDACTED]
 - 200701301F - Sweeney, Daniel Joseph
 - 200701340S - [REDACTED]
 - 200701341T - Campbell, Cameron Morrison
 - 200701402H - Kartes, Thomas Edward
 - 200701403I - [REDACTED]

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- 200701463Q – Jones, Paul Burnell
- 200701511R – [REDACTED]
- 200701512S – [REDACTED]
- 200701516W – [REDACTED]
- 200701517X – [REDACTED]
- 200701553H – [REDACTED]
- 200701558M – Operation Flicker
- 200701567V – Operation Flicker
- 200701571Z – Fitzpatrick, Leland Chace
- 200701596Y – [REDACTED]
- 200701606N – Operation Flicker
- 200701619A – [REDACTED]
- 200701620B – Mullen, Shawn B.
- 200701623E – Lindimore, Shane Brewster
- 200701653I – [REDACTED]
- 200701665U – [REDACTED]
- 200701667W – Operation Flicker-50ES Targets
- 200701690T – [REDACTED]
- 200701691U – [REDACTED]
- 200701692V – [REDACTED]
- 200701756M – [REDACTED]
- 200701765V – Project Flicker-SDOH (Western Division)-WDKY-EDKY
- 200800031G – Demoulin, Stanley P.
- 200800080D – Operation Flicker

7. Six Information Reports were completed, to include 200800168S – [REDACTED]; 200800159J – [REDACTED]; 200800158I – [REDACTED]; 200800157H – [REDACTED]; 200701539T – [REDACTED]; and 200701239Q – [REDACTED].

8. Two subjects were convicted of violating Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 2252A, Attempted Receipt of Child Pornography (200701402H - Kartes, Thomas and 200701463Q - Jones, Paul). Each subject received 60 months incarceration and 120 months probation. Five subjects are currently pending criminal prosecution in the USAO, EDVA.

9. Due to the short term nature of this project and the need to focus more resources on other DCIS investigative priorities, this project is closed as “finished.” All cases generated from this project will be pursued to conclusion.