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The Justice Department's Child Porn Problem

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If "as Maine goes, so goes the nation" is true, America is in big trouble. A former Maine politician has been <u>arrested</u> for his alleged role in running a major prostitution ring that apparently includes an all-star client list of some 170 Maine police, lawyers, clergy and politicians. There is no news yet if children were involved; however, a retired police officer from Maine had recently alerted the Department of Justice (DOJ) about Maine police covering up child sex abuse. Eric Holder, Director of DOJ as America's Attorney General, has taken no action.

Across America police officers appear to be engaging in the child porn industry in epic numbers. I've written about the national crisis of federal employees doing child porn on work computers. There is a related epidemic at the state level. Type into Google "police officer arrested for child porn." Pages of search results show police arrested for child porn across America. No one appears to be tracking the national data. The Cato Institute does host a National Police Misconduct Reporting Project detailing sex abuse of minors by police. It is disturbing reading.

Half of all child porn now <u>originates</u> in America. The profits are massive. Estimated porn profits in 2006 exceed <u>combined</u> revenues of Microsoft, Google, Amazon, eBay, Yahoo, Apple, Netflix and EarthLink ranging from \$3-\$20 billion <u>annually</u>. It is unclear what percentage comprises child porn profits. In child porn 69% of the abused children averaged at ten years old with 39% under <u>six</u>. Every 39 minutes a new porn video is created in <u>America</u>. Ten new images of abused children used in child porn are posted <u>daily</u>. The sex abuse of one child in front of a live webcam is estimated to generate revenues of \$1,000 dollars a <u>night</u>.

This is the face of child trafficking today.

Police who choose the sexual torture of children for their pleasure and profit often work with corrupt judges and government officials creating alliances that provide pedophile rings protection and tax-free millions. The corruption is protected, not the children. The crime requires a steady supply of children to abuse for profit.

The Vermont Police Academy case exposes this kind of police-judicial cooperation. Child porn was found on the work computer of, among others, Homeland Security's trainer Dave McMullen at Vermont's Police Academy. McMullen is alleged to have committed suicide after this discovery. Vermont's Rutland Herald wanted the police records. Vermont's Supreme Court denied this request providing legal cover of total secrecy for police who do child porn in Vermont. How is this in the best interest of Vermont's children? It is not. It is, however, in the best interest of a pedophile ring.

Corrupt police and judges form powerful barriers no ordinary citizen can breach. Exposing pedophile rings, much less rescuing trafficked children, becomes impossible when judges and police protect each other. In Maine, the retired police officer reported to the Department of Justice, "I have witnessed actions (or inactions) from Maine's judiciary that I have not

previously witnessed in 34 years of involvement with the court system." Of Maine's corruption, the officer said, "I am used to that from criminals but not from police officers." US Attorney General Eric Holder, Director of the Department of Justice, has taken no action.

When these kinds of crimes are ignored by the Department of Justice, there is a clear crisis in our Homeland. Children are being trafficked to feed America's billion-dollar child porn industry. Too many police are involved. Mr. Holder is allowing this national epidemic of child porn to flourish inside our justice system, crippling our most vulnerable citizens; our children.

America needs an Attorney General who enforces zero tolerance for child porn, particularly by government employees, and protects our children, not the government employees profiting from child porn. Democrats accuse Republicans of waging a war on women. Republicans must expose the war being waged on American's children ignored by Eric Holder's leadership. Our children are being destroyed in record numbers by the very people sworn to protect them. The Obama administration's Department of Justice does not appear to care.