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FOIPA Request No.: 1416471-000
Civil Action No.: 18-cv-1488
Subject: Hacking Techniques

Dear Mr. Manes:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552. Below you will find checked boxes under applicable statutes for the exemptions asserted to protect information exempt from disclosure. The appropriate exemptions are noted on the processed pages next to redacted information. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted to indicate where pages were withheld entirely pursuant to applicable exemptions. An Explanation of Exemptions is enclosed to further explain justification for withheld information.

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503 pages were reviewed and 138 pages are being released.

Please see the paragraphs below for relevant information specific to your request and the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for standard responses applicable to all requests.

- Documents were located which originated with, or contained information concerning, other Government Agencies [OGA].
- This information has been referred to the OGAs for review and direct response to you.
- We are consulting with another agency. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is completed.

Please refer to the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for additional standard responses applicable to your request. "Part 1" of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. "Part 2" includes additional standard responses that apply to all requests for records about yourself or any third party individuals. "Part 3" includes general information about FBI records that you may find useful. Also enclosed is our Explanation of Exemptions.

Although your request is in litigation, we are required by law to provide you the following information:

If you are not satisfied with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP's website: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

You may seek dispute resolution services by contacting the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769. Alternatively, you may contact the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison by emailing foipaquestions@fbi.gov. If you submit your dispute resolution correspondence by email, the subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

Please direct any further inquiries about this case to the Attorney representing the Government in this matter. Please use the Civil Action Number 18-cv-1488 in all correspondence or inquiries concerning your request.

See additional information which follows.

Sincerely,



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Information Management Division

Enclosures 3

The enclosed documents represent the first interim release of information responsive to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

The 1st interim release contains pages 18-cv-1488(FBI)-1 – 18-cv-1488(FBI)-503.

To minimize costs to both you and the FBI, duplicate copies of the same document were not processed.

As previously indicated, documents were located which originated with, or contained information concerning other agencies. We are consulting with the other agencies and are awaiting their response. The FBI will correspond with you regarding those documents when the consultation is completed.

FBI FOIPA Addendum

As referenced in our letter responding to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request, the FBI FOIPA Addendum provides information applicable to your request. Part 1 of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. Part 2 includes standard responses that apply to requests for records about individuals to the extent your request seeks the listed information. Part 3 includes general information about FBI records, searches, and programs.

Part 1: The standard responses below apply to all requests:

- (i) **5 U.S.C. § 552(c).** Congress excluded three categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIPA [5 U.S.C. § 552(c)]. FBI responses are limited to those records subject to the requirements of the FOIPA. Additional information about the FBI and the FOIPA can be found on the www.fbi.gov/foia website.
- (ii) **Intelligence Records.** To the extent your request seeks records of intelligence sources, methods, or activities, the FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), and as applicable to requests for records about individuals, PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(1), (b)(3), and (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself a classified fact protected by FOIA exemption (b)(1) and/or would reveal intelligence sources, methods, or activities protected by exemption (b)(3) [50 USC § 3024(i)(1)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that any such records do or do not exist.

Part 2: The standard responses below apply to all requests for records on individuals:

- (i) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Watch Lists.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of any individual's name on a watch list pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that watch list records do or do not exist.
- (ii) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Witness Security Program Records.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could identify any participant in the Witness Security Program pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(3) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(3), 18 U.S.C. 3521, and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.
- (iii) **Requests for Records for Incarcerated Individuals.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any incarcerated individual pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(7)(E), (b)(7)(F), and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (b)(7)(F), and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.

Part 3: General Information:

- (i) **Record Searches.** The Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS) searches for reasonably described records by searching systems or locations where responsive records would reasonably be found. A standard search normally consists of a search for main files in the Central Records System (CRS), an extensive system of records consisting of applicant, investigative, intelligence, personnel, administrative, and general files compiled by the FBI per its law enforcement, intelligence, and administrative functions. The CRS spans the entire FBI organization, comprising records of FBI Headquarters, FBI Field Offices, and FBI Legal Attaché Offices (Legats) worldwide; Electronic Surveillance (ELSUR) records are included in the CRS. Unless specifically requested, a standard search does not include references, administrative records of previous FOIPA requests, or civil litigation files. For additional information about our record searches, visit www.fbi.gov/services/information-management/foipa/requesting-fbi-records.
- (ii) **FBI Records.** Founded in 1908, the FBI carries out a dual law enforcement and national security mission. As part of this dual mission, the FBI creates and maintains records on various subjects; however, the FBI does not maintain records on every person, subject, or entity.
- (iii) **Requests for Criminal History Records or Rap Sheets.** The Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division provides Identity History Summary Checks – often referred to as a criminal history record or rap sheet. These criminal history records are not the same as material in an investigative “FBI file.” An Identity History Summary Check is a listing of information taken from fingerprint cards and documents submitted to the FBI in connection with arrests, federal employment, naturalization, or military service. For a fee, individuals can request a copy of their Identity History Summary Check. Forms and directions can be accessed at www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks. Additionally, requests can be submitted electronically at www.edo.cjis.gov. For additional information, please contact CJIS directly at (304) 625-5590.
- (iv) **National Name Check Program (NNCP).** The mission of NNCP is to analyze and report information in response to name check requests received from federal agencies, for the purpose of protecting the United States from foreign and domestic threats to national security. Please be advised that this is a service provided to other federal agencies. Private Citizens cannot request a name check.

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.



[Redacted] Violent Crimes Against Children

[Redacted]

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Subjects/Victim:	[Redacted]
Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252
Field POCs:	Legat London Legat The Hague Legat Paris
CID POCs:	A/SC [Redacted] A/UC [Redacted] SSA [Redacted] SA [Redacted]
DOJ/USAO:	District of Maryland, DOJ/CEOS Trial Attorney [Redacted]
Intel Coverage:	VCACIU
Ops Coverage:	CID/ Violent Crimes Against Children Section (VCACS)/Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU), Europol
Legal Process:	MLATs – France and Ireland, Title III, Search Warrants, Administrative Subpoenas

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CID Threat: Violent Crimes Against Children

Significant Activity:

- On 5/11/2015, the extradition hearing for Eric Marques will be heard before the high court in Dublin, Ireland and is expected to last one week. If the court rules in favor of extradition, Marques will be extradited to the U.S. approximately two months later.

Predication/Background:

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- This investigation targeted [Redacted] CID's Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU) identified more than [Redacted] [Redacted] The child sexual exploitation material [Redacted] comprised some of the worst ever seen by the FBI.
- Prior to this investigation, law enforcement around the world had [Redacted] MCCU, working in conjunction with OTD Remote Operations Unit (ROU), developed and acquired technical solutions [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- CID MCCU, utilizing newly developed technical solutions, identified the [Redacted]

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[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

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[Redacted] the arrest of the administrator, Eric Eoin Marques.
On 7/29/2013, an arrest warrant was issued for Eric Marques in the District of Maryland charging him with Conspiracy to Advertise Child Pornography, Conspiracy to Distribute Child Pornography, Advertising Child Pornography, and Distribution of Child Pornography. On the same date, DOJ/OIA sent a provisional arrest request to the Irish Department of Justice and Equality, which initiated extradition proceedings.

[Redacted]

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On 9/12/2013, pursuant to the submission of a provisional arrest warrant and extradition request, subject Eric Eoin Marques was remanded into custody by Irish authorities pending official extradition to the U.S. Marques has filed numerous motions in the Irish courts attempting to delay the extradition or force local prosecution in lieu of extradition, but all motions to date have failed.

[Redacted]

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Twenty search warrants were executed domestically against 21 subjects, resulting in five arrests and four children rescued (ages [Redacted]). A forensic review of the seized material is ongoing, which is expected to lead to additional arrests and children rescued.

[Redacted] Additional searches and forensic review of the seized evidence are still pending.

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b7E -2,3,7,10

Upcoming Week(s):
Prepare for Eric Marques' extradition and trial in the U.S. should the high court in Ireland grant the extradition request.

Strategy:

- FBI field offices and international law enforcement will be conducting forensic examination of seized evidence items. b7D -1
 - VCACS [redacted] b7E -2,3,7,10
 - Additional leads will be disseminated to field offices as analysis of the [redacted]
- [redacted] and DOJ Computer Crime & Intellectual Property Section (CCIPS) and CEOS serve as the legal conduit for any legal process on individual accounts and facilitate the [redacted]
- Search warrants have been executed on the subjects [redacted] "Knock and talk" interviews are pending for the [redacted] subjects. Prosecution will occur in the district of residence.



Operation Pacifier; Violent Crimes Against Children

b7E -11

Subjects/Victim:	Operation Pacifier
Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252
Field POCs:	Charlotte Field Office – SSA [redacted]
CID POCs:	UC [redacted] SSA [redacted]
DOJ/USAO:	Western District of North Carolina, DOJ/CEOS Trial Attorney [redacted]
Intel Coverage:	VCACIU
Ops Coverage:	CID/VCACS/Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU)
Legal Process:	Pen Register/Trap and Trace (PRTT), Title III, Administrative Subpoena, Search Warrant

b6 -1,2
b7C -1,2
b7E -1

CID Threat: Violent Crimes Against Children

b6 -3
b7C -3

Significant Activity:

b7E -2,3,7

- The defense attorney for Operation Pacifier subject [redacted] has filed a motion to suppress the search warrant executed at [redacted] residence; a motion to compel the FBI turn over [redacted] and motion to dismiss based on outrageous government conduct.

- On 1/22/2016, personnel from the VCAC Section and OTD's Remote Operations Unit (ROU) will travel to [redacted] State to appear in Federal Court in the [redacted] to address the aforementioned motions.

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b5 -1,2
b7E -2,3,5,7

Predication/Background:

[redacted] Steven Chase, the main administrator and operator of PlayPen, was indicted in the Western District of North Carolina.

- [redacted] MCCU personnel began [redacted] schedule.

Strategy:

- The strategy is fluid and will continue to evolve based on rulings issued by the court in [redacted]
- This effort is being coordinated by CID, OTD, OGC, DOJ's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, and the USAO in the [redacted]

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b7C -3



Operation Pacifier; Violent Crimes Against Children

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	Subjects/Victim:	Operation Pacifier	
	Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252	
	Field POCs:	Charlotte Field Office – SSA [redacted]	b6 -1,2
	CID POCs:	UC [redacted] SSA [redacted]	b7C -1,2 b7E -1
	DOJ/USAO:	Western District of North Carolina, DOJ/CEOS Trial Attorney [redacted]	
	Intel Coverage:	VCACIU	
	Ops Coverage:	CID/VCACS/Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU)	
	Legal Process:	Pen Register/Trap and Trace (PRTT), Title III, Administrative Subpoena, Search Warrant	

b5 -1,2

b6 -3

b7C -3

b7E -2,3,7

CID Threat: Violent Crimes Against Children

Significant Activity:

- The defense attorney for Operation Pacifier subject [redacted] filed a motion in the [redacted] to suppress the evidence [redacted] which would ultimately affect the admissibility of evidence obtained in the search of [redacted] residence; a motion to compel the FBI [redacted] and a motion to dismiss based on outrageous government conduct. On 1/22/2016, the Judge denied the defense motion to dismiss based on outrageous government conduct. [redacted]

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b5 -1,2

b7E -2,3,5,7

Predication/Background:

- [redacted] Steven Chase, the main administrator and operator of PlayPen, was indicted in the Western District of North Carolina.
- [redacted] MCCU personnel began [redacted] schedule.

Strategy:

- The strategy is fluid and will continue to evolve based on rulings issued by the court in [redacted]
- This effort is being coordinated by CID, OTD, OGC, DOJ's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, and the USAO in the [redacted]

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Operation Pacifier; Violent Crimes Against Children

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Subjects/Victim:	Operation Pacifier
Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252
Field POCs:	Charlotte Field Office - SSA [redacted] b6 -1,2 b7C -1,2
CID POCs:	UC [redacted] b7E -1 SSA [redacted]
DOJ/USAO:	Western District of North Carolina, DOJ/CEOS Trial Attorney [redacted]
Intel Coverage:	VCACIU
Ops Coverage:	CID/VCACS/Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU)
Legal Process:	Pen Register/Trap and Trace (PRTT), Title III, Administrative Subpoena, Search Warrant

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CID Threat: Violent Crimes Against Children

Significant Activity:

- On 2/17/2016, the Judge presiding over the [redacted] case in the [redacted] ruled the government did not meet its burden to justify invoking law enforcement privilege and granted the defense's motion to compel the discovery [redacted]



Predication/Background:

[redacted] Steven Chase, the main administrator and operator of PlayPen, was indicted in the Western District of North Carolina.

- [redacted] MCCU personnel began [redacted] schedule.

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Strategy:

- The FBI will not comply with the motion to compel discovery [redacted]
- [redacted]
- This effort is being coordinated by CID, OTD, OGC, DOJ's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, and the USAO in the [redacted]

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Operation Pacifier; Violent Crimes Against Children

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Subjects/Victim:	Operation Pacifier
Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252
Field POCs:	[redacted] Field Office - [redacted] RA: SSA [redacted] Charlotte Field Office - SSA [redacted]
CID POCs:	SC Michael Harpster UC [redacted] SSA [redacted] SSA [redacted]
DOJ/USAO:	District of North Carolina, Eastern District of Virginia, Western District of Florida DOJ/CEOS Trial Attorney [redacted]
Intel Coverage:	VCACIU
Ops Coverage:	CID/ Violent Crimes Against Children Section (VCACS)/Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU)
Legal Process:	Pen Register/Trap and Trace (PRTT), Title III, Administrative Subpoena, Grand Jury Subpoena, Search Warrant, Seizure Warrant

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CID Threat: Violent Crimes Against Children

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b7C -3,4
b7E -3

Significant Activity:

- On 2/19/2015, a search warrant was obtained [redacted] in North Carolina.
- On 2/18/2015, Steven Chase was indicted in the District of North Carolina. A search warrant was obtained for Steven Chase's residence in Naples, Florida [redacted]

Predication/Background:

- [redacted] PlayPen is currently the largest hidden service dedicated to the sexual exploitation of children on the Tor Network.
- [redacted]
- An administrative subpoena issued [redacted]
- [redacted]
- On 1/15/2015, Operation Pacifier was initiated by the MCCU as a joint investigation with Europol and the Italian Postal and Communications Police into the administrators and registered users of PlayPen.

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[Redacted]

- On 1/22/2015, MCCU and Charlotte Field Office personnel executed a search warrant [Redacted]

[Redacted]

- On 2/3/2015, agents from [Redacted] RA learned from local authorities that Steven William Chase, the 55 year old [Redacted] Steven Chase resides in Naples, Florida [Redacted]

- On or about 2/9/2015, Steven Chase returned to his residence in Naples, Florida. [Redacted]

[Redacted]

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Upcoming Week(s):

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- MCCU will obtain a Title III order [Redacted]
- MCCU and DARC will deploy personnel to assist Tampa Field Office - Naples RA in the search, arrest, and interview of Steven Chase.
- [Redacted]

Strategy:

- At the time of search warrant execution, MCCU will [Redacted] Charlotte Field Office CART personnel will then seize [Redacted] MCCU will [Redacted] from the OTD offsite in Virginia.
- [Redacted]
- MCCU personnel will conduct [Redacted] with support from VCACS for the duration of the operation. VCACIU personnel will be on-hand for [Redacted] development of subject packages. VCACU personnel will be on-hand for direct communication with FBI Field Office personnel should immediate leads be generated.
- [Redacted]
- Operational duration is fluid and based on the success [Redacted]
- Operational plan in place providing full Title III coverage by SAs with MAPA and IA support.
- PlayPen administrators and site moderators will be charged and prosecuted in the District of North Carolina as an enterprise prosecution.

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Operation Pacifier; Violent Crimes Against Children

[Redacted]

b7E -11

Subjects/Victim:	Operation Pacifier
Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252
Field POCs:	[Redacted] Office - [Redacted] RA: SSA [Redacted] Tampa Field Office - Naples RA: SSRA [Redacted] Charlotte Field Office - SSA [Redacted]
CID POCs:	SC Michael Harpster UC [Redacted] SSA [Redacted] SSA [Redacted]
DOJ/USAO:	District of North Carolina, Eastern District of Virginia, Western District of Florida DOJ/CEOS Trial Attorney [Redacted]
Intel Coverage:	VCACIU
Ops Coverage:	CID/ Violent Crimes Against Children Section (VCACS)/Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU)
Legal Process:	Pen Register/Trap and Trace (PRTT), Title III, Administrative Subpoena, Grand Jury Subpoena, Search Warrant, Seizure Warrant

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CID Threat: Violent Crimes Against Children

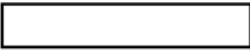
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Significant Activity:

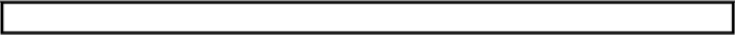
- [Redacted] MCCU personnel began [Redacted] schedule. MCCU will continue [Redacted] through the duration of the operation.

[Large Redacted Area]

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Predication/Background:

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[Redacted] PlayPen is currently the largest hidden service dedicated to the sexual exploitation of children on the Tor Network.

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- An administrative subpoena issued [Redacted]

- On 1/15/2015, Operation Pacifier was initiated by the MCCU as a joint investigation with Europol and the Italian Postal and Communications Police into the administrators and registered users of PlayPen.

- On 1/22/2015, MCCU and Charlotte Field Office personnel executed a search warrant [Redacted]

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- On 2/3/2015, agents from [Redacted] RA learned from local authorities that Steven William Chase, the 55 year old [Redacted] Steven Chase resides in Naples, Florida [Redacted]

- On or about 2/9/2015, Steven Chase returned to his residence in Naples, Florida [Redacted]

- [Redacted] Steven Chase was indicted in the District of North Carolina. A search warrant was obtained for Steven Chase's residence in Naples, Florida [Redacted]

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- On 2/19/2015, a search warrant was obtained [Redacted]

- On 2/20/2015, at 12:30 AM, a no knock search warrant was executed at the residence of Steven Chase in Naples, Florida with the assistance of Tampa Field Office SWAT. At the time of entry [Redacted] Chase invoked his right to counsel and was placed under arrest.

- On 2/21/2015, MCCU executed a seizure warrant [Redacted]

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[Redacted]

Upcoming Week(s):

- MCCU will send administrative subpoenas [Redacted]
- MCCU will continue to send [Redacted]

b7E -3,10

Strategy:

- MCCU personnel will conduct [Redacted] with support from VCACS for the duration of the operation. VCACIU personnel will be on-hand for [Redacted] development of subject packages. VCACU personnel will be on-hand for direct communication with FBI Field Office personnel should immediate leads be generated. b7E -2,3,7
- Operational duration is fluid and based on the success [Redacted]
- PlayPen administrators and site moderators will be charged and prosecuted in the District of North Carolina as an enterprise prosecution.



Operation Pacifier; Violent Crimes Against Children

[Redacted]

b7E -11

Subjects/Victim:	Operation Pacifier
Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252
Field POCs:	[Redacted] Field Office - [Redacted] RA: SSA [Redacted] Tampa Field Office - Naples RA: SSRA [Redacted] Charlotte Field Office - SSA [Redacted]
CID POCs:	SC Michael Harpster UC [Redacted] SSA [Redacted] SSA [Redacted]
DOJ/USAO:	District of North Carolina, Eastern District of Virginia, Western District of Florida DOJ/CEOS Trial Attorneys [Redacted]
Intel Coverage:	VCACIU
Ops Coverage:	CID/ Violent Crimes Against Children Section (VCACS)/Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU)
Legal Process:	Pen Register/Trap and Trace (PRTT), Title III, Administrative Subpoena, Grand Jury Subpoena, Search Warrant, Seizure Warrant

b6 -1,2
b7C -1,2
b7E -1

[Redacted]

CID Threat: Violent Crimes Against Children

b3 -1

Significant Activity:

b7E -2,3,7

- [Redacted] MCCU personnel began [Redacted] schedule. MCCU will continue [Redacted] through the duration of the operation.

[Redacted]

Operation Pacifier; Violent Crimes Against Children

[Redacted]

b7E -11

[Redacted]

b7E -3

Predication/Background:

[Redacted] b3 -3
[Redacted] b6 -3,4
[Redacted] PlayPen is currently the largest hidden service dedicated to the sexual exploitation b7C -3,4
children on the Tor Network. b7D -1

[Redacted] b7E -3,5,10

• An administrative subpoena issued [Redacted]

• On 1/15/2015, Operation Pacifier was initiated by the MCCU as a joint investigation with Europol and the Italian Postal and Communications Police into the administrators and registered users of PlayPen.

• On 1/22/2015, MCCU and Charlotte Field Office personnel executed a search warrant [Redacted]

[Redacted] b3 -2
b6 -3,4
b7C -3,4
b7E -2,3,4,7

• On 2/3/2015, agents from the [Redacted] RA learned from local authorities that Steven William Chase, the 55 year old [Redacted]
[Redacted] Steven Chase resides in Naples, Florida [Redacted]

• On or about 2/9/2015, Steven Chase returned to his residence in Naples, Florida. [Redacted] b5 -1,2

[Redacted] b6 -3,4

• [Redacted] Steven Chase was indicted in the District b7C -3,4
North Carolina. A search warrant was obtained for Steven Chase's residence in Naples, Florida [Redacted] b7E -3

• On 2/19/2015, a search warrant was obtained [Redacted]

• On 2/20/2015, at 12:30 AM, a no knock search warrant was executed at the residence of Steven Chase in Naples, Florida with the assistance of Tampa Field Office SWAT. At the time of entry [Redacted] b6 -3
[Redacted] Chase invoked his right to counsel and was placed under arrest. b7C -3

• On 2/21/2015, MCCU executed a seizure warrant [Redacted] b7E -3

[Redacted]

Operation Pacifier; Violent Crimes Against Children



Upcoming Week(s):

- MCCU will send administrative subpoenas [redacted]
- MCCU will continue to send [redacted]

b7E -3,10

Strategy:

- MCCU personnel will conduct [redacted] with support from VCACS for the duration of the operation. VCACIU personnel will be on-hand for [redacted] development of subject packages. VCACU personnel will be on-hand for direct communication with FBI Field Office personnel should immediate leads be generated.
- Operational duration is fluid and based on the success [redacted]
- PlayPen administrators and site moderators will be charged and prosecuted in the District of North Carolina as an enterprise prosecution.

b7E -2,3,7



Operation Pacifier; Violent Crimes Against Children

[Redacted]

b7E -11

Subjects/Victim:	Operation Pacifier	
Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252	b6 -1,2
Field POCs:	[Redacted] Field Office - [Redacted] RA: SSA [Redacted]	b7C -1,2
	Tampa Field Office - Naples RA: SSRA [Redacted]	b7E -1
	Charlotte Field Office - SSA [Redacted]	
CID POCs:	SC Michael Harpster	
	UC [Redacted] SSA [Redacted] SSA [Redacted]	
DOJ/USAO:	District of North Carolina, Eastern District of Virginia, Western District of Florida DOJ/CEOS Trial Attorney [Redacted]	
Intel Coverage:	VCACIU	
Ops Coverage:	CID/ Violent Crimes Against Children Section (VCACS)/Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU)	
Legal Process:	Pen Register/Trap and Trace (PRTT), Title III, Administrative Subpoena, Grand Jury Subpoena, Search Warrant, Seizure Warrant	

[Redacted]

CID Threat: Violent Crimes Against Children

Significant Activity:

[Redacted]

b3 -1
b7E -2,3,7

b7D -1
b7E -10

Predication/Background:

[Redacted]

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[Redacted] PlayPen is currently the largest hidden service dedicated to the sexual exploitation of children on the Tor Network.

b3 -3

b6 -3,4

b7C -3,4

• An administrative subpoena issued [Redacted]

b7D -1

b7E -3,5,10

[Redacted]

• On 1/15/2015, Operation Pacifier was initiated by the MCCU as a joint investigation with Europol and the Italian Postal and Communications Police into the administrators and registered users of PlayPen.

• On 1/22/2015, MCCU and Charlotte Field Office personnel executed a search warrant [Redacted]

b3 -2

b6 -3,4

b7C -3,4

b7E -2,3,4,7

[Redacted]

• On 2/3/2015, agents from the [Redacted] RA learned from local authorities that Steven William Chase, the 55 year old [Redacted] Steven Chase resides in Naples, Florida [Redacted]

• On or about 2/9/2015, Steven Chase returned to his residence in Naples, Florida. [Redacted]

b5 -1,2

b6 -3,4

• [Redacted] Steven Chase was indicted in the District [Redacted] North Carolina. A search warrant was obtained for Steven Chase's residence in Naples, Florida [Redacted]

b7C -3,4

b7E -3

• On 2/19/2015, a search warrant was obtained [Redacted]

• On 2/20/2015, at 12:30 AM, a no knock search warrant was executed at the residence of Steven Chase in Naples, Florida with the assistance of Tampa Field Office SWAT. At the time of entry, [Redacted] Chase invoked his right to counsel and was placed under arrest.

b3 -1

b6 -3

• On 2/20/2015, MCCU executed a seizure warrant [Redacted]

b7C -3

b7E -2,3

[Redacted]

• [Redacted] MCCU personnel began [Redacted] schedule. MCCU will continue this [Redacted] through the duration of the operation. [Redacted]

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[Redacted]

b7E -11

Upcoming Week(s):

- MCCU will send administrative subpoenas for the [Redacted]
- MCCU will continue to send [Redacted]

b7E -3,10

Strategy:

- MCCU personnel will conduct [Redacted] with support from VCACS for the duration of the operation. VCACIU personnel will be on-hand for [Redacted] and development of subject packages. VCACU personnel will be on-hand for direct communication with FBI Field Office personnel should immediate leads be generated.
- Operational duration is fluid and based on the success [Redacted]
- PlayPen administrators and site moderators will be charged and prosecuted in the District of North Carolina as an enterprise prosecution.

b7E -2,3,7



Operation Pacifier; Violent Crimes Against Children

[Redacted]

b7E -11

Subjects/Victim:	Operation Pacifier	
Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252	b6 -1,2
Field POCs:	[Redacted] Field Office - [Redacted] RA: SSA [Redacted]	b7C -1,2
	Tampa Field Office - Naples RA: SSRA [Redacted]	b7E -1
	Charlotte Field Office - SSA [Redacted]	
CID POCs:	SC Michael Harpster	
	UC [Redacted] SSA [Redacted] SSA [Redacted]	
DOJ/USAO:	District of North Carolina, Eastern District of Virginia, Western District of Florida DOJ/CEOS Trial Attorney [Redacted]	
Intel Coverage:	VCACIU	
Ops Coverage:	CID/ Violent Crimes Against Children Section (VCACS)/Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU)	
Legal Process:	Pen Register/Trap and Trace (PRTT), Title III, Administrative Subpoena, Grand Jury Subpoena, Search Warrant, Seizure Warrant	

[Redacted]

CID Threat: Violent Crimes Against Children

Significant Activity:

[Redacted]

b3 -1
b7E -2,3,7

b7D -1
b7E -10

Predication/Background:

• [Redacted]

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[Redacted]

[Redacted] PlayPen is currently the largest hidden service dedicated to the sexual exploitation of children on the Tor Network.

b3 -3
b6 -3,4
b7C -3,4
b7D -1
b7E -3,5,10

- An administrative subpoena issued [Redacted]

- On 1/15/2015, Operation Pacifier was initiated by the MCCU as a joint investigation with Europol and the Italian Postal and Communications Police into the administrators and registered users of PlayPen.

- On 1/22/2015, MCCU and Charlotte Field Office personnel executed a search warrant [Redacted]

b3 -2
b6 -3,4
b7C -3,4
b7E -2,3,4,7

- [Redacted]

- On 2/3/2015, agents from the [Redacted] RA learned from local authorities that Steven William Chase, the 55 year old [Redacted] Steven Chase resides in Naples, Florida [Redacted]

b5 -1,2

- On or about 2/9/2015, Steven Chase returned to his residence in Naples, Florida. [Redacted]

b6 -3,4

- [Redacted] Steven Chase was indicted in the District [Redacted]

b7C -3,4

- North Carolina. A search warrant was obtained for Steven Chase's residence in Naples, Florida [Redacted]

b7E -3

- On 2/19/2015, a search warrant was obtained [Redacted]

- On 2/20/2015, at 12:30 AM, a no knock search warrant was executed at the residence of Steven Chase in Naples, Florida with the assistance of Tampa Field Office SWAT. At the time of entry, [Redacted]

b3 -1

- [Redacted] Chase invoked his right to counsel and was placed under arrest.

b6 -3

- On 2/20/2015, MCCU executed a seizure warrant [Redacted]

b7C -3

b7E -2,3

- [Redacted]

- [Redacted] MCCU personnel began [Redacted] MCCU will continue this [Redacted] through the duration of the operation. [Redacted]

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[Redacted]

b7E -11

Upcoming Week(s):

- MCCU will send administrative subpoenas for the [Redacted]
- MCCU will continue to send [Redacted]

b7E -3,10

Strategy:

- MCCU personnel will conduct [Redacted] with support from VCACS for the duration of the operation. VCACIU personnel will be on-hand for [Redacted] development of subject packages. VCACU personnel will be on-hand for direct communication with FBI Field Office personnel should immediate leads be generated.
- Operational duration is fluid and based on the success [Redacted]
- PlayPen administrators and site moderators will be charged and prosecuted in the District of North Carolina as an enterprise prosecution.

b7E -2,3,7

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[Redacted]

b7E -11

Subjects/Victim:	Operation Pacifier
Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252
Field POCs:	[Redacted] Field Office - [Redacted] RA; SSA [Redacted] Tampa Field Office - Naples RA; SSRA [Redacted] Charlotte Field Office - SSA [Redacted]
CID POCs:	SC Michael Harpster UC [Redacted] SSA [Redacted] SSA [Redacted]
DOJ/USAO:	District of North Carolina, Eastern District of Virginia, Western District of Florida DOJ/CEOS Trial Attorney [Redacted]
Intel Coverage:	VCACIU
Ops Coverage:	CID/ Violent Crimes Against Children Section (VCACS)/Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU)
Legal Process:	Pen Register/Trap and Trace (PRTT), Title III, Administrative Subpoena, Grand Jury Subpoena, Search Warrant, Seizure Warrant

b6 -1,2
b7C -1,2
b7E -1

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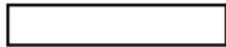
CID Threat: Violent Crimes Against Children

b3 -1

Significant Activity:

b7E -2,3,7

[Redacted]



b3 -1
b7E -2,3,7

Predication/Background:

- [Redacted] b7D -1
[Redacted] b7E -10
[Redacted] PlayPen is currently the largest hidden service dedicated to the sexual exploitation of children on the Tor Network.
- [Redacted] b3 -3
b6 -3,4
- An administrative subpoena issued [Redacted] b7C -3,4
[Redacted] b7E -3,5
- On 1/15/2015, Operation Pacifier was initiated by the MCCU as a joint investigation with Europol and the Italian Postal and Communications Police into the administrators and registered users of PlayPen.
- On 1/22/2015, MCCU and Charlotte Field Office personnel executed a search warrant [Redacted] b3 -2
[Redacted] b6 -3,4
[Redacted] b7C -3,4
[Redacted] b7E -2,3,4,7
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- On 2/3/2015, agents from the [Redacted] RA learned from local authorities that Steven William Chase, the 55 year old [Redacted]
[Redacted] Steven Chase resides in Naples, Florida [Redacted]
- On or about 2/9/2015, Steven Chase returned to his residence in Naples, Florida. [Redacted] b5 -1,2
[Redacted] b6 -3,4
- [Redacted] Steven Chase was indicted in the District b7C -3,4
North Carolina. A search warrant was obtained for Steven Chase's residence in Naples, Florida [Redacted] b7E -3
- On 2/19/2015, a search warrant was obtained [Redacted]
- On 2/20/2015, at 12:30 AM, a no knock search warrant was executed at the residence of Steven Chase in Naples, Florida with the assistance of Tampa Field Office SWAT. At the time of entry, [Redacted]
[Redacted] Chase invoked his right to counsel and was placed under arrest.
- On 2/20/2015, MCCU executed a seizure warrant [Redacted] b3 -1
[Redacted] b6 -3
[Redacted] b7C -3
[Redacted] b7E -2,3
- [Redacted] MCCU personnel began [Redacted] schedule. MCCU will continue this [Redacted] through the [Redacted]

b3 -1
b6 -3
b7C -3
b7D -2
b7E -2,3,7,10,11

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[Redacted]

duration of the operation.

[Redacted]

- [Redacted]

Upcoming Week(s):

- MCCU will send administrative subpoenas [Redacted]
- MCCU will continue to send [Redacted]

b7E -3,10

Strategy:

- MCCU personnel will conduct [Redacted] with support from VCACS for the duration of the operation. VCACIU personnel will be on-hand for [Redacted] development of subject packages. VCACU personnel will be on-hand for direct communication with FBI Field Office personnel should immediate leads be generated.
- Operational duration is fluid and based on the success [Redacted]
- PlayPen administrators and site moderators will be charged and prosecuted in the District of North Carolina as an enterprise prosecution.

b7E -2,3,7



Operation Pacifier; Violent Crimes Against Children

[Redacted]

b7E -11

Subjects/Victim:	Operation Pacifier
Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252
Field POCs:	[Redacted] Field Office - [Redacted] RA: SSA [Redacted] Tampa Field Office - Naples RA: SSRA [Redacted] Charlotte Field Office - SSA [Redacted]
CID POCs:	SC Michael Harpster UC [Redacted] SSA [Redacted] SSA [Redacted]
DOJ/USAO:	Western District of North Carolina, Eastern District of Virginia, Western District of Florida, DOJ/CEOS Trial Attorney [Redacted]
Intel Coverage:	VCACIU
Ops Coverage:	CID/ Violent Crimes Against Children Section (VCACS)/Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU)
Legal Process:	Pen Register/Trap and Trace (PRTT), Title III, Administrative Subpoena, Grand Jury Subpoena, Search Warrant, Seizure Warrant

b6 -1,2
b7C -1,2
b7E -1

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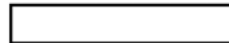
CID Threat: Violent Crimes Against Children

Significant Activity:

[Redacted]

b3 -1
b6 -3
b7C -3
b7D -1
b7E -2,3,7,10

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b7E -11

Predication/Background:

- [Redacted] b7D -1
[Redacted] b7E -10
[Redacted] PlayPen is currently the largest hidden service dedicated to the sexual exploitation of children on the Tor Network.
- [Redacted] b3 -3
b6 -3,4
b7C -3,4
b7E -3,5
- An administrative subpoena issued [Redacted] b7E -3,5
- On 1/15/2015, Operation Pacifier was initiated by the MCCU as a joint investigation with Europol and the Italian Postal and Communications Police into the administrators and registered users of PlayPen.
- On 1/22/2015, MCCU and Charlotte Field Office personnel executed a search warrant [Redacted] b3 -2
b6 -3,4
b7C -3,4
b7E -2,3,4,7
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- On 2/3/2015, agents from the [Redacted] RA learned from local authorities that Steven William Chase, the 55 year old [Redacted] Steven Chase resides in Naples, Florida [Redacted]
- On or about 2/9/2015, Steven Chase returned to his residence in Naples, Florida. [Redacted] b5 -1,2
b6 -3,4
- [Redacted] Steven Chase was indicted in the District b7C -3,4
North Carolina. A search warrant was obtained for Steven Chase's residence in Naples, Florida [Redacted] b7E -3
- On 2/19/2015, a search warrant was obtained [Redacted]
- On 2/20/2015, at 12:30 AM, a no knock search warrant was executed at the residence of Steven Chase in Naples, Florida with the assistance of Tampa Field Office SWAT. At the time of entry, [Redacted] b3 -1
[Redacted] Chase invoked his right to counsel and was placed under arrest. b6 -3
b7C -3
- On 2/20/2015, MCCU executed a seizure warrant [Redacted] b7E -2,3
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted] MCCU personnel began [Redacted] MCCU will continue this [Redacted] through the duration of the operation. [Redacted]

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Operation Pacifier; Violent Crimes Against Children

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

On 2/24/2015, Steven Chase was ordered detained pending his extradition to the Western District of North Carolina.
[Redacted]

Upcoming Week(s):

- MCCU will send administrative subpoenas [Redacted] b7E -3,10
- MCCU will continue to send [Redacted]

Strategy:

- MCCU personnel will conduct [Redacted] with support from VCACS for the duration of the operation. VCACIU personnel will be on-hand for [Redacted] development of subject packages. VCACU personnel will be on-hand for direct communication with FBI Field Office personnel should immediate leads be generated.
- Operational duration is fluid and based on the success [Redacted] b7E -2,3,7
- PlayPen administrators and site moderators will be charged and prosecuted in the District of North Carolina as an enterprise prosecution.



Operation Pacifier; Violent Crimes Against Children

[Redacted]

b7E -11

[Redacted]

Subjects/Victim:	Operation Pacifier	
Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252	b6 -1,2
Field POCs:	[Redacted] Field Office - [Redacted] RA: SSA [Redacted]	b7C -1,2
	Tampa Field Office - Naples RA: SSRA [Redacted]	b7E -1
	Charlotte Field Office - SSA [Redacted]	
CID POCs:	SC Michael Harpster	
	UC [Redacted] SSA [Redacted]	
DOJ/USAO:	Western District of North Carolina, Eastern District of Virginia, Western District of Florida, DOJ/CEOS Trial Attorney, [Redacted]	
Intel Coverage:	VCACIU	
Ops Coverage:	CID/ Violent Crimes Against Children Section (VCACS)/Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU)	
Legal Process:	Pen Register/Trap and Trace (PRTT), Title III, Administrative Subpoena, Grand Jury Subpoena, Search Warrant, Seizure Warrant	

CID Threat: Violent Crimes Against Children

Significant Activity:

[Redacted]

b3 -1
b7E -2,3,7

b7D -1
b7E -10

Predication/Background:

- [Redacted]

Operation Pacifier; Violent Crimes Against Children

[Redacted]

[Redacted] b3 -3
[Redacted] PlayPen is currently the largest hidden service dedicated to the sexual exploitation of children on the Tor Network. b6 -3,4
b7C -3,4
b7D -1
b7E -3,5,10

• An administrative subpoena issued [Redacted]

[Redacted]

• On 1/15/2015, Operation Pacifier was initiated by the MCCU as a joint investigation with Europol and the Italian Postal and Communications Police into the administrators and registered users of PlayPen.

• On 1/22/2015, MCCU and Charlotte Field Office personnel executed a search warrant [Redacted] b3 -2
b6 -3,4
b7C -3,4
b7E -2,3,4,7

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• On 2/3/2015, agents from the [Redacted] RA learned from local authorities that Steven William Chase, the 55 year old [Redacted]
[Redacted] Steven Chase resides in Naples, Florida [Redacted]

• On or about 2/9/2015, Steven Chase returned to his residence in Naples, Florida. [Redacted] b5 -1,2
b6 -3,4

• [Redacted] Steven Chase was indicted in the District b7C -3,4
b7E -3

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• On 2/19/2015, a search warrant was obtained [Redacted]

• On 2/20/2015, at 12:30 AM, a no knock search warrant was executed at the residence of Steven Chase in Naples, Florida with the assistance of Tampa Field Office SWAT. At the time of entry [Redacted] b3 -1
b6 -3

• On 2/20/2015, MCCU executed a seizure warrant [Redacted] b7C -3
b7E -2,3,7

[Redacted]

[Redacted] MCCU personnel began [Redacted] schedule. MCCU will continue this [Redacted] through the duration of the operation. [Redacted]

[Redacted]

Operation Pacifier; Violent Crimes Against Children

[Redacted]

[Redacted]
On 2/24/2015, Steven Chase was ordered detained pending his extradition to the Western District of North Carolina.

[Redacted]

[Redacted] Administrative subpoena results revealed the IP address is assigned to the account [Redacted]

Upcoming Week(s):

- MCCU will send administrative subpoenas [Redacted]
- MCCU will continue to send [Redacted]

b7E -3,10

Strategy:

- MCCU personnel will conduct [Redacted] with support from VCACS for the duration of the operation. VCACIU personnel will be on-hand for [Redacted] development of subject packages. VCACU personnel will be on-hand for direct communication with FBI Field Office personnel should immediate leads be generated.
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b7E -2,3,7



Operation Pacifier; Violent Crimes Against Children

[Redacted]

b7E -11

Subjects/Victim:	Operation Pacifier	
Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252	b6 -1,2
Field POCs:	[Redacted] Field Office - [Redacted] RA: SSA [Redacted]	b7C -1,2
	Tampa Field Office - Naples RA: SSRA [Redacted]	b7E -1
	Charlotte Field Office - SSA [Redacted]	
CID POCs:	SC Michael Harpster	
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DOJ/USAO:	Western District of North Carolina, Eastern District of Virginia, Western District of Florida, DOJ/CEOS Trial Attorney [Redacted]	
Intel Coverage:	VCACIU	
Ops Coverage:	CID/ Violent Crimes Against Children Section (VCACS)/Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU)	
Legal Process:	Pen Register/Trap and Trace (PRTT), Title III, Administrative Subpoena, Grand Jury Subpoena, Search Warrant, Seizure Warrant	

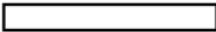
CID Threat: Violent Crimes Against Children

b3 -1

Significant Activity:

b7E -2,3,7

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Predication/Background:

- [Redacted] b3 -3
[Redacted] b6 -3,4
[Redacted] PlayPen is currently the largest hidden service dedicated to the sexual exploitation of children on the Tor Network. b7C -3,4
b7D -1
b7E -3,5,10
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b6 -3,4
b7C -3,4
b7E -2,3,4,7
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- On 2/3/2015, agents from the [Redacted] RA learned from local authorities that Steven William Chase, the 55 year old [Redacted]
[Redacted] Steven Chase resides in Naples, Florida [Redacted]
- On or about 2/9/2015, Steven Chase returned to his residence in Naples, Florida. [Redacted] b5 -1,2
b6 -3,4
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b7E -3
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[Redacted] Chase invoked his right to counsel and was placed under arrest. b6 -3
- On 2/20/2015, MCCU executed a seizure warrant [Redacted] b7C -3
b7E -2,3,7
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted] MCCU personnel began [Redacted] MCCU will continue this [Redacted] through the duration of the operation. [Redacted]

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[Redacted]

- On 2/24/2015, Steven Chase was ordered detained pending his extradition to the Western District of North Carolina.

[Redacted]

- [Redacted] Administrative subpoena results revealed the IP address is assigned to the account [Redacted]

Upcoming Week(s):

- MCCU will send administrative subpoenas for the [Redacted]
- MCCU will continue to send [Redacted]

b7E -3,10

Strategy:

- MCCU personnel will conduct [Redacted] with support from VCACS for the duration of the operation. VCACIU personnel will be on-hand for [Redacted] development of subject packages. VCACU personnel will be on-hand for direct communication with FBI Field Office personnel should immediate leads be generated.
- Operational duration is fluid and based on the success [Redacted]
- PlayPen administrators and site moderators will be charged and prosecuted in the Western District of North Carolina as an enterprise prosecution.

b7E -2,3,7



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[Redacted]

b7E -11

Subjects/Victim:	Operation Pacifier
Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252
Field POCs:	[Redacted] Field Office - [Redacted] RA: SSA [Redacted] Tampa Field Office - Naples RA: SSRA [Redacted] Charlotte Field Office - SSA [Redacted]
CID POCs:	SC Michael Harpster UC [Redacted] SSA [Redacted] SSA [Redacted]
DOJ/USAO:	Western District of North Carolina, Eastern District of Virginia, Western District of Florida, DOJ/CEOS Trial Attorneys [Redacted]
Intel Coverage:	VCACIU
Ops Coverage:	CID/ Violent Crimes Against Children Section (VCACS)/Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU)
Legal Process:	Pen Register/Trap and Trace (PRTT), Title III, Administrative Subpoena, Grand Jury Subpoena, Search Warrant, Seizure Warrant

b6 -1,2
b7C -1,2
b7E -1

b3 -1
b5 -1,2
b6 -3
b7C -3
b7E -1,2,3,7

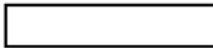
CID Threat: Violent Crimes Against Children

Significant Activity:

- [Redacted]
- On 2/27/2015, MCCU obtained a search warrant from EDVA [Redacted]

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b7E -11



b3 -1
b7E -2,3,7

Predication/Background:

- [Redacted] b3 -3
[Redacted] b6 -3,4
[Redacted] PlayPen is currently the largest hidden service dedicated to the sexual exploitat b7C -3,4
children on the Tor Network. b7D -1
b7E -3,5,10
- [Redacted]
- An administrative subpoena issued [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- On 1/15/2015, Operation Pacifier was initiated by the MCCU as a joint investigation with Europol and the Italian Postal and Communications Police into the administrators and registered users of PlayPen.
- On 1/22/2015, MCCU and Charlotte Field Office personnel executed a search warran [Redacted] b3 -2
b6 -3,4
b7C -3,4
b7E -2,3,4,7
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- On 2/3/2015, agents from the [Redacted] RA learned from local authorities that Steven William Chase, the 55 year old [Redacted]
[Redacted] Steven Chase resides in Naples, Florida [Redacted]
- On or about 2/9/2015, Steven Chase returned to his residence in Naples, Florida. [Redacted] b5 -1,2
b6 -3,4
b7C -3,4
b7E -3
- [Redacted] Steven Chase was indicted in the District
North Carolina. A search warrant was obtained for Steven Chase's residence in Naples, Florida [Redacted]
- On 2/19/2015, a search warrant was obtained [Redacted]
- On 2/20/2015, at 12:30 AM, a no knock search warrant was executed at the residence of Steven Chase in Naples, Florida with the assistance of Tampa Field Office SWAT. At the time of entry, [Redacted] b6 -3
b7C -3
b7E -3
[Redacted] Chase invoked his right to counsel and was placed under arrest.

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[Redacted]

- On 2/20/2015, MCCU executed a seizure warrant [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted] MCCU personnel began [Redacted] schedule. MCCU will continue this [Redacted] through the duration of the operation. [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- On 2/24/2015, Steven Chase was ordered detained pending his extradition to the Western District of North Carolina.
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted] Administrative subpoena results revealed the IP address is assigned to the account [Redacted]

Upcoming Week(s):

- MCCU will obtain a search and arrest warrant [Redacted] MCCU and DARC personnel will travel to assist the [Redacted] RA with the search, arrest, and interview [Redacted]
- MCCU will send administrative subpoenas [Redacted]
- MCCU will engage specific [Redacted]
- MCCU will continue to send [Redacted]

b6 -3
b7C -3
b7E -3,10

Strategy:

- MCCU personnel will conduct [Redacted] with support from VCACS for the duration of the operation. VCACIU personnel will be on-hand for [Redacted] development of subject packages. VCACU personnel will be on-hand for direct communication with FBI Field Office personnel should immediate leads be generated.
- Operational duration is fluid and based on the success [Redacted]
- PlayPen administrators and site moderators will be charged and prosecuted in the Western District of North Carolina as an enterprise prosecution.

b7E -2,3,7



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[Redacted]

b7E -11

Subjects/Victim:	Operation Pacifier	
Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252	b6 -1,2
Field POCs:	[Redacted] Field Office - [Redacted] RA; SSA [Redacted]	b7C -1,2
	Tampa Field Office - Fort Meyers RA; SSRA [Redacted]	b7E -1
	Charlotte Field Office - SSA [Redacted]	
CID POCs:	SC Michael Harnster	
	UC [Redacted]	
	SSA [Redacted] SSA [Redacted]	
DOJ/USAO:	Western District of North Carolina, Eastern District of Virginia, Western District of Florida, DOJ/CEOS Trial Attorneys [Redacted]	
Intel Coverage:	VCACIU	
Ops Coverage:	CID/ Violent Crimes Against Children Section (VCACS)/Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU)	
Legal Process:	Pen Register/Trap and Trace (PRTT), Title III, Administrative Subpoena, Search Warrant	

CID Threat: Violent Crimes Against Children

Significant Activity:

- On 3/4/2015, MCCU and DARC personnel, with the assistance of the [Redacted] RA, executed a search warrant on the residence [Redacted]. [Redacted] was successfully interviewed, [Redacted] was arrested following the search and remains in custody.

b3 -1
b6 -3
b7C -3
b7E -2,3-7

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- b3 -1
 b7E -2,3,7

Predication/Background:

- b3 -3
 b6 -3,4
- PlayPen is currently the largest hidden service dedicated to the sexual exploitation of children on the Tor Network.

b7C -3,4
 b7D -1
- b7E -3,5,10
- An administrative subpoena issued
-
- On 1/15/2015, Operation Pacifier was initiated by the MCCU as a joint investigation with Europol and the Italian Postal and Communications Police into the administrators and registered users of PlayPen.

b3 -2
- On 1/22/2015, MCCU and Charlotte Field Office personnel executed a search warrant

b6 -3,4
 b7C -3,4
 b7E -2,3,4,7
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- On 2/3/2015, agents from the
 RA learned from local authorities that Steven William Chase, the 55 year old
- Steven Chase resides in Naples, Florida
- On or about 2/9/2015, Steven Chase returned to his residence in Naples, Florida.
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- Steven Chase was indicted in the District of

b5 -1,2
- North Carolina. A search warrant was obtained for Steven Chase's residence in Naples, Florida

b7C -3,4
- On 2/19/2015, a search warrant was obtained

b7C -3,4
 b7E -3
- On 2/20/2015, at 12:30 AM, a no knock search warrant was executed at the residence of Steven Chase in Naples, Florida with the assistance of Tampa Field Office SWAT. At the time of entry
- Chase invoked his right to counsel and was placed under arrest.
- On 2/20/2015, MCCU

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[Redacted]

- [Redacted] MCCU personnel began [Redacted] schedule. MCCU will continue this [Redacted] through the duration of the operation [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- On 2/24/2015, Steven Chase was ordered detained pending his extradition to the Western District of North Carolina.
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted] Administrative subpoena results revealed the IP address is assigned to the account [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- On 2/27/2015, MCCU obtained a search warrant from EDVA [Redacted]

Upcoming Week(s):

- MCCU will send administrative subpoenas [Redacted] b7E -2,3,10,12
- MCCU will engage specific [Redacted]
- MCCU will supply [Redacted]
- A strategy for disseminating information and target packages [Redacted]
- Week of 3/9/2015, MCCU will separate and review content associated [Redacted]
- Weeks of [Redacted] MCCU and TDY personnel will begin development and dissemination of target packages [Redacted]
- [Redacted] VCACS personnel will hold a conference call with the affected field offices to discuss the strategy for target packages.
- Week of 5/11/2015, field offices will obtain search warrants [Redacted]
- By 5/22/2015, field offices will have executed their search warrants [Redacted]

Strategy:

- PlayPen administrators and site moderators will be charged and prosecuted in the Western District of North Carolina as an enterprise prosecution.
- On 3/5/2015, an all-office conference call was held with the field office VCAC coordinators. The field was advised of the operation, timeline, and case dissemination strategy.
- Field offices will open cases on the individual users and prosecute them in their home districts. b7E -3
- Once the initial dissemination of target packages is completed, MCCU will evaluate the activity of the remaining [Redacted] target packages to the field.
- Statistical accomplishments will be tracked by MCCU.



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b7E -11

	Subjects/Victim:	Operation Pacifier
	Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252
	Field POCs:	Charlotte Field Office - SSA [redacted] b6 -1,2 b7C -1,2
	CID POCs:	UC [redacted] b7E -1 SSA [redacted]
	DOJ/USAO:	Western District of North Carolina, DOJ/CEOS Trial Attorney [redacted]
	Intel Coverage:	VCACIU
	Ops Coverage:	CID/VCACS/Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU)
Legal Process:	Pen Register/Trap and Trace (PRTT), Title III, Administrative Subpoena, Search Warrant	

CID Threat: Violent Crimes Against Children

Significant Activity:

- On 3/16/2016, the [redacted] advised that one of their Operation Pacifier subjects, [redacted] who was employed [redacted] was sentenced to [redacted] years in prison following his conviction on [redacted]. The investigation [redacted] revealed production of child pornography through [redacted] and a collection of over [redacted]. The prison sentence levied against [redacted] is substantial in the [redacted] court system.

b6 -3
b7C -3

Predication/Background:

- [redacted] Steven Chase, the main administrator of PlayPen, was indicted in the Western District of North Carolina.
- [redacted] MCCU personnel began [redacted] schedule.

b3 -1
b5 -1,2
b7E -2,3,5,7

Strategy:

- The FBI will not comply with the motion to compel discovery [redacted]
- [redacted]
- This effort is being coordinated by CID, OTD, OGC, DOJ's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, and the USAO in the [redacted]

b5 -1,2
b6 -3
b7C -3
b7E -2,7



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[Redacted]

b7E -11

Subjects/Victim:	Operation Pacifier	
Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252	b6 -1,2
Field POCs:	[Redacted] Field Office - [Redacted] RA; SSA [Redacted] Tampa Field Office - Fort Meyers RA; SSRA [Redacted] Charlotte Field Office - SSA [Redacted]	b7C -1,2 b7E -1
CID POCs:	SC Michael Harpster UC [Redacted] SSA [Redacted] SSA [Redacted]	
DOJ/USAO:	Western District of North Carolina, Eastern District of Virginia, Western District of Florida, DOJ/CEOS Trial Attorney [Redacted]	
Intel Coverage:	VCACIU	
Ops Coverage:	CID/ Violent Crimes Against Children Section (VCACS)/Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU)	
Legal Process:	Pen Register/Trap and Trace (PRTT), Title III, Administrative Subpoena, Search Warrant	

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CID Threat: Violent Crimes Against Children

b6 -3

Significant Activity:

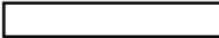
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- On [Redacted] was indicted in the Western District of North Carolina on [Redacted] counts of child exploitation related offenses, to include Enterprise. [Redacted] remains in custody.

Predication/Background:

- [Redacted] PlayPen is currently the largest hidden service dedicated to the sexual exploitation of children on the Tor Network. b3 -3, b6 -3,4, b7C -3,4, b7D -1, b7E -3,5,10
- An administrative subpoena issued [Redacted]
- On 1/15/2015, Operation Pacifier was initiated by the MCCU as a joint investigation with Europol and the Italian Postal and Communications Police into the administrators and registered users of PlayPen.
- On 1/22/2015, MCCU and Charlotte Field Office personnel executed a search warrant [Redacted]

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b3 -2
b6 -3,4
b7C -3,4
b7E -2,3,4,7

On 2/3/2015, agents from the [redacted] RA learned from local authorities that Steven William Chase, the 55 year old [redacted] Steven Chase resides in Naples, Florida [redacted]

On or about 2/9/2015, Steven Chase returned to his residence in Naples, Florida. [redacted]

b5 -1,2
b6 -3,4
b7C -3,4
b7E -3

Steven Chase was indicted in the District of North Carolina. A search warrant was obtained for Steven Chase's residence in Naples, Florida [redacted]

On 2/19/2015, a search warrant was obtained [redacted]

On 2/20/2015, at 12:30 AM, a no knock search warrant was executed at the residence of Steven Chase in Naples, Florida with the assistance of T^{b3 -1}Field Office SWAT. At the time of entry, [redacted] Chase invoked his right to counsel and was placed under arrest. [redacted]

b6 -3
b7C -3
b7D -2
b7E -2,3,4,5,7,10

On 2/20/2015, MCCU [redacted]

MCCU personnel began [redacted] schedule. MCCU will continue this [redacted] through the duration of the operation. [redacted]

On 2/24/2015, Steven Chase was ordered detained pending his extradition to the Western District of North Carolina.

b5 -1,2
b6 -3
b7C -3
b7D -1
b7E -2,3,7,10,11

Administrative subpoena results revealed the IP address is assigned to the account [redacted]

On 2/27/2015, MCCU obtained a search warrant from EDVA [redacted]

On 3/4/2015, MCCU and DARC personnel, with the assistance of the [redacted] RA, executed a search warrant on the residence of [redacted] was successfully interviewed, [redacted]

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[redacted] was arrested following the search.

b3 -1
b6 -3
b7C -3
b7E -2,3,7

Upcoming Week(s):

- MCCU will send administrative subpoenas [redacted]
- MCCU will engage specific [redacted]
- MCCU will supply [redacted]
- A strategy for disseminating information and target packages [redacted]
- Week of 3/9/2015. MCCU will separate and review content associated [redacted]
- Weeks of [redacted] MCCU and TDY personnel will begin development and dissemination of target packages [redacted]
- [redacted] VCACS personnel will hold a conference call with the affected field offices to discuss the strategy for target packages.
- Week of 5/11/2015, field offices will obtain search warrants [redacted]
- By 5/22/2015, field offices will have executed their search warrants [redacted]

b7E -2,3,10,12

Strategy:

- PlayPen administrators and site moderators will be charged and prosecuted in the Western District of North Carolina as an enterprise prosecution.
- On 3/5/2015, an all-office conference call was held with the field office VCAC coordinators. The field was advised of the operation, timeline, and case dissemination strategy.
- Field offices will open cases on the individual users and prosecute them in their home districts.
- Once the initial dissemination of target packages is completed, MCCU will evaluate the activity of the remaining [redacted] target packages to the field.
- Statistical accomplishments will be tracked by MCCU.

b7E -3



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[Redacted]

b7E -11



Subjects/Victim:	Operation Pacifier
Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252
Field POCs:	Charlotte Field Office – SSA [Redacted] b6 -1,2 b7C -1,2
CID POCs:	UC [Redacted] b7E -1 SSA [Redacted]
DOJ/USAO:	Western District of North Carolina, DOJ/CEOS Trial Attorney [Redacted]
Intel Coverage:	VCACIU
Ops Coverage:	CID/VCACS/Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU)
Legal Process:	Pen Register/Trap and Trace (PRTT), Title III, Administrative Subpoena, Search Warrant

CID Threat: Violent Crimes Against Children

Significant Activity:

- On [Redacted] in Federal District Court in the [Redacted] pled guilty to one count of receipt of child pornography and one count of possession of child pornography.

b6 -3
b7C -3

Predication/Background:

- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted] was one of the leads generated from the operation.

b6 -3
b7C -3
b7E -1, 2, 3, 5

Strategy:

- Coordinate with OVA to ensure no hands on offenses occurred and [Redacted] did not create child exploitation material.

b6 -3
b7C -3

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b7E -11

Subjects/Victim:	Operation Pacifier	
Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252	b6 -1,2
Field POCs:	[Redacted] Field Office - [Redacted] RA; SSA [Redacted]	b7C -1,2
	Tampa Field Office - Fort Meyers RA; SSRA [Redacted]	b7E -1
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Intel Coverage:	VCACIU	
Ops Coverage:	CID/ Violent Crimes Against Children Section (VCACS)/Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU)	
Legal Process:	Pen Register/Trap and Trace (PRTT), Title III, Administrative Subpoena, Search Warrant	



CID Threat: Violent Crimes Against Children

Significant Activity:

- MCCU has served all the subpoenas [Redacted] and are awaiting responses [Redacted] b7E -2,3
- MCCU identified [Redacted] MCCU is finalizing the target packages for these individuals and will be sending to the field once they are completed.

Predication/Background:

- [Redacted] PlayPen is currently the largest hidden service dedicated to the sexual exploitation of children on the Tor Network.
- [Redacted] b3 -3, b6 -3,4, b7C -3,4, b7D -1, b7E -3,5,10
- An administrative subpoena issued [Redacted]
- On 1/15/2015, Operation Pacifier was initiated by the MCCU as a joint investigation with Europol and the Italian Postal and Communications Police into the

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[Redacted]

administrators and registered users of PlayPen.

- On 1/22/2015, MCCU and Charlotte Field Office personnel executed a search warrant [Redacted]

b3 -2
b6 -3,4
b7C -3,4
b7E -2,3,4,7

- On 2/3/2015, agents from the [Redacted] RA learned from local authorities that Steven William Chase, the 55 year old [Redacted] Steven Chase resides in Naples, Florida [Redacted]

b5 -1,2
b6 -3,4
b7C -3,4
b7E -3

- On or about 2/9/2015, Steven Chase returned to his residence in Naples, Florida. [Redacted]

- [Redacted] Steven Chase was indicted in the District of North Carolina. A search warrant was obtained for Steven Chase's residence in Naples, Florida [Redacted]

- On 2/19/2015, a search warrant was obtained [Redacted]

- On 2/20/2015, at 12:30 AM, a no knock search warrant was executed at the residence of Steven Chase in Naples, Florida with the assistance of Tampa Field Office SWAT. At the time of entry, [Redacted] Chase invoked his right to counsel and was placed under arrest.

- On 2/20/2015, MCCU [Redacted]

b3 -1
b6 -3
b7C -3
b7D -2
b7E -2,3,5,7,10

- [Redacted] MCCU personnel began [Redacted] schedule. MCCU will continue this [Redacted] through the duration of the operation. [Redacted]

- [Redacted]

- On 2/24/2015, Steven Chase was ordered detained pending his extradition to the Western District of North Carolina.

b3 -1
b5 -1,2
b6 -3
b7C -3
b7D -1
b7E -2,3,7,10,11

- [Redacted] Administrative subpoena results revealed the IP address is assigned to the account [Redacted]

- On 2/27/2015, MCCU obtained a search warrant from EDVA [Redacted]

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[Redacted]

- On 3/4/2015, MCCU and DARC personnel, with the assistance of the [Redacted] RA, executed a search warrant on the residence [Redacted] [Redacted] was successfully interviewed [Redacted] [Redacted] was arrested following the search. [Redacted] was indicted [Redacted] in the Western District of North Carolina on seven counts of child exploitation related offenses, to include Enterprise. [Redacted] remains in custody.

b3 -1
b6 -3
b7C -3
b7E -2,3,7

Upcoming Week(s):

- Weeks of [Redacted] MCCU and TDY personnel will begin development and dissemination of target packages [Redacted] [Redacted] VCACS personnel will hold a conference call with the affected field offices to discuss the strategy for target packages.
- Week of 5/11/2015, field offices will obtain search warrants [Redacted]
- By 5/22/2015, field offices will have executed their search warrants [Redacted]

b7E -2,3

Strategy:

- PlayPen administrators and site moderators will be charged and prosecuted in the Western District of North Carolina as an enterprise prosecution.
- On 3/5/2015, an all-office conference call was held with the field office VCAC coordinators. The field was advised of the operation, timeline, and case dissemination strategy.
- Field offices will open cases on the individual users and prosecute them in their home districts.
- Once the initial dissemination of target packages is completed, MCCU will evaluate the activity of the remaining [Redacted] target packages to the field.
- Statistical accomplishments will be tracked by MCCU.

b7E -3



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b7E -11

Subjects/Victim:	Operation Pacifier	
Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252	b6 -1,2
Field POCs:	[redacted] Field Office - [redacted] RA: SSA [redacted] Tampa Field Office - Fort Meyers RA: SSRA [redacted] Charlotte Field Office - SSA [redacted]	b7C -1,2 b7E -1
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Intel Coverage:	VCACIU	
Ops Coverage:	CID/ Violent Crimes Against Children Section (VCACS)/Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU)	
Legal Process:	Pen Register/Trap and Trace (PRTT), Title III, Administrative Subpoena, Search Warrant	

CID Threat: Violent Crimes Against Children

Significant Activity:

- MCCU has served [redacted] subpoenas [redacted] and are awaiting responses [redacted]
- MCCU identified [redacted] Target packages for these individuals are being developed and will be disseminated to field offices for appropriate action.

b7E -2,3

Predication/Background:

- [redacted] PlayPen is currently the largest hidden service dedicated to the sexual exploitation of children on the Tor Network.
- [redacted]
- An administrative subpoena issued [redacted]
- On 1/15/2015, Operation Pacifier was initiated by the MCCU as a joint investigation with Europol and the Italian Postal and Communications Police into the administrators and registered users of PlayPen.

b3 -3
b6 -3,4
b7C -3,4
b7D -1
b7E 3,5,10

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[Redacted]

- On 1/22/2015, MCCU and Charlotte Field Office personnel executed a search warrant [Redacted] b3 -2
[Redacted] b6 -3,4
[Redacted] b7C -3,4
[Redacted] b7E -2,3,4,7
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- On 2/3/2015, agents from the [Redacted] RA learned from local authorities that Steven William Chase, the 55 year old [Redacted]
[Redacted] Steven Chase resides in Naples, Florida [Redacted] b5 -1,2
[Redacted] b6 -3,4
- On or about 2/9/2015, Steven Chase returned to his residence in Naples, Florida. [Redacted] b7C -3,4
[Redacted] b7E -3
- [Redacted] Steven Chase was indicted in the District of North Carolina. A search warrant was obtained for Steven Chase's residence in Naples, Florida [Redacted]
- On 2/19/2015, a search warrant was obtained [Redacted]
- On 2/20/2015, at 12:30 AM, a no knock search warrant was executed at the residence of Steven Chase in Naples, Florida with the assistance of Tampa Field Office SWAT. At the time of entry, [Redacted]
- [Redacted] Chase invoked his right to counsel and was placed under arrest. b3 -1
- On 2/20/2015, MCCU [Redacted] b6 -3
[Redacted] b7C -3
[Redacted] b7D -1,2
[Redacted] b7E -1,2,3,5,7,10
- [Redacted] MCCU personnel began [Redacted] MCCU will continue this [Redacted] through the duration of the operation. [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- On 2/24/2015, Steven Chase was ordered detained pending his extradition to the Western District of North Carolina.
- [Redacted] b3 -1
[Redacted] b6 -3
- [Redacted] Administrative subpoena results revealed the IP address is assigned to the account [Redacted] b7C -3
[Redacted] b7D -1
- On 2/27/2015, MCCU obtained a search warrant from EDVA [Redacted] b7E -2,3,7,10,11
- On 3/4/2015, MCCU and DARC personnel, with the assistance of the [Redacted] RA, executed a search warrant on the residence of [Redacted]

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[Redacted]

[Redacted] was successfully interviewed [Redacted]
[Redacted] was arrested following the search. [Redacted] was indicted on [Redacted] in the Western District of North Carolina on [Redacted] counts of child exploitation related offenses, to include Enterprise. [Redacted] remains in custody.

b3 -1
b6 -3
b7E -3
b7E -2,3,7

Upcoming Week(s):

- Phase 1: Between of [Redacted] MCCU will develop and disseminate target packages [Redacted] VCACS b7E -2,3
personnel will hold a conference call with the affected field offices to discuss the strategy for target packages.
- It is anticipated that field offices will obtain search warrants [Redacted] during the week of 5/11/2015.

Strategy:

- PlayPen administrators and site moderators will be charged in the Western District of North Carolina as an enterprise prosecution.
- Field offices will initiate investigations on U.S. users and prosecute them through their local USAO.
- Phase 2: MCCU will evaluate the activity of the remaining [Redacted] additional target packages to the field as applicable. b7E -3
- Statistical accomplishments will be tracked by MCCU.



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[Redacted]

b7E -11



Subjects/Victim:	Operation Pacifier	
Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252	
Field POCs:	[Redacted] Field Office - [Redacted] RA; SSA [Redacted] Tampa Field Office - Fort Meyers RA; SSRA [Redacted] Charlotte Field Office - SSA [Redacted]	b6 -1,2 b7C -1,2 b7E -1
CID POCs:	A/SC [Redacted] A/UC [Redacted] SSA [Redacted]	
DOJ/USAO:	Western District of North Carolina, Eastern District of Virginia, Western District of Florida, DOJ/CEOS Trial Attorney [Redacted]	
Intel Coverage:	VCACIU	
Ops Coverage:	CID/ Violent Crimes Against Children Section (VCACS)/Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU)	
Legal Process:	Pen Register/Trap and Trace (PRTT), Title III, Administrative Subpoena, Search Warrant	

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b7C -3
b7E -3

CID Threat: Violent Crimes Against Children

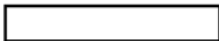
Significant Activity:

- On 3/30/2015, the [Redacted] Field Office executed a search warrant on the residence [Redacted] [Redacted] is employed [Redacted] The identification [Redacted] occurred following an analysis of [Redacted] data, which identified [Redacted] The identification [Redacted] lead to the [Redacted] Field Office predated the [Redacted] gave a full confession reference his online activities, but did not disclose any hands-on offenses. [Redacted] was subsequently arrested on [Redacted] on the charge of Receipt of Child Pornography [Redacted] Initial forensic review indicates that [Redacted] child exploitation material and may have also been involved in the distribution of child exploitation material.

Predication/Background:

- [Redacted] PlayPen is currently the largest hidden service dedicated to the sexual exploitation of children on the Tor Network. b3 -3
b6 -3
- [Redacted] b7C -3
b7D -1
b7E -3,5,10
- An administrative subpoena issued [Redacted]

Operation Pacifier; Violent Crimes Against Children



b7E -11

b3 -3
b6 -3,4
b7C -3,4
b7E -3

• On 1/15/2015, Operation Pacifier was initiated by the MCCU as a joint investigation with Europol and the Italian Postal and Communications Police into the administrators and registered users of PlayPen.

• On 1/22/2015, MCCU and Charlotte Field Office personnel executed a search warrant [redacted]

[redacted]

b3 -2
b6 -3,4
b7C -3,4
b7E -2,3,4,7

• On 2/3/2015, agents from the [redacted] RA learned from local authorities that Steven William Chase, the 55 year old [redacted] Steven Chase resides in Naples, Florida [redacted]

b5 -1,2
b6 -3,4
b7C -3,4
b7E -3

• On or about 2/9/2015, Steven Chase returned to his residence in Naples, Florida. [redacted]

• [redacted] Steven Chase was indicted in the District of North Carolina. A search warrant was obtained for Steven Chase's residence in Naples, Florida [redacted]

• On 2/19/2015, a search warrant was obtained [redacted]

• On 2/20/2015, at 12:30 AM, a no knock search warrant was executed at the residence of Steven Chase in Naples, Florida with the assistance of Tampa Field Office SWAT. At the time of entry [redacted] Chase invoked his right to counsel and was placed under arrest.

b3 -1
b6 -3
b7C -3
b7E -3

• On 2/20/2015, MCCU [redacted]

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• [redacted] MCCU personnel began [redacted] MCCU will continue this [redacted] through the duration of the operation. [redacted]

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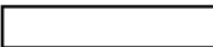
b3 -1
b6 -3
b7C -3
b7D -1,2
b7E -2,3,5,7,10,11

• On 2/24/2015, Steven Chase was ordered detained pending his extradition to the Western District of North Carolina.

[redacted]

• [redacted] Administrative subpoena results revealed the IP address is assigned to the account [redacted]

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- On 2/27/2015, MCCU obtained a search warrant from EDVA [redacted]
- On 3/4/2015, MCCU and DARC personnel, with the assistance of the [redacted] Field Office [redacted] RA, executed a search warrant on the residence of [redacted] was successfully interviewed [redacted] was arrested following the search [redacted] was indicted on [redacted] in the Western District of North Carolina on [redacted] counts of child exploitation related offenses, to include Enterprise. [redacted] remains in custody.

b5 -1,2
b6 -3
b7E -3
b7E -2,3,7

[redacted]

b3 -1
b6 -3
b7E -3
b7E -2,3,7

MCCU has served [redacted] subpoenas [redacted]

[redacted]

b3 -1
b7E -2,3,7

Upcoming Week(s):

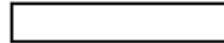
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- It is anticipated that field offices will obtain search warrants [redacted]

b7E -2,3

Strategy:

- PlayPen administrators and site moderators will be charged in the Western District of North Carolina as an enterprise prosecution.
- Field offices will initiate investigations on U.S. users and prosecute them through their local USAO.
- Phase 2: MCCU will evaluate the activity of the remaining [redacted] and send additional target packages to the field as applicable.
- Statistical accomplishments will be tracked by MCCU.

b7E -3





Operation Pacifier; Violent Crimes Against Children

[Redacted]

b7E -11

Subjects/Victim:	Operation Pacifier	
Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252	b6 -1,2
Field POCs:	[Redacted] Field Office - [Redacted] RA; SSA [Redacted]	b7C -1,2
	Tampa Field Office - Fort Meyers RA; SSRA [Redacted]	b7E -1
	Charlotte Field Office - SSA [Redacted]	
CID POCs:	A/SC [Redacted]	
	A/UC [Redacted]	
	SSA [Redacted]	
DOJ/USAO:	Western District of North Carolina, Eastern District of Virginia, Western District of Florida, DOJ/CEOS Trial Attorney [Redacted]	
Intel Coverage:	VCACIU	
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CID Threat: Violent Crimes Against Children

Significant Activity:

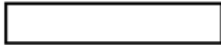
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 - [Redacted]
- On 3/30/2015, the [Redacted] Field Office executed a search warrant on the residence [Redacted] [Redacted] is employed [Redacted]. The identification [Redacted] occurred following an analysis of [Redacted] data, which identified [Redacted]. The identification of [Redacted] lead to the [Redacted] Field Office predated the [Redacted] [Redacted] gave a full confession reference his online activities, but did not disclose any hands-on offenses. [Redacted] was subsequently arrested on [Redacted] on the charge of Receipt of Child Pornography [Redacted]. Initial forensic review indicates that [Redacted] child exploitation material and may have also been involved in the distribution of child exploitation material.

b3 -1
b6 -3
b7C -3
b7E 3,10
b7D -1
b7E -10

Predication/Background:

- [Redacted]

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[Redacted] PlayPen is currently the largest hidden service dedicated to the sexual exploitation of children on the Tor Network

- [Redacted] b3 -3
b6 -3,4
b7C -3,4
b7D -1
b7E -3,5,10
- An administrative subpoena issued [Redacted]

• On 1/15/2015, Operation Pacifier was initiated by the MCCU as a joint investigation with Europol and the Italian Postal and Communications Police into the administrators and registered users of PlayPen.

- On 1/22/2015, MCCU and Charlotte Field Office personnel executed a search warrant [Redacted] b3 -2
b6 -3,4
b7C -3,4
b7E -2,3,4,7

• On 2/3/2015, agents from the [Redacted] RA learned from local authorities that Steven William Chase, the 55 year old [Redacted] Steven Chase resides in Naples, Florida and owns [Redacted]

- On or about 2/9/2015, Steven Chase returned to his residence in Naples, Florida. [Redacted] b5 -1,2
b6 -3,4
b7C -3,4
b7E -3

• [Redacted] Steven Chase was indicted in the District of North Carolina. A search warrant was obtained for Steven Chase's residence in Naples, Florida [Redacted]

- On 2/19/2015, a search warrant was obtained [Redacted]
- On 2/20/2015, at 12:30 AM, a no knock search warrant was executed at the residence of Steven Chase in Naples, Florida with the assistance of Tampa Field Office SWAT. At the time of entry, [Redacted] Chase invoked his right to counsel and was placed under arrest.

• [Redacted]

• [Redacted] MCCU personnel began [Redacted] MCCU will continue this [Redacted] through the duration of the operation. [Redacted]

- [Redacted] b3 -1
b6 -3
b7C -3
b7D -2
b7E -2,3,5,7,10

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[Redacted]

b7E -11

- On 2/24/2015, Steven Chase was ordered detained pending his extradition to the Western District of North Carolina. [Redacted] b3 -1
b5 -1,2
b6 -3
b7C -3
b7D -1
b7E -2,3,7,10,11

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- On 3/4/2015, MCCU and DARC personnel, with the assistance of the [Redacted] RA, executed a search warrant on the residence [Redacted] b6 -3
[Redacted] was successfully interviewed [Redacted] b7C -3
[Redacted] was arrested following the search. [Redacted] was indicted on [Redacted] in the Western District of North Carolina on [Redacted] counts of child b7E -3
exploitation related offenses, to include Enterprise. [Redacted] remains in custody.

- [Redacted] b6 -3
b7C -3
b7E -2,3,7

- MCCU has served [Redacted] subpoenas [Redacted]
- [Redacted] b3 -1
b7E -2,3,7

Upcoming Week(s):

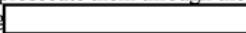
- Phase 1: Between of [Redacted] MCCU will develop and disseminate target packages [Redacted] VCACS b7E -2,3
personnel will hold a conference call with the affected field offices to discuss the strategy for target packages.
- It is anticipated that field offices will obtain search warrants [Redacted]

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Strategy:

- PlayPen administrators and site moderators will be charged in the Western District of North Carolina as an enterprise prosecution.
- Field offices will initiate investigations on U.S. users and prosecute them through their local USAO.
- Phase 2: MCCU will evaluate the activity of the remaining  additional target packages to the field as applicable.
- Statistical accomplishments will be tracked by MCCU.



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[Redacted]

b7E -11

Subjects/Victim:	Operation Pacifier
Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252
Field POCs:	[Redacted] Field Office - [Redacted] RA; SSA [Redacted] Tampa Field Office - Fort Meyers RA; SSRA [Redacted] Charlotte Field Office - SSA [Redacted]
CID POCs:	A/SC [Redacted] b6 -1,2 A/UC [Redacted] b7C -1,2 SSA [Redacted] b7E -1
DOJ/USAO:	Western District of North Carolina, Eastern District of Virginia, Western District of Florida, DOJ/CEOS Trial Attorneys [Redacted]
Intel Coverage:	VCACIU
Ops Coverage:	CID/ Violent Crimes Against Children Section (VCACS)/Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU)
Legal Process:	Pen Register/Trap and Trace (PRTT), Title III, Administrative Subpoena, Search Warrant

[Redacted]

CID Threat: Violent Crimes Against Children

Significant Activity:

- On 4/21/2015, [Redacted] provided the following update on Operation Pacifier targets [Redacted]

b7E -3, 10

[Redacted]

Predication/Background:

- [Redacted]
- [Redacted] PlayPen is currently the largest hidden service dedicated to the sexual exploitation of children on the Tor Network. b3 -3
b6 -3
b7C -3
- An administrative subpoena issued [Redacted] b7D -1
b7E -3, 5, 10

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[Redacted]

b7E -11

b6 -4

b7C -4

b7E -3

On 1/15/2015, Operation Pacifier was initiated by the MCCU as a joint investigation with Europol and the Italian Postal and Communications Police into the administrators and registered users of PlayPen.

On 1/22/2015, MCCU and Charlotte Field Office personnel executed a search warrant [Redacted]

b3 -2

b6 -3,4

b7C -3,4

b7E -2,3,4,7

[Redacted]

On 2/3/2015, agents from the [Redacted] RA learned from local authorities that Steven William Chase, the 55 year old [Redacted] Steven Chase resides in Naples, Florida [Redacted]

b5 -1,2

b6 -3,4

On or about 2/9/2015, Steven Chase returned to his residence in Naples, Florida. [Redacted]

b7C -3,4

b7E -3

[Redacted] Steven Chase was indicted in the District of North Carolina. A search warrant was obtained for Steven Chase's residence in Naples, Florida [Redacted]

On 2/19/2015, a search warrant was obtained [Redacted]

On 2/20/2015, at 12:30 AM, a no knock search warrant was executed at the residence of Steven Chase in Naples, Florida with the assistance of Tampa Field Office SWAT. At the time of entry [Redacted]

[Redacted] Chase invoked his right to counsel and was placed under arrest.

[Redacted]

[Redacted] MCCU personnel began [Redacted] schedule. MCCU will continue this [Redacted] through the duration of the operation [Redacted]

b3 -1

b6 -3

b7C -3

b7D -1,2

b7E -2,3,5,7,10

On 2/24/2015, Steven Chase was ordered detained pending his extradition to the Western District of North Carolina.

[Redacted]

Administrative subpoena results revealed the IP address is assigned to the account [Redacted]

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[Redacted]

b7E -11

- On 2/27/2015, MCCU obtained a search warrant from EDVA [Redacted] b6 -3
[Redacted] b7C -3
b7E -1,2,3,7
- On 3/4/2015, MCCU and DARC personnel, with the assistance of the [Redacted] RA, executed a search warrant on the residence of [Redacted] was successfully interviewed [Redacted] identities. [Redacted] was arrested following the search. [Redacted] was indicted on [Redacted] in the Western District of North Carolina on [Redacted] counts of child exploitation related offenses, to include Enterprise. [Redacted] remains in custody.

- [Redacted] b6 -3
b7C -3
b7E -2,3,7

- MCCU has served [Redacted] subpoenas for the [Redacted]

- [Redacted] b3 -1
b7E -2,3,7

Upcoming week(s).

- Phase 1: Between of [Redacted] MCCU will develop and disseminate target packages [Redacted] VCACS b7E -2,3
personnel will hold a conference call with the affected field offices to discuss the strategy for target packages.
- It is anticipated that field offices will obtain search warrants [Redacted] during the week of 5/11/2015.

Strategy:

- PlayPen administrators and site moderators will be charged in the Western District of North Carolina as an enterprise prosecution.
- Field offices will initiate investigations on U.S. users and prosecute them through their local USAO.
- Phase 2: MCCU will evaluate the activity of the remainin [Redacted] and send additional target packages to the field as applicable. b7E -3
- Statistical accomplishments will be tracked by MCCU.



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b7E -11

Subjects/Victim:	Operation Pacifier
Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252
Field POCs:	Charlotte Field Office - SSA [redacted] b6 -1,2
CID POCs:	UC [redacted] b7C -1,2 SSA [redacted] b7E -1
DOJ/USAO:	Western District of North Carolina, DOJ/CEOS Trial Attorney [redacted]
Intel Coverage:	VCACIU
Ops Coverage:	CID/VCACS/Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU)
Legal Process:	Pen Register/Trap and Trace (PRTT), Title III, Administrative Subpoena, Search Warrant

b5 -1,2

b6 -3

b7C -3

b7E -2,7

CID Threat: Violent Crimes Against Children

Significant Activity:

- On 5/12/2016, a hearing will be held [redacted] to determine if the judge in the [redacted] case will entertain the [redacted] which is pending AD Todd McCall's signature [redacted] has argued that the government has not met its burden to file such a motion [redacted] OTD personnel will be present should the judge [redacted]

b3 -1

b7D -1

b7E -2,3,5,7

Predication/Background:

- [redacted]
- [redacted] Steven Chase, the main administrator and operator of PlayPen, was indicted in the Western District of North Carolina.
- [redacted] MCCU personnel began [redacted] schedule.
- [redacted]
- [redacted]

Strategy:

- The FBI will not comply with the motion to compel discovery [redacted]
- [redacted] b5 -1,2
b6 -3
b7C -3
- This effort is being coordinated by CID, OTD, OGC, DOJ's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, and the USAO in the [redacted] b7E -2,7

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[Redacted]

b7E -11

Subjects/Victim:	Operation Pacifier
Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252
Field POCs:	[Redacted] Field Office - [Redacted] RA: SSA [Redacted] Tampa Field Office - Fort Meyers RA: SSRA [Redacted] Charlotte Field Office - SSA [Redacted]
CID POCs:	A/SC [Redacted] A/UC [Redacted] SSA [Redacted]
DOJ/USAO:	Western District of North Carolina, Eastern District of Virginia, Western District of Florida, DOJ/CEOS Trial Attorney [Redacted]
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b6 -1,2
b7C -1,2
b7E -1

CID Threat: Violent Crimes Against Children

Significant Activity:

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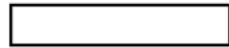
b7E -3,10

Predication/Background:

- [Redacted] PlayPen is currently the largest hidden service dedicated to the sexual exploitation of children on the Tor Network.
- An administrative subpoena issued [Redacted]

b3 -3
b6 -3of
b7C -3
b7D -1
b7E -2,3,5,10

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b7E -11

• On 1/15/2015, Operation Pacifier was initiated by the MCCU as a joint investigation with Europol and the Italian Postal and Communications Police into the administrators and registered users of PlayPen. b3 -2

• On 1/22/2015, MCCU and Charlotte Field Office personnel executed a search warrant [redacted] b6 -3,4

b7C -3,4
b7E -2,3,4,7

• On 2/3/2015, agents from the [redacted] RA learned from local authorities that Steven William Chase, the 55 year old [redacted] Steven Chase resides in Naples, Florida [redacted]

• On or about 2/9/2015, Steven Chase returned to his residence in Naples, Florida. [redacted] b5 -1,2

b6 -3,4

• Steven Chase was indicted in the [redacted] North Carolina. A search warrant was obtained for Steven Chase's residence in Naples, Florida [redacted] b7C -3,4
b7E -3

• On 2/19/2015, a search warrant was obtained [redacted]

• On 2/20/2015, at 12:30 AM, a no knock search warrant was executed at the residence of Steven Chase in Naples, Florida with the assistance of Tampa Field Office SWAT. At the time of entry, [redacted]

• Chase invoked his right to counsel and was placed under arrest. [redacted]

b3 -1
b7E -2,3

• [redacted] MCCU personnel began [redacted] schedule. MCCU will continue this [redacted] through the duration of the operation. [redacted]

b3 -1
b6 -3
b7C -3
b7D -1,2
b7E -2,3,5,7,10,11

• On 2/24/2015, Steven Chase was ordered detained pending his extradition to the Western District of North Carolina.

• Administrative subpoena results revealed the IP address is assigned to the account [redacted]

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[Redacted]

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b6 -3
b7C -3
b7E -2,3,7

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- MCCU has served [Redacted] subpoenas [Redacted]

[Redacted]

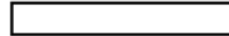
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Upcoming Week(s):

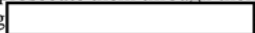
- Phase 1: Between [Redacted] MCCU will develop and disseminate the top 30 target packages [Redacted] VCACS personnel will hold a conference call with the affected field offices to discuss the strategy for target packages.
- MCCU will utilize onboard and TDY assets to assemble lead packages [Redacted] additional targets) and disseminate leads to the field as packages are completed [Redacted]
- It is anticipated that field offices will obtain search warrants [Redacted] with action dates as appropriate.

b7E -2,3

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Strategy:

- PlayPen administrators and site moderators will be charged in the Western District of North Carolina as an enterprise prosecution.
- Field offices will initiate investigations on U.S. users and prosecute them through their local USAO.
- Phase 2: MCCU will evaluate the activity of the remaining  additional target packages to the field as applicable.
- Statistical accomplishments will be tracked by MCCU.



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[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

Subjects/Victim:	Operation Pacifier
Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252
Field POCs:	[Redacted] Field Office - [Redacted] RA; SSA [Redacted] Tampa Field Office - Fort Meyers RA; SSRA [Redacted] Charlotte Field Office - SSA [Redacted]
CID POCs:	A/SC [Redacted] A/UC [Redacted] SSA [Redacted]
DOJ/USAO:	Western District of North Carolina, Eastern District of Virginia, Western District of Florida, DOJ/CEOS Trial Attorneys [Redacted]
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b6 -1,2
b7C -1,2
b7E -1

CID Threat: Violent Crimes Against Children

Significant Activity:

- Phase 1 update: [Redacted] the week ending on 05/15/2015. MCCU is coordinating with VCACU to organize regional conference calls with impacted field divisions to address questions and issues concerning targets in their AOR.

b7E -2

Predication/Background:

- [Redacted] PlayPen is currently the largest hidden service dedicated to the sexual exploitation of children on the Tor Network.
- [Redacted]
- An administrative subpoena issued [Redacted]
- On 1/15/2015, Operation Pacifier was initiated by the MCCU as a joint investigation with Europol and the Italian Postal and Communications Police into the administrators and registered users of PlayPen.

b3 -3of
b6 -3,4
b7C -3,4
b7D -1
b7E -2,3,5,10

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[Redacted]

b7E -11

b3 -2
b6 -3,4
b7C -3,4
b7E -2,3,4,7

• On 1/22/2015, MCCU and Charlotte Field Office personnel executed a search warrant at [Redacted]

• On 2/3/2015, agents from the [Redacted] RA learned from local authorities that Steven William Chase, the 55 year old [Redacted] Steven Chase resides in Naples, Florida [Redacted]

• On or about [Redacted] Steven Chase returned to his residence in Naples, Florida [Redacted] Steven Chase was indicted in the District [Redacted] North Carolina. A search warrant was obtained for Steven Chase's residence in Naples, Florida [Redacted]

b5 -1,2
b6 -3,4
b7C -3,4
b7E -3

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b3 -1
b7E -2,3

• [Redacted]

• [Redacted] MCCU personnel began [Redacted] schedule. MCCU will continue this [Redacted] through the duration of the operation. [Redacted]

b3 -1
b5 -1,2
b6 -3
b7C -3
b7D -1,2

• On 2/24/2015, Steven Chase was ordered detained pending his extradition to the Western District of North Carolina. [Redacted]

b7E -1,2,3,5,7,10,11

• [Redacted]

• [Redacted] Administrative subpoena results revealed the IP address is assigned to the account [Redacted]

• On 2/27/2015, MCCU obtained a search warrant from EDVA [Redacted]

• On 3/4/2015, MCCU and DARC personnel, with the assistance of the [Redacted] RA, executed a search warrant on the residence of [Redacted]

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[Redacted]

b7E -11

[Redacted] was successfully interviewed [Redacted]
[Redacted] was arrested following the search. [Redacted] was indicted on [Redacted] in the Western District of North Carolina on [Redacted] counts of (exploitation related offenses, to include Enterprise. [Redacted] remains in custody.

b3 -1
b6 -3
b7C -3
b7E -2,3,7

[Redacted]

MCCU has served [Redacted] subpoenas [Redacted]

[Redacted]

b3 -1
b7E -2,3,7

Upcoming week(s).

- MCCU will utilize onboard and TDY assets to assemble lead packages [Redacted] additional targets) and disseminate leads to the field as packages are completed.
- It is anticipated that field offices will obtain search warrants [Redacted] with action dates as appropriate.

b7E -3

Strategy:

- PlayPen administrators and site moderators will be charged in the Western District of North Carolina as an enterprise prosecution.
- Field offices will initiate investigations on U.S. users and prosecute them through their local USAO.
- Phase 2: MCCU will evaluate the activity of the remaining [Redacted] and send additional target packages to the field as applicable.
- Statistical accomplishments will be tracked by MCCU.

b7E -3



Operation Pacifier; Violent Crimes Against Children

[Redacted]

b7E -11

[Redacted]

Subjects/Victim:	Operation Pacifier	b6 -1,2
Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252	b7C -1,2 b7E -1
Field POCs:	Charlotte Field Office - SSA [Redacted]	
CID POCs:	UC [Redacted] SSA [Redacted]	
DOJ/USAO:	Western District of North Carolina, DOJ/CEOS Trial Attorney [Redacted]	
Intel Coverage:	VCACIU	
Ops Coverage:	CID/VCACS/Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU)	
Legal Process:	Pen Register/Trap and Trace (PRTT), Title III, Administrative Subpoena, Search Warrant	

b5 -1

CID Threat: Violent Crimes Against Children

b6 -3

Significant Activity:

b7C -3

- On 5/25/2016, the judge [Redacted] presiding over the [Redacted] case ruled that [Redacted] will be suppressed [Redacted]. The judge did not dismiss the case or any counts, but the ruling suppresses the evidence supporting the government's case.

b7E -2,7

b3 -1

Predication/Background:

b5 -1,2

- [Redacted]
- [Redacted] Steven Chase, the main administrator and operator of PlayPen, was indicted in the Western District of North Carolina.
- [Redacted] MCCU personnel began [Redacted] schedule.
- [Redacted]

b7E -2,3,5,7

Strategy:

- The FBI will work with the USAO [Redacted] CCIPS, and CEOS on appeal options.
- The FBI will take steps to assert law enforcement privilege in pending cases through additional testimony and seek affirmative rulings in other districts.
- These efforts are being coordinated by CID, OTD, OGC, DOJ CEOS and CCIPS.

b6 -3

b7C -3



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[Redacted]

b7E -11

Subjects/Victim:	Operation Pacifier
Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252
Field POCs:	[Redacted] Field Office - [Redacted] RA; SSA [Redacted] Tampa Field Office - Fort Meyers RA; SSRA [Redacted] Charlotte Field Office - SSA [Redacted]
CID POCs:	A/SC [Redacted] A/UC [Redacted] SSA [Redacted]
DOJ/USAO:	Western District of North Carolina, Eastern District of Virginia, Western District of Florida, DOJ/CEOS Trial Attorney [Redacted]
Intel Coverage:	VCACIU
Ops Coverage:	CID/ Violent Crimes Against Children Section (VCACS)/Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU)
Legal Process:	Pen Register/Trap and Trace (PRTT), Title III, Administrative Subpoena, Search Warrant

b6 -1,2
b7C -1,2
b7E -1

CID Threat: Violent Crimes Against Children

Significant Activity:

- Phase 1 [Redacted]
- On 5/28/2015, [Redacted] provided the following update on Operation Pacifier targets [Redacted]

b7E -2,3,10

Predication/Background:

- [Redacted] PlayPen is currently the largest hidden service dedicated to the sexual exploitation of children on the Tor Network.
- [Redacted]
- An administrative subpoena issued [Redacted]

b3 -3
b6 -3
b7C -3
b7D -1
b7E -3,5,10

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On 1/15/2015, Operation Pacifier was initiated by the MCCU as a joint investigation with Europol and the Italian Postal and Communications Police into the administrators and registered users of PlayPen.

On 1/22/2015, MCCU and Charlotte Field Office personnel executed a search warrant [redacted]

b3 -2
b6 -3,4
b7C -3,4
b7D -1
b7E -2,3,4,7,10

On 2/3/2015, agents from the [redacted] RA learned from local authorities that Steven William Chase, the 55 year old [redacted] Steven Chase resides in Naples, Florida [redacted]

b5 -1,2
b6 -3,4
b7C -3,4
b7E -3

On or about [redacted] Steven Chase returned to his residence in Naples, Florida. [redacted]

[redacted] Steven Chase was indicted in the District of North Carolina. A search warrant was obtained for Steven Chase's residence in Naples, Florida [redacted]

On 2/19/2015, a search warrant was obtained [redacted]

On 2/20/2015, at 12:30 AM, a no knock search warrant was executed at the residence of Steven Chase in Naples, Florida with the assistance of Tampa Field Office SWAT. At the time of entry [redacted] Chase invoked his right to counsel and was placed under arrest.

On 2/20/2015, MCCU [redacted]

[redacted] MCCU personnel began [redacted] schedule. MCCU will continue this [redacted] through the duration of the operation. [redacted]

b3 -1
b6 -3
b7C -3
b7D -1,2
b7E -2,3,5,7,10,11

On 2/24/2015, Steven Chase was ordered detained pending his extradition to the Western District of North Carolina.

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b7E -11

- On 2/27/2015, MCCU obtained a search warrant from EDVA [redacted]
- On 3/4/2015, MCCU and DARC personnel, with the assistance of the [redacted] RA, executed a search warrant on the residence of [redacted] identities. [redacted] was arrested following the search. [redacted] was indicted on [redacted] in the Western District of North Carolina on [redacted] counts of [redacted] exploitation related offenses, to include Enterprise. [redacted] remains in custody.

b5 -1, 2
b6 -3
b7C -3
b7E -2, 3, 7

[redacted]

b3 -1
b7E -2, 3, 7

[redacted]

Upcoming Week(s):

- MCCU will utilize onboard and TDY assets to assemble lead packages [redacted] additional targets) and disseminate leads to the field as packages are completed.
- It is anticipated that field offices will obtain search warrants [redacted] with action dates as appropriate.

b7E -3

Strategy:

- PlayPen administrators and site moderators will be charged in the Western District of North Carolina as an enterprise prosecution.
- Field offices will initiate investigations on U.S. users and prosecute them through their local USAO.
- Phase 2: MCCU will evaluate the activity of the remaining [redacted] and send additional target packages to the field as applicable.
- Statistical accomplishments will be tracked by MCCU.

b7E -3

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b7E -1,1



Subjects/Victim:	Operation Pacifier	
Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252	b6 -1,2 b7C -1,2
Field POCs:	[redacted] Field Office - [redacted] RA; SSA [redacted] Tampa Field Office - Fort Meyers RA; SSRA [redacted] Charlotte Field Office - SSA [redacted]	b7E -1
CID POCs:	A/SC [redacted] A/UC [redacted] SSA [redacted]	
DOJ/USAO:	Western District of North Carolina, Eastern District of Virginia, Western District of Florida, DOJ/CEOS Trial Attorney [redacted]	
Intel Coverage:	VCACIU	
Ops Coverage:	CID/ Violent Crimes Against Children Section (VCACS)/Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU)	
Legal Process:	Pen Register/Trap and Trace (PRTT), Title III, Administrative Subpoena, Search Warrant	

CID Threat: Violent Crimes Against Children

b6 -3

Significant Activity:

b7C -3

- Domestically [redacted] target packages have been disseminated to FBI field offices.
- On [redacted] [redacted] was arrested via criminal complaint following the execution of a search warrant [redacted] confessed to the illicit images and videos found on scene during the search.
- To date, the following field offices have identified personnel to develop target packages associated with their AOR:
 - Atlanta, Charlotte, Dallas, Detroit, Cleveland, Kansas City, New York, Seattle, and Tampa.
 - It is anticipated that [redacted] target packages will be completed and disseminated to FBI field offices by July 3, 2015.

b7E -2,3

Predication/Background:

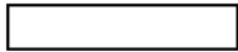
- [redacted] PlayPen was the largest hidden service dedicated to the sexual exploitation of children on the Tor Network.
- [redacted]
- On 1/15/2015, Operation Pacifier was initiated by the MCCU as a joint investigation with Europol and the Italian Postal and Communications Police into the administrators and registered users of PlayPen.
- [redacted] Steven Chase, the main administrator operator of PlayPen, was indicted in the District of North Carolina.

b5 -1,2

b7D -1

b7E -3,5,10

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- On 2/19/2015, a search warrant was obtained [redacted]
- On 2/20/2015, at 12:30 a.m., a no knock search warrant was executed at the residence of Steven Chase in Naples, Florida with the assistance of Tampa Field Office SWAT. At the time of entry, [redacted] Chase invoked his right to counsel and was placed under arrest [redacted]
- [redacted] MCCU personnel began [redacted] schedule. b3 -1
- On 2/24/2015, Steven Chase was ordered detained pending his extradition to the Western District of North Carolina. b5 -1,2
- [redacted] b6 -3
- [redacted] b7C -3
- [redacted] b7E -2,3,7
- MCCU has served [redacted] subpoenas [redacted]

Upcoming Week(s):

- MCCU continues utilizing onboard and TDY assets to assemble lead packages [redacted] It is anticipated that all target packages will be disseminated to the field offices by mid-July.
- VCACS continues to contact [redacted] more targets to assign TDY personnel to the MCCU for the purpose of compiling target packages associated with their respective AOR. The duration of the TDY is dependent upon the number of targets per AOR, as well as the number of agents sent to compile the packages. Once trained, a single agent can complete [redacted] lead packages per week. b7E -2,3,7,13
- MCCU has re-focused its efforts on the dissemination of target packages to field offices [redacted]
- VCACIU will employ additional onboard assets and coordinate [redacted] the target packages.
- It is anticipated that field offices will obtain search warrants [redacted] with action dates as appropriate.

Strategy:

- PlayPen administrators and site moderators will be charged in the Western District of North Carolina as an enterprise prosecution.
- [redacted]
- Field offices will initiate investigations on U.S. users and prosecute them through their local USAO [redacted]
- [redacted] b5 -1,2
- MCCU will send investigative packages [redacted] b7E -10
- Statistical accomplishments will be tracked by MCCU [redacted]



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[Redacted]

b7E -11

Subjects/Victim:	Operation Pacifier
Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252
Field POCs:	[Redacted] Field Office - [Redacted] RA: SSA [Redacted] Tampa Field Office - Fort Meyers RA: SSRA [Redacted] Charlotte Field Office - SSA [Redacted]
CID POCs:	A/SC [Redacted] A/UC [Redacted] SSA [Redacted]
DOJ/USAO:	Western District of North Carolina, Eastern District of Virginia, Western District of Florida, DOJ/CEOS Trial Attorney [Redacted]
Intel Coverage:	VCACIU
Ops Coverage:	CID/ Violent Crimes Against Children Section (VCACS)/Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU)
Legal Process:	Pen Register/Trap and Trace (PRTT), Title III, Administrative Subpoena, Search Warrant

b6 -1,2
b7C -1,2
b7E -1

CID Threat: Violent Crimes Against Children

Significant Activity:

- Domestically [Redacted] target packages have been disseminated to FBI field offices.
- Notable preliminary results include the identification of a Pediatric Oncologist, two daycare workers, and 16 Registered Sex Offenders.
- To date, the following field offices have sent personnel to the MCCU and have completed or are actively developing the target packages associated with their AOR:
 - [Redacted]
 - It is anticipated that [Redacted] target packages will be completed and disseminated to FBI field offices by July 3, 2015.

b7E 2,3

b5 -1,2

Predication/Background:

- [Redacted]
- [Redacted] PlayPen was the largest hidden service dedicated to the sexual exploitation of children on the Tor Network.
- [Redacted]
- On 1/15/2015, Operation Pacifier was initiated by the MCCU as a joint investigation with Europol and the Italian Postal and Communications Police into the administrators and registered users of PlayPen.
- [Redacted] Steven Chase, the main administrator and

b7D -1

b7E -3,5,10

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operator of PlayPen, was indicted in the District of North Carolina.

- On 2/19/2015, a search warrant was obtained [redacted]
- On 2/20/2015, at 12:30 a.m., a no knock search warrant was executed at the residence of Steven Chase in Naples, Florida with the assistance of Tampa Field Office SWAT. At the time of entry, [redacted] Chase invoked his right to counsel and was placed under arrest.

[redacted] MCCU personnel began [redacted] schedule.

b3 -1

On 2/24/2015, Steven Chase was ordered detained pending his extradition to the Western District of North Carolina.

b5 -1,2

b6 -3

b7C -3

b7E -2,3,7

MCCU has served [redacted] subpoenas [redacted]

Upcoming Week(s):

- MCCU continues utilizing onboard and TDY assets to assemble lead packages [redacted]. It is anticipated that all target packages will be disseminated to the field offices by mid-July.
- VCACS continues to contact [redacted] more targets to assign TDY personnel to the MCCU for the purpose of compiling target packages associated with their respective AOR. The duration of the TDY is dependent upon the number of targets per AOR, as well as the number of agents sent to compile the packages. Once trained, a single agent can complete [redacted] lead packages per week.
- MCCU has re-focused its efforts on the dissemination of target packages to field offices [redacted]
- VCACIU will employ additional onboard assets and coordinate [redacted] the target packages.
- It is anticipated that field offices will obtain search warrants [redacted] with action dates as appropriate.

b7E -2,3,7

Strategy:

- PlayPen administrators and site moderators will be charged in the Western District of North Carolina as an enterprise prosecution.
- [redacted]
- Field offices will initiate investigations on U.S. users and prosecute them through their local USAO.
- [redacted]
- MCCU will send investigative packages [redacted]
- Statistical accomplishments will be tracked by MCCU [redacted]
- [redacted] field offices have identified personnel who will report to the MCCU in the coming weeks to complete the target packages specific to their AOR.

b5 -1,2

b7E -10,13



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b7E -11

Subjects/Victim:	Operation Pacifier	
Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252	
Field POCs:	[redacted] Field Office - [redacted] RA; SSA [redacted] Tampa Field Office - Fort Meyers RA; SSRA [redacted] Charlotte Field Office - SSA [redacted]	b6 -1,2 b7C -1,2 b7E -1
CID POCs:	A/SC [redacted] A/UC [redacted] SSA [redacted]	
DOJ/USAO:	Western District of North Carolina, Eastern District of Virginia, Western District of Florida, DOJ/CEOS Trial Attorneys [redacted]	
Intel Coverage:	VCACIU	
Ops Coverage:	CID/ Violent Crimes Against Children Section (VCACS)/Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU)	
Legal Process:	Pen Register/Trap and Trace (PRTT), Title III, Administrative Subpoena, Search Warrant	

CID Threat: Violent Crimes Against Children

Significant Activity:

- Domestically, [redacted] target packages have been disseminated to FBI field offices.
- Notable preliminary results include the identification of a Pediatric Oncologist, two daycare workers, and 16 Registered Sex Offenders.
- To date, the following field offices have sent personnel to the MCCU and have completed or are actively developing the target packages associated with their AOR:
 - [redacted]
 - It is anticipated that [redacted] target packages will be completed and disseminated to FBI field offices by July 3, 2015.

b7E -2,3,

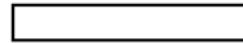
Predication/Background:

- [redacted] PlayPen was the largest hidden service dedicated to the sexual exploitation of children on the Tor Network.
- [redacted]
- On 1/15/2015, Operation Pacifier was initiated by the MCCU as a joint investigation with Europol and the Italian Postal and Communications Police into the administrators and registered users of PlayPen.

b7D -1
b7E -3,5,10

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- [redacted] Steven Chase, the main administrator and operator of PlayPen, was indicted in the District of North Carolina.
- On 2/19/2015, a search warrant was obtained [redacted]
- On 2/20/2015, at 12:30 a.m., a no knock search warrant was executed at the residence of Steven Chase in Naples, Florida with the assistance of Tampa Field Office SWAT. At the time of entry, [redacted] Chase invoked his right to counsel and was placed under arrest.
- [redacted] MCCU personnel began [redacted] schedule.
- On 2/24/2015, Steven Chase was ordered detained pending his extradition to the Western District of North Carolina.
- [redacted]
- [redacted]
- [redacted]
- [redacted]
- [redacted]
- MCCU has served [redacted] subpoenas [redacted]

b3 -1
b5 -1,2
b6 -3
b7C -3
b7E -2,3,7

Upcoming Week(s):

- MCCU continues utilizing onboard and TDY assets to assemble lead packages [redacted]
- [redacted] It is anticipated that all target packages will be disseminated to the field offices by mid-July.
- VCACS continues to contact [redacted] more targets to assign TDY personnel to the MCCU for the purpose of compiling target packages associated with their respective AOR. The duration of the TDY is dependent upon the number of targets per AOR, as well as the number of agents sent to compile the packages. Once trained, a single agent can complete [redacted] lead packages per week. b7E -2,3,7,13
- MCCU has re-focused its efforts on the dissemination of target packages to field offices [redacted]
- VCACIU will employ additional onboard assets and coordinate [redacted] the target packages.
- It is anticipated that field offices will obtain search warrants [redacted] with action dates as appropriate.

Strategy:

- PlayPen administrators and site moderators will be charged in the Western District of North Carolina as an enterprise prosecution [redacted] b5 -1,2
- [redacted] b7E -10,13
- Field offices will initiate investigations on U.S. users and prosecute them through their local USAO.
- [redacted]
- MCCU will send investigative packages [redacted]
- Statistical accomplishments will be tracked by MCCU [redacted]
- [redacted] field offices have identified personnel who will report to the MCCU in the coming weeks to complete the target packages specific to their AOR.



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b7E -11



Subjects/Victim:	Operation Pacifier	
Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252	b6 -1,2
Field POCs:	[redacted] Field Office - [redacted] RA; SSA [redacted] Tampa Field Office - Fort Meyers RA; SSRA [redacted] Charlotte Field Office - SSA [redacted]	b7C -1,2 b7E -1
CID POCs:	A/SC [redacted] A/UC [redacted] SSA [redacted]	
DOJ/USAO:	Western District of North Carolina, Eastern District of Virginia, Western District of Florida, DOJ/CEOS Trial Attorney [redacted]	
Intel Coverage:	VCACIU	
Ops Coverage:	CID/ Violent Crimes Against Children Section (VCACS)/Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU)	
Legal Process:	Pen Register/Trap and Trace (PRTT), Title III, Administrative Subpoena, Search Warrant	

CID Threat: Violent Crimes Against Children

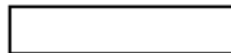
Significant Activity:

- Domestically [redacted] target packages have been disseminated to FBI field offices. b7E 2,3
- Notable preliminary results include the identification of a Pediatric Oncologist, two daycare workers, and 16 Registered Sex Offenders.
- To date, the following field offices have sent personnel to the MCCU and have completed or are actively developing the target packages associated with their AOR:
 - [redacted]
 - It is anticipated [redacted] target packages will be completed and disseminated to FBI field offices by July 3, 2015.

Predication/Background:

- [redacted] PlayPen was the largest hidden service dedicated to the sexual exploitation of children on the Tor Network. b7D -1
b7E -3,5,10
- On 1/15/2015, Operation Pacifier was initiated by the MCCU as a joint investigation with Europol and the Italian Postal and Communications Police into the administrators and registered users of PlayPen.

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- [REDACTED] Steven Chase, the main administrator and operator of PlayPen, was indicted in the District of North Carolina.
- On 2/19/2015, a search warrant was obtained [REDACTED]
- On 2/20/2015, at 12:30 a.m., a no knock search warrant was executed at the residence of Steven Chase in Naples, Florida with the assistance of Tampa Field Office SWAT. At the time of entry, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Chase invoked his right to counsel and was placed under arrest.

- [REDACTED] MCCU personnel began [REDACTED] schedule.
- On 2/24/2015, Steven Chase was ordered detained pending his extradition to the Western District of North Carolina.

b3 -1
b5 -1,2
b6 -3
b7C -3
b7E -2,3,7

- MCCU has served [REDACTED] subpoenas [REDACTED]

Upcoming Week(s):

- MCCU continues utilizing onboard and TDY assets to assemble lead packages [REDACTED]. It is anticipated that all target packages will be disseminated to the field offices by mid-July.
- VCACS continues to contact the [REDACTED] targets to assign TDY personnel to the MCCU for the purpose of compiling target packages associated with their respective AOR. The duration of the TDY is dependent upon the number of targets per AOR, as well as the number of agents sent to compile the packages. Once trained, a single agent can complete [REDACTED] lead packages per week.
- MCCU has re-focused its efforts on the dissemination of target packages to field offices [REDACTED]
- VCACIU will employ additional onboard assets and coordinate [REDACTED] the target packages.
- It is anticipated that field offices will obtain search warrants [REDACTED] with action dates as appropriate.

b7E -2,3,7,13

Strategy:

- PlayPen administrators and site moderators will be charged in the Western District of North Carolina as an enterprise prosecution.
- [REDACTED]
- Field offices will initiate investigations on U.S. users and prosecute them through their local USAO.
- [REDACTED]
- MCCU will send investigative packages [REDACTED]
- Statistical accomplishments will be tracked by MCCU [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] field offices have identified personnel who will report to the MCCU in the coming weeks to complete the target packages specific to their AOR.

b5 -1,2
b7E -10,13

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b7E -11

Subjects/Victim:	Operation Pacifier	
Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252	b6 -1,2
Field POCs:	[redacted] Field Office - [redacted] RA; SSA [redacted] Tampa Field Office - Fort Meyers RA; SSRA [redacted] Charlotte Field Office - SSA [redacted]	b7C -1,2 b7E -1
CID POCs:	A/SC [redacted] A/UC [redacted] SSA [redacted]	
DOJ/USAO:	Western District of North Carolina, Eastern District of Virginia, Western District of Florida, DOJ/CEOS Trial Attorney [redacted]	
Intel Coverage:	VCACIU	
Ops Coverage:	CID/ Violent Crimes Against Children Section (VCACS)/Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU)	
Legal Process:	Pen Register/Trap and Trace (PRTT), Title III, Administrative Subpoena, Search Warrant	

CID Threat: Violent Crimes Against Children

Significant Activity:

- Domestically [redacted] target packages have been disseminated to FBI field offices. b7E -2,3
- The following field offices currently have personnel at Linthicum, MD to complete work-up of target packages associated with their AOR:
 - [redacted]
 - It is anticipated [redacted] target packages will be completed and disseminated to FBI field offices by July 3, 2015.
- Notable preliminary results include the identification of a Pediatric Oncologist, two daycare workers, and 16 Registered Sex Offenders.

Predication/Background:

- [redacted] PlayPen was the largest hidden service dedicated to the sexual exploitation of children on the Tor Network. b5 -1,2
b7D -1
b7E -3,5,10
- On 1/15/2015, Operation Pacifier was initiated by the MCCU as a joint investigation with Europol and the Italian Postal and Communications Police into the administrators and registered users of PlayPen.
- [redacted] Steven Chase, the main administrator and operator of PlayPen, was indicted in the District of North Carolina.

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[Redacted]

- On 2/19/2015, a search warrant was obtained [Redacted]
- On 2/20/2015, at 12:30 a.m., a no knock search warrant was executed at the residence of Steven Chase in Naples, Florida with the assistance of Tampa Field Office SWAT. At the time of entry, [Redacted] Chase invoked his right to counsel and was placed under arrest.

- [Redacted] MCCU personnel began [Redacted] schedule. b3 -1
b5 -1,2
- On 2/24/2015, Steven Chase was ordered detained pending his extradition to the Western District of North Carolina. b6 -3

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

b7C -3
b7E -2,3,7

- MCCU has served [Redacted] subpoenas [Redacted]

Upcoming Week(s):

- MCCU continues utilizing onboard and TDY assets to assemble lead packages [Redacted]. It is anticipated that all target packages will be disseminated to the field offices by mid-July.
- VCACS continues to contact the [Redacted] more targets to assign TDY personnel to the MCCU for the purpose of compiling target packages associated with their respective AOR. The duration of the TDY is dependent upon the number of targets per AOR, as well as the number of agents sent to compile the packages. Once trained, a single agent can complete [Redacted] lead packages per week.
- MCCU has re-focused its efforts on the dissemination of target packages to field offices [Redacted]. b7E -2,3,7,13
- VCACIU will employ additional onboard assets and coordinate [Redacted] the target packages.
- It is anticipated that field offices will obtain search warrants [Redacted] with action dates as appropriate.

Strategy:

- PlayPen administrators and site moderators will be charged in the Western District of North Carolina as an enterprise prosecution. b5 -1,2
- [Redacted] b7E -10,13
- Field offices will initiate investigations on U.S. users and prosecute them through their local USAO.
- [Redacted]
- MCCU will send investigative packages [Redacted]
- Statistical accomplishments will be tracked by MCCU [Redacted]
- [Redacted] field offices have identified personnel who will report to the MCCU in the coming weeks to complete the target packages specific to their AOR.



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[Redacted]

b7E -1,1

Subjects/Victim:	Operation Pacifier
Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252
Field POCs:	[Redacted] Field Office - [Redacted] RA; SSA [Redacted] Tampa Field Office - Fort Meyers RA; SSRA [Redacted] Charlotte Field Office - SSA [Redacted]
CID POCs:	A/SC [Redacted] b6 -1,2 A/UC [Redacted] b7C -1,2 SSA [Redacted] b7E -1
DOJ/USAO:	Western District of North Carolina, Eastern District of Virginia, Western District of Florida, DOJ/CEOS Trial Attorney [Redacted]
Intel Coverage:	VCACIU
Ops Coverage:	CID/ Violent Crimes Against Children Section (VCACS)/Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU)
Legal Process:	Pen Register/Trap and Trace (PRTT), Title III, Administrative Subpoena, Search Warrant

[Redacted]

CID Threat: Violent Crimes Against Children

Significant Activity:

- Domestically, [Redacted] target packages have been disseminated to FBI field offices. b5 -1,2
- The following field offices currently have personnel at Linthicum, MD to complete work-up of target packages associated with their AOR: b7C -3
 - [Redacted] b7C -3
 - [Redacted] b7D -1

Predication/Background:

- [Redacted] b7E -3,5,10,13
- [Redacted] PlayPen was the largest hidden service dedicated to the sexual exploitation of children on the Tor Network.
- [Redacted]
- On 1/15/2015, Operation Pacifier was initiated by the MCCU as a joint investigation with Europol and the Italian Postal and Communications Police into the administrators and registered users of PlayPen.
- [Redacted] Steven Chase, the main administrator and operator of PlayPen, was indicted in the District of North Carolina.
- On 2/19/2015, a search warrant was obtained [Redacted]
- On 2/20/2015, at 12:30 a.m., a no knock search warrant was executed at the residence of Steven Chase in Naples, Florida with the assistance of Tampa Field

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Office SWAT. At the time of entry, [redacted]

[redacted] Chase invoked his right to counsel and was placed under arrest

[redacted] MCCU personnel began [redacted] schedule.

On 2/24/2015, Steven Chase was ordered detained pending his extradition to the Western District of North Carolina.

b3 -1
b6 -3
b7C -3
b7E -2,3,7

MCCU has served [redacted] subpoenas [redacted]

As of 6/29/2015, leads have been disseminated [redacted] field offices.

Notable preliminary results include the identification of a Pediatric Oncologist, two daycare workers, and 16 Registered Sex Offenders.

Upcoming Week(s):

MCCU continues utilizing onboard and TDY assets to assemble lead packages [redacted]

[redacted] It is anticipated that all target packages will be disseminated to the field offices by mid-July.

VCACS continues to contact [redacted] more targets to assign TDY personnel to the MCCU for the purpose of compiling target packages associated with their respective AOR. The duration of the TDY is dependent upon the number of targets per AOR, as well as the number of agents sent to compile the packages. Once trained, a single agent can complete [redacted] lead packages per week.

b7E -2,3,7,13

MCCU has re-focused its efforts on the dissemination of target packages to field offices with less than 20 targets.

VCACIU will employ additional onboard assets and coordinate [redacted] the target packages.

It is anticipated that field offices will obtain search warrants [redacted] with action dates as appropriate.

Strategy:

PlayPen administrators and site moderators will be charged in the Western District of North Carolina as an enterprise prosecution.

b5 -1,2

Field offices will initiate investigations on U.S. users and prosecute them through their local USAO.

b7E -10,13

MCCU will send investigative packages [redacted]

Statistical accomplishments will be tracked by MCCU [redacted]

[redacted] field offices have identified personnel who will report to the MCCU in the coming weeks to complete the target packages specific to their AOR.



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[Redacted]

b7E -11

Subjects/Victim:	Operation Pacifier	
Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252	
Field POCs:	[Redacted] Field Office - [Redacted] RA; SSA [Redacted]	
	Tampa Field Office - Fort Meyers RA; SSRA [Redacted]	
	Charlotte Field Office - SSA [Redacted]	
CID POCs:	UC [Redacted]	b6 -1,2
	SSA [Redacted]	b7C -1,2
	SSA [Redacted]	b7E -1
DOJ/USAO:	Western District of North Carolina, Eastern District of Virginia, Western District of Florida, DOJ/CEOS Trial Attorneys [Redacted]	
Intel Coverage:	VCACIU	
Ops Coverage:	CID/ Violent Crimes Against Children Section (VCACS)/Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU)	
Legal Process:	Pen Register/Trap and Trace (PRTT), Title III, Administrative Subpoena, Search Warrant	

[Redacted]

CID Threat: Violent Crimes Against Children

Significant Activity:

- On 7/22/2015, TP advised of their intent to utilize SWAT to secure locations for seven search warrants between [Redacted] As noted by TP, SWAT is being utilized "based on guidance from CID's Intelligence note [Redacted] At this time, it is anticipated that these warrants will be executed as "no knock" searches. b6 -4, b7C -4, b7E -2
- On 7/22/2015, PG advised of the suicide of Joseph Hartman. PG executed a search warrant at Hartman's residence on 7/17/2015 and he died from an apparent self inflicted gunshot wound on 7/18/2015.
- On 7/22/2015, MM advised of the suicide of Jonathon Barber. MM executed a search warrant at Barber's residence on 7/14/2015. Although Barber requested an attorney and did not speak to agents, he later told [Redacted] there was "bad stuff" on his computer. On 7/22/2015, Barber hung himself [Redacted]
- To date, three subjects associated with Operation Pacifier have committed suicide. In addition to the above, AT previously advised that after conducting a search warrant at the residence of Will McCracken on 7/1/2015, he committed suicide on 7/8/2015.

Predication/Background:

- [Redacted] PlayPen was the largest hidden service dedicated to the sexual exploitation of children on the Tor Network. b7D -1, b7E -3, 5, 10
- [Redacted]

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[Redacted]

[Redacted]
• [Redacted] Steven Chase, the main administrator and operator of PlayPen, was indicted in the District of North Carolina.

• On 2/19/2015, a search warrant was obtained [Redacted]

• [Redacted] MCCU personnel began [Redacted] schedule.

[Redacted]

b3 -1
b5 -1,2
b6 -3
b7C -3
b7E -2,3,7

• MCCU has served [Redacted] subpoenas [Redacted]

• Breakdown of leads disseminated as of 7/22/2015:
[Redacted]

• Notable preliminary results include the identification of a Pediatric Oncologist, five teachers, two daycare workers, and 16 Registered Sex Offenders.

• On 7/13/2015, the [Redacted] Field Office executed a search warrant [Redacted] currently serves as the [Redacted] confessed to his activities [Redacted]

Upcoming Week(s):

• MCCU continues utilizing onboard and TDY assets to assemble lead packages [Redacted] b7E -2,3,7,13

[Redacted] To date, [Redacted] leads have been disseminated to the field.

• MCCU will continue to assemble lead packages [Redacted]

• VCACIU will employ additional onboard assets and coordinate [Redacted] the target packages.

• It is anticipated that field offices will obtain search warrants [Redacted] with action dates as appropriate.

Strategy:

• PlayPen administrators and site moderators will be charged in the Western District of North Carolina as an enterprise prosecution.

[Redacted]

• Field offices will initiate investigations on U.S. users and prosecute them through their local USAO.

b5 -1,2
b7E -10

• As of 7/17/2015, all leads [Redacted]

[Redacted]

• Statistical accomplishments will be tracked by MCCU [Redacted]



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b7E -11

Subjects/Victim:	Operation Pacifier	
Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252	b6 -1,2
Field POCs:	[redacted] Field Office - [redacted] RA; SSA [redacted] Tampa Field Office - Fort Meyers RA; SSRA [redacted] Charlotte Field Office - SSA [redacted]	b7C -1,2 b7E -1
CID POCs:	UC [redacted] SSA [redacted] SSA [redacted]	
DOJ/USAO:	Western District of North Carolina, Eastern District of Virginia, Western District of Florida, DOJ/CEOS Trial Attorney [redacted]	
Intel Coverage:	VCACIU	
Ops Coverage:	CID/ Violent Crimes Against Children Section (VCACS)/Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU)	
Legal Process:	Pen Register/Trap and Trace (PRTT), Title III, Administrative Subpoena, Search Warrant	

b6 -3

b7C -3

b7E -2,3,13

CID Threat: Violent Crimes Against Children

Significant Activity:

- On the evening of 7/16/2015, the [redacted] Field Office SWAT team will assist in the execution of a search warrant at the residence [redacted] Recent photos identified [redacted] in possession [redacted] employee and Registered Sex Offender who was convicted of possessing child exploitation material while he [redacted] was subsequently prosecuted [redacted] for possessing child exploitation material.
- On 7/14/2015, the [redacted] Field Office executed a search warrant at the residence [redacted] confessed to possessing child exploitation material [redacted] advised he knew [redacted] as the agents approached his house. The local town [redacted] was able to recover [redacted] A preview of the [redacted] thumb drives reflect child exploitation material contained within. For unknown reasons [redacted] was fired [redacted] from his position [redacted] Domestically [redacted] target packages have been disseminated to FBI field offices.
- The following field offices currently have personnel at Linthicum, MD to complete work-up of target packages (# of packages) associated with their AOR:
 - [redacted]

b7D -1

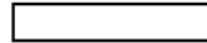
b7E -3,10

Predication/Background:

- [redacted] PlayPen was the largest hidden service dedicated to the sexual exploitation of children on the Tor Network.

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- [Redacted] b3 -1
- [Redacted] b5 -1,2
- [Redacted] Steven Chase, the main administrator of PlayPen, was indicted in the District of North Carolina. b6 -3
- On 2/19/2015, a search warrant was obtained [Redacted] b7C -3
- [Redacted] b7E -2, 3, 5, 7
- [Redacted] MCCU personnel began [Redacted] schedule
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- MCCU has served [Redacted] subpoenas [Redacted]
- Breakdown of leads disseminated as of 7/15/2015: [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- Notable preliminary results include the identification of a Pediatric Oncologist, two daycare workers, and 16 Registered Sex Offenders.

Upcoming Week(s):

- MCCU continues utilizing onboard and TDY assets to assemble lead packages [Redacted] b7E -2, 3, 7, 13
- [Redacted] It is anticipated that all target packages will be disseminated to the field offices by mid-July.
- VCACS continues to contact [Redacted] more targets to assign TDY personnel to the MCCU for the purpose of compiling target packages associated with their respective AOR. The duration of the TDY is dependent upon the number of targets per AOR, as well as the number of agents sent to compile the packages. Once trained, a single agent can complete [Redacted] lead packages per week.
- VCACIU will employ additional onboard assets and coordinate [Redacted] the target packages.
- It is anticipated that field offices will obtain search warrants [Redacted] with action dates as appropriate.

Strategy:

- PlayPen administrators and site moderators will be charged in the Western District of North Carolina as an enterprise prosecution.
- [Redacted] b5 -1,2
- Field offices will initiate investigations on U.S. users and prosecute them through their local USAO. b7E -10
- [Redacted]
- MCCU will send investigative packages [Redacted]
- Statistical accomplishments will be tracked by MCCU [Redacted]
- [Redacted] office has identified personnel who will report to the MCCU in the coming weeks to complete the target packages specific to their AOR.



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[Redacted]

b7E -11

Subjects/Victim:	Operation Pacifier	
Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252	b6 -1,2 b7C -1,2
Field POCs:	[Redacted] Field Office - [Redacted] RA: SSA [Redacted] Tampa Field Office - Fort Meyers RA: SSRA [Redacted] Charlotte Field Office - SSA [Redacted]	b7E -1
CID POCs:	UC [Redacted] SSA [Redacted] SSA [Redacted]	
DOJ/USAO:	Western District of North Carolina, Eastern District of Virginia, Western District of Florida, DOJ/CEOS Trial Attorney [Redacted]	
Intel Coverage:	VCACIU	
Ops Coverage:	CID/ Violent Crimes Against Children Section (VCACS)/Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU)	
Legal Process:	Pen Register/Trap and Trace (PRTT), Title III, Administrative Subpoena, Search Warrant	

CID Threat: Violent Crimes Against Children

Significant Activity:

- On [Redacted] the [Redacted] Field Office executed a search warrant on the residence [Redacted] currently serves as the [Redacted] confessed to his activities [Redacted] during the interview and was arrested. b6 -3
b7C -3
b7E -1,2,3
- The following field offices currently have personnel at Linthicum, MD to complete work-up of target packages (# of packages) associated with their AOR:
 - [Redacted]

Predication/Background:

- [Redacted] PlayPen was the largest hidden service dedicated to the sexual exploitation of children on the Tor Network. b3 -1,10n of
b5 -1,2
b6 -3
b7C -3
- [Redacted] Steven Chase, the main administrator of PlayPen, was indicted in the District of North Carolina. b7D -1,ind
b7E -2,3,5,7,10
- On 2/19/2015, a search warrant was obtained [Redacted]
- [Redacted] MCCU personnel began [Redacted] schedule.

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b7E -11



Subjects/Victim:	Operation Pacifier	
Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252	
Field POCs:	[redacted] Field Office - [redacted] RA; SSA [redacted] Tampa Field Office - Fort Meyers RA; SSRA [redacted] Charlotte Field Office - SSA [redacted]	b6 -1,2 b7C -1,2
CID POCs:	UC [redacted] SSA [redacted] SSA [redacted]	b7E -1
DOJ/USAO:	Western District of North Carolina, Eastern District of Virginia, Western District of Florida, DOJ/CEOS Trial Attorneys [redacted]	
Intel Coverage:	VCACIU	
Ops Coverage:	CID/ Violent Crimes Against Children Section (VCACS)/Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU)	
Legal Process:	Pen Register/Trap and Trace (PRTT), Title III, Administrative Subpoena, Search Warrant	

b6 -3,4
b7C -3,4
b7E -2,3

CID Threat: Violent Crimes Against Children

Significant Activity:

- On 8/12/2015 [redacted] anticipates executing a search warrant at the residence [redacted]. Investigation revealed [redacted] is employed [redacted]. [redacted] Based upon subpoenaed information, [redacted] has coordinated with [redacted] officials who will assist [redacted] also anticipates interviewing [redacted].
- On 8/14/2015, [redacted] Field Office anticipates executing a search warrant at the residence [redacted]. Investigation revealed [redacted]. Based upon subpoenaed information, [redacted] is associated [redacted]. [redacted] Field Office has coordinated with [redacted] officials who will assist in a ruse to remove [redacted] from the residence. [redacted] Field Office further anticipates [redacted] may be at the residence and have coordinated with local law enforcement and child protection services.

b7D -1
b7E -3,5,10

Predication/Background:

- [redacted]
- [redacted] PlayPen was the largest hidden service dedicated to the sexual exploitation of children on the Tor Network.



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[Redacted]

b7E -11

Subjects/Victim:	Operation Pacifier	
Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252	b6 -1,2
Field POCs:	[Redacted] Field Office - [Redacted] RA; SSA [Redacted] Tampa Field Office - Fort Meyers RA; SSRA [Redacted] Charlotte Field Office - SSA [Redacted]	b7C -1,2 b7E -1
CID POCs:	UC [Redacted] SSA [Redacted] SSA [Redacted]	
DOJ/USAO:	Western District of North Carolina, Eastern District of Virginia, Western District of Florida, DOJ/CEOS Trial Attorney, [Redacted]	
Intel Coverage:	VCACIU	
Ops Coverage:	CID/ Violent Crimes Against Children Section (VCACS)/Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU)	
Legal Process:	Pen Register/Trap and Trace (PRTT), Title III, Administrative Subpoena, Search Warrant	

[Redacted]

CID Threat: Violent Crimes Against Children	b3 -1 b5 -1,2
Significant Activity:	b6 -3 b7C -3 b7D -1 b7E -2,3,5,7,10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [Redacted] FBI Field Offices anticipate executing [Redacted] search warrants during the week of 8/16/2015. 	
Predication/Background:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [Redacted] [Redacted] PlayPen was the largest hidden service dedicated to the sexual exploitation of children on the Tor Network. [Redacted] [Redacted] Steven Chase, the main administrator and operator of PlayPen, was indicted in the District of North Carolina. On 2/19/2015, a search warrant was obtained [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] MCCU personnel began [Redacted] schedule. [Redacted] [Redacted] 	

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[Redacted]

b7E -11

- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- MCCU has served [Redacted] subpoenas [Redacted]
- Breakdown of leads disseminated as of 7/22/2015 [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- Notable preliminary results include the identification of a Pediatric Oncologist, five teachers, two daycare workers, and 16 Registered Sex Offenders.

b3 -1
b6 -3
b7C -3
b7E -2,3,7

Upcoming Week(s):

- MCCU continues to assemble lead packages [Redacted]
- [Redacted] To date, [Redacted] leads have been disseminated to the field.
- MCCU continues to assemble lead packages [Redacted]
- VCACIU continues to coordinate with field office IAs to complete open source "work-ups" on the target packages.
- Field offices will obtain search warrants [Redacted] and action as appropriate.

b7E -2,3,7

Strategy:

- PlayPen administrators and site moderators will be charged in the Western District of North Carolina as an enterprise prosecution.
- [Redacted]
- Field offices will initiate investigations on U.S. users and prosecute them through their local USAO.
- [Redacted]
- As of 8/17/2015, all leads [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- Statistical accomplishments will be tracked by MCCU [Redacted]

b5 -1,2
b7E -10



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b7E -11



Subjects/Victim:	Operation Pacifier	
Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252	b6 -1,2
Field POCs:	[redacted] Field Office - [redacted] RA; SSA [redacted] Tampa Field Office - Fort Meyers RA; SSRA [redacted] Charlotte Field Office - SSA [redacted]	b7C -1,2 b7E -1
CID POCs:	UC [redacted] SSA [redacted] SSA [redacted]	
DOJ/USAO:	Western District of North Carolina, Eastern District of Virginia, Western District of Florida, DOJ/CEOS Trial Attorney [redacted]	
Intel Coverage:	VCACIU	
Ops Coverage:	CID/ Violent Crimes Against Children Section (VCACS)/Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU)	
Legal Process:	Pen Register/Trap and Trace (PRTT), Title III, Administrative Subpoena, Search Warrant	

CID Threat: Violent Crimes Against Children	b3 -1 b5 -1,2
Significant Activity:	b6 -3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [redacted] FBI Field Offices anticipate executing [redacted] search warrants during the week of 8/16/2015. 	b7C -3 b7D -1 b7E -2,3,5,7,10
Prediction/Background:	
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[Redacted]

b7E -11

- [Redacted]
- MCCU has served [Redacted] subpoenas [Redacted]
- Breakdown of leads disseminated as of 7/22/2015 [Redacted]

b3 -1
b6 -3
b7C -3
b7E -2,3,7

[Redacted]

- Notable preliminary results include the identification of a Pediatric Oncologist, five teachers, two daycare workers, and 16 Registered Sex Offenders.

Upcoming Week(s):

- MCCU continues to assemble lead packages for [Redacted]
- [Redacted] To date [Redacted] leads have been disseminated to the field.
- MCCU continues to assemble lead packages [Redacted]
- VCACIU continues to coordinate with field office IAs to complete open source "work-ups" on the target packages.
- Field offices will obtain search warrants [Redacted] and action as appropriate.

b7E -2,3,7

Strategy:

- PlayPen administrators and site moderators will be charged in the Western District of North Carolina as an enterprise prosecution.
- [Redacted]
- Field offices will initiate investigations on U.S. users and prosecute them through their local USAO.
- [Redacted]
- As of 8/17/2015, all leads [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- Statistical accomplishments will be tracked by MCCU [Redacted]

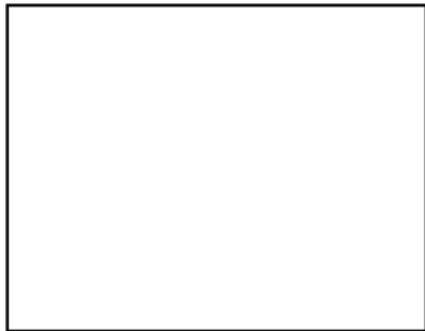
b5 -1,2
b7E -10



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[Redacted]

b7E -11



Subjects/Victim:	Operation Pacifier	b6 -1,2
Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252	b7C -1,2
Field POCs:	Charlotte Field Office - SSA [Redacted]	b7E -1
CID POCs:	UC [Redacted] SSA [Redacted] SSA [Redacted]	
DOJ/USAO:	Western District of North Carolina, DOJ/CEOS Trial Attorney [Redacted]	
Intel Coverage:	VCACIU	
Ops Coverage:	CID/VCACS/Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU)	
Legal Process:	Pen Register/Trap and Trace (PRTT), Title III, Administrative Subpoena, Search Warrant	

CID Threat: Violent Crimes Against Children

b6 -3

b7C -3

Significant Activity:

- On 8/19/2015, [Redacted] will be indicted in the Western District of North Carolina as part of the enterprise prosecution.

Predication/Background:

- [Redacted]
- [Redacted] Steven Chase, the main administrator and operator of PlayPen, was indicted in the Western District of North Carolina.
- [Redacted] MCCU personnel began [Redacted] schedule.
- [Redacted]

b3 -1

b5 -1,2

b7E -2,3,5,7

Upcoming Week(s):

- Field offices will obtain search warrants for U.S. users and action as appropriate.

Strategy:

- PlayPen administrators and site moderators will be charged in the Western District of North Carolina as an enterprise prosecution.
- [Redacted]
- Field offices will initiate investigations on U.S. users and prosecute them through their local USAO.
- [Redacted]
- The Legat network will be used to disseminate packages [Redacted]

b5 -1,2

b7E -10



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b7E -11

Subjects/Victim:	Operation Pacifier
Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252
Field POCs:	Charlotte Field Office – SSA [redacted]
CID POCs:	UC [redacted] SSA [redacted]
DOJ/USAO:	Western District of North Carolina, DOJ/CEOS Trial Attorney [redacted]
Intel Coverage:	VCACIU
Ops Coverage:	CID/VCACS/Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU)
Legal Process:	Pen Register/Trap and Trace (PRTT), Title III, Administrative Subpoena, Search Warrant

b6 -1,2
b7C -1,2
b7E -1

CID Threat: Violent Crimes Against Children

Significant Activity:

- Steven Chase has been advised that he has until 12/1/2015 to accept a plea deal or stand trial on 1/11/2016.
- Domestic statistical accomplishments to date [redacted] identified.

b3 -1

b5 -1,2

b7E -2,3,5,7

Predication/Background:

- [redacted] Steven Chase, the main administrator and operator of PlayPen, was indicted in the Western District of North Carolina.
- [redacted] MCCU personnel began [redacted] schedule.
- [redacted]

Upcoming Week(s):

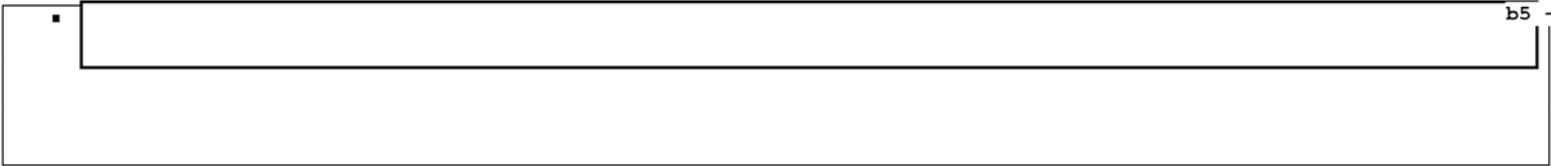
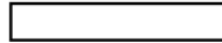
- Field offices will obtain search warrants [redacted] and action as appropriate.

b7E -1

Strategy:

- VCACS has been tracking instances where USAOs have not supported search warrant application requests and/or prosecutions of Operation Pacifier subjects. In most of those instances, the identified USAOs have [redacted]
- Field Offices currently affected by this USAO policy are WFO (EDVA), Newark, Minneapolis, Memphis/Nashville RA, Los Angeles/OCRA, Seattle, San Francisco, and San Diego.

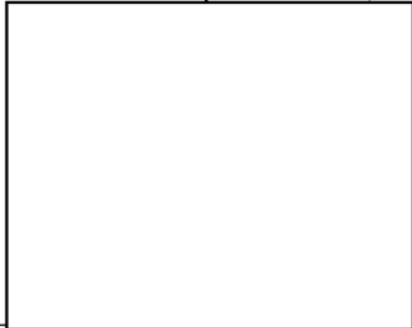
b4 -1,2





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b7E -11



Subjects/Victim:	Operation Pacifier	
Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252	b6 -1,2
Field POCs:	Charlotte Field Office - SSA [redacted]	b7C -1,2 b7E -1
CID POCs:	UC [redacted] SSA [redacted]	
DOJ/USAO:	Western District of North Carolina, DOJ/CEOS Trial Attorney [redacted]	
Intel Coverage:	VCACIU	
Ops Coverage:	CID/VCACS/Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU)	
Legal Process:	Pen Register/Trap and Trace (PRTT), Title III, Administrative Subpoena, Search Warrant	

CID Threat: Violent Crimes Against Children

b6 -3
b7C -3

Significant Activity:

- On 12/18/2015, [redacted] signed his guilty plea in the Western District of North Carolina as part of the enterprise prosecution.

Predication/Background:

- [redacted]
- [redacted] Steven Chase, the main administrator and operator of PlayPen, was indicted in the Western District of North Carolina.
- [redacted] MCCU personnel began [redacted] schedule.
- [redacted]

b5 -1,2
b7D -1
b7E -2,3,5,7

Upcoming Week(s):

- Field offices will obtain search warrants [redacted] and action as appropriate.

Strategy:

- VCACS has been tracking instances where USAOs have not supported search warrant application requests and/or prosecutions of Operation Pacifier subjects. In most of those instances, the identified USAOs have [redacted]
- [redacted]
- Field Offices currently affected by this USAO policy are WFO (EDVA), Newark, Minneapolis, Memphis/Nashville RA, Los Angeles/OCRA, Seattle, San Francisco, Buffalo/Rochester RA, and San Diego.

b5 -1,2



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[Redacted]

b7E -11

[Redacted]

Subjects/Victim:	Operation Pacifier	
Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252	b6 -1,2
Field POCs:	[Redacted] Field Office - [Redacted] RA: SSA [Redacted]	b7C -1,2
	Tampa Field Office - Naples RA: SSRA [Redacted]	b7E -1
	Charlotte Field Office - SSA [Redacted]	
CID POCs:	SC Michael Harpster	
	UC [Redacted] SSA [Redacted]	
DOJ/USAO:	District of North Carolina, Eastern District of Virginia, Western District of Florida DOJ/CEOS Trial Attorney [Redacted]	
Intel Coverage:	VCACIU	
Ops Coverage:	CID/ Violent Crimes Against Children Section (VCACS)/Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU)	
Legal Process:	Pen Register/Trap and Trace (PRTT), Title III, Administrative Subpoena, Grand Jury Subpoena, Search Warrant, Seizure Warrant	

CID Threat: Violent Crimes Against Children

Significant Activity:

- On 2/20/2015, at 12:30 AM, a no knock search warrant was executed at the residence of Steven Chase in Naples, Florida with the assistance of Tampa Field Office SWAT. At the time of entry [Redacted] b6 -3
[Redacted] b7C -3
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- Chase invoked his right to counsel and was placed under arrest.
- MCCU subsequently executed [Redacted]

Predication/Background:

- [Redacted] PlayPen is currently the largest hidden service dedicated to the sexual exploitation of children on the Tor Network b7D -1
b7E -3,5,10
- An administrative subpoena issued [Redacted]

Operation Pacifier; Violent Crimes Against Children



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- On 1/15/2015, Operation Pacifier was initiated by the MCCU as a joint investigation with Europol and the Italian Postal and Communications Police into the administrators and registered users of PlayPen.
- On 1/22/2015, MCCU and Charlotte Field Office personnel executed a search warrant [Redacted]

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[Redacted]

- On 2/3/2015, agents from the [Redacted] RA learned from local authorities that Steven William Chase, the 55 year old [Redacted] Steven Chase resides in Naples, Florida [Redacted]

- On or about 2/9/2015, Steven Chase returned to his residence in Naples, Florida. [Redacted]

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b7E -3

- [Redacted] Steven Chase was indicted in the District of North Carolina. A search warrant was obtained for Steven Chase's residence in Naples, Florida [Redacted]

- On 2/19/2015, a search warrant was obtained [Redacted]

Upcoming Week(s):

- MCCU will obtain a Title III order [Redacted]
- MCCU and DARC will deploy personnel to assist Tampa Field Office - Naples RA in the search, arrest, and interview of Steven Chase.
- [Redacted]

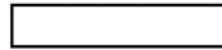
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Strategy:

- At the time of search warrant execution, MCCU will [Redacted] Charlotte Field Office CART personnel will then seize [Redacted] MCCU will [Redacted] from the OTD offsite in Virginia.
- [Redacted]
- MCCU personnel will conduct [Redacted] with support from VCACS for the duration of the operation. VCACIU personnel will be on-hand for [Redacted] development of subject packages. VCACU personnel will be on-hand for direct communication with FBI Field Office personnel should immediate leads be generated.
- [Redacted]
- Operational duration is fluid and based on the success [Redacted]
- Operational plan in place providing full Title III coverage by SAs with MAPA and IA support.
- PlayPen administrators and site moderators will be charged and prosecuted in the District of North Carolina as an enterprise prosecution.

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Operation Pacifier; Violent Crimes Against Children





Operation Torpedo

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

Subjects/Victim:	[Redacted]	b6 -1,2 b7C -1,2
Statutory Violations:	Title 18 § 2252	b7E -1
Field POCs:	ASAC [Redacted] SSA [Redacted] SA [Redacted]	
CID POCs:	UC [Redacted] SSA [Redacted] SA [Redacted] SA [Redacted]	
DOJ/USAO:	District of Nebraska USAO DOJ/CEOS AUSA [Redacted] CEOS TA [Redacted]	
Intel Coverage:	IA [Redacted]	
Ops Coverage:	Click here to enter text	
Legal Process:	Search Warrants, Arrest Warrants, Title III Authority	

CID Threat: Violent Crimes Against Children

Significant Activity:

- On 08/26/2014, Timothy Ray Defoggi, former Acting Director of Cyber Security at the US Department of Health and Human Services was convicted by a federal jury in Nebraska of seven counts of engaging in a child exploitation enterprise, conspiracy to advertise and distribute child pornography, and accessing a computer with intent to view child pornography. Sentencing is scheduled for 11/07/2014.
 - Defoggi was arrested subsequent to execution of a search warrant on 04/09/2013 at his residence in Germantown, MD. Baltimore Field Office, with assistance of MCCU, arrested Defoggi without incident.

Predication/Background:

- The Onion Router (Tor) is an online anonymity system that was initially developed by the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory through a private grant, and is now developed by a nonprofit organization called Tor Project which is funded by a combination of US government and private sector support.
- By directing Internet traffic through a volunteer, overlay network of computer servers distributed throughout the world, Tor obfuscates the source and destination of Internet traffic and ultimately facilitates online anonymity. Tor facilitates online anonymity for legitimate purposes to individuals and entities concerned with Internet privacy and confidentiality, but as an unintended byproduct, it also facilitates criminal activity to include, child sexual exploitation, without concern for law enforcement detection.

Operation Torpedo

[Redacted]

- [Redacted] the proliferation of child sexual exploitation “Hidden Services,” and the ongoing, egregious, “worst of the worst” child sexual exploitation through Tor.
- The MCCU, in close coordination with [Redacted] the OTD’s Remote Operations Unit (ROU), developed and successfully deployed [Redacted] b3 -1
- The investigative protocol developed and implemented for Operation Torpedo [Redacted] b7E -1,2,3,7
- [Redacted]

Additional Information:

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- [Redacted] subpoenas were served [Redacted]
- Detailed investigative reports were compiled, and approximately [Redacted] investigative leads were generated and sent [Redacted]
- The administrator of the three sites, Aaron McGrath, and one other subject pled guilty to a child exploitation enterprise. One subject pled guilty to accessing the website with intent to view child pornography. Three additional pleas are expected, and 15 subjects have been indicted and are scheduled for trial, pending the outcome of judicial rulings. Two additional subjects, both registered sex offenders, were identified and based on violations of their parole were arrested and re-charged in that jurisdiction. One other subject committed suicide after a search was conducted at his residence.



[Redacted] Sexual Exploitation of Children—Enterprises; [Redacted]

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CID Threat Band: Violent Crimes Against Children

Significant Activity:

September 5, 2013 Status Update of Evidence Analysis and Triage Effort

- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]

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Predication/Background:

- This case is targeting [Redacted] The Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU) identified [Redacted] The child sexual exploitation material [Redacted] is some of the worst ever seen by the FBI. [Redacted] MCCU, working in conjunction with OTD Remote Operations Unit (ROU), developed and acquired [Redacted]
- The MCCU, utilizing [Redacted]

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b7C -1,2
b7E -1,2,3,7

Subjects/Victim:	[Redacted]
Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252
Field POCs:	Legat London Legat The Hague Legat Paris
CID POCs:	UC [Redacted] SSA [Redacted] SSA [Redacted] SA [Redacted] SA [Redacted]
DOJ/USAO:	District of Maryland DOJ/CEOS Trial Attorney [Redacted]
Intel Coverage:	VCACIU
Ops Coverage:	CID/MCCU Europol
Legal Process:	MLATs – France Title III Search Warrants

Strategy/Plan Forward:

b7E -2,3,7,10

- VCACS will compile lead packages to the appropriate field offices when subject work-ups are completed.
- [redacted] is coordinating [redacted] to secure legal process [redacted] and compile lead packages to the appropriate authority [redacted]
- VCACS [redacted] DOJ's DOJ Computer Crime & Intellectual Property Section (CCIPS) will serve as legal conduit for any legal process [redacted]

Additional Information/Timeline:

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- [redacted]

- During the operational phase of the investigation [redacted] Search warrants will be obtained through the Federal Judicial District of Maryland for the historic information.

- [redacted]

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Additionally, DOJ CCIPS developed protocols which were implemented by the technical team [redacted] DOJ CCIPS also provided legal guidance for the technical team regarding the service of any legal processes such as search warrants, T-III requests, and emergency disclosure notices associated [redacted]

- On July 31, 2013 [redacted]
- On July 29, 2013, Irish authorities in Dublin, Ireland executed a search warrant on the residence of [redacted] Eric Marques.
- On July 22, 2013, OTD personnel, [redacted]
- Prior to the operational phase of this investigation, the FBI and DOJ Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS) predicated [redacted]

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- [redacted]

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b7E -3,10



[Redacted] Sexual Exploitation of Children—Enterprises: [Redacted] b7E -1,11

CID Threat Band: Violent Crimes Against Children

Significant Activity:

- [Redacted] search warrants executed domestically against 18 of 20 subjects [Redacted]
- Europol and third party states have investigated [Redacted] Additional searches are still pending.
- [Redacted] b7E -1,2,3,7

Predication/Background:

- This case is targeting [Redacted] The Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU) identified [Redacted] The child sexual exploitation material [Redacted] comprised some of the worst ever seen by the FBI.
- [Redacted] MCCU, working in conjunction with OTD Remote Operations Unit (ROU), developed and acquired [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- The MCCU [Redacted]

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b7C -1,2
b7E -1,2,3,7

Subjects/Victim:	[Redacted]
Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252
Field POCs:	Legat London Legat The Hague Legat Paris Legat New Delhi
CID POCs:	UC [Redacted] SSA [Redacted] SSA [Redacted] SA [Redacted] SA [Redacted]
DOJ/USAO:	District of Maryland DOJ/CEOS Trial Attorney [Redacted]
Intel Coverage:	VCACIU
Ops Coverage:	CID/MCCU Europol
Legal Process:	MLATs – France/Ireland Title III Search Warrants

Strategy/Plan Forward:

b7E -1,2,3,7,10

- FBI field offices [redacted] will be conducting forensic examination of seized evidence items.
- VCACS [redacted]
- Analysis [redacted]
- Additional leads will be disseminated to field offices as analysis [redacted]
- [redacted] DOJ Computer Crime & Intellectual Property Section (CCIPS) and CEOS will serve as the legal conduit for any legal process [redacted]
- Prosecution of ten of the domestic subjects identified [redacted] is currently planned to occur in the District of Maryland in January 2014. Remaining subjects are being investigated / prosecuted within their respective federal jurisdiction.

Additional Information/Timeline:

- [redacted]
- [redacted]

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b7E -1,2,3,10

Between [redacted] the FBI deployed personnel [redacted] in support of the [redacted] arrest of [redacted] Eric Eoin Marques.

- [redacted]
- [redacted]

On September 12, 2013, pursuant to the submission of a provisional arrest warrant and extradition request, subject Marques was remanded into custody by Irish authorities pending official extradition.

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[Redacted] Sexual Exploitation of Children—Enterprises: [Redacted] b7E -1,11

CID Threat Band: Violent Crimes Against Children

Significant Activity:

- [Redacted] search warrants executed domestically against 18 of 20 subjects [Redacted]
- Europol and third party states have investigated [Redacted] Additional searches are still pending.
- [Redacted] b7E -1,2,3,7

Predication/Background:

- This case is targeting [Redacted] The Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU) identified [Redacted] The child sexual exploitation material [Redacted] comprised some of the worst ever seen by the FBI.
- [Redacted] MCCU, working in conjunction with OTD Remote Operations Unit (ROU), developed and acquired [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- The MCCU [Redacted]

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Subjects/Victim:	[Redacted]
Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252
Field POCs:	Legat London Legat The Hague Legat Paris Legat New Delhi
CID POCs:	UC [Redacted] SSA [Redacted] SSA [Redacted] SA [Redacted] SA [Redacted]
DOJ/USAO:	District of Maryland DOJ/CEOS Trial Attorney [Redacted]
Intel Coverage:	VCACIU
Ops Coverage:	CID/MCCU Europol
Legal Process:	MLATs – France/Ireland Title III Search Warrants

Strategy/Plan Forward:

- FBI field offices [redacted] will be conducting forensic examination of seized evidence items.
- VCACS [redacted] b7E -1,2,3,7,10
- Analysis [redacted]
- Additional leads will be disseminated to field offices as analysis [redacted]
- [redacted] DOJ Computer Crime & Intellectual Property Section (CCIPS) and CEOS will serve as the legal conduit for any legal process [redacted]
- Prosecution of ten of the domestic subjects identified [redacted] is currently planned to occur in the District of Maryland in January 2014. Remaining subjects are being investigated / prosecuted within their respective federal jurisdiction.

Additional Information/Timeline:

- [redacted] b7D -1
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- [redacted]
- Between [redacted] the FBI deployed personnel [redacted] in support of the [redacted] arrest of [redacted] Eric Eoin Marques.
- [redacted] b3 -1
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b7E -2,3,7,10
- On September 12, 2013, pursuant to the submission of a provisional arrest warrant and extradition request, subject Marques was remanded into custody by Irish authorities pending official extradition.
- [redacted]



[Redacted] Sexual Exploitation of Children—Enterprises; [Redacted]

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CID Threat Band: Violent Crimes Against Children

Significant Activity:

November 8, 2013 Status Update of Evidence Analysis and Triage Effort

[Redacted]

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Predication/Background:

- This case is targeting [Redacted] The Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU) identified [Redacted] The child sexual exploitation material [Redacted] comprised some of the worst ever seen by the FBI.
- [Redacted] MCCU, working in conjunction with OTD Remote Operations Unit (ROU), developed and acquired [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- The MCCU [Redacted]

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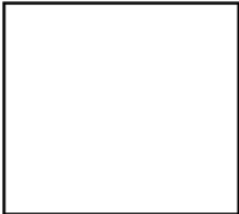
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DOJ/USAO:	District of Maryland DOJ/CEOS Trial Attorney [Redacted]
Intel Coverage:	VCACIU
Ops Coverage:	CID/MCCU Europol
Legal Process:	MLATs – France/Ireland Title III Search Warrants

Strategy/Plan Forward:

- VCACS has set leads to [redacted] field offices for execution of search warrants during the week of November 18, 2013. To date, [redacted] warrants have already been executed and the subjects arrested based on potential production and contact offenses against children. [redacted] are currently slated for prosecution in the District of Maryland with support provided by VCACS, MCCU and DOJ Child Exploitation Obscenity Section (CEOS). Forensic review will be conducted by the Digital Analysis and Research Center (DARC).
- Starting approximately November 18, 2013 [redacted]
- [redacted]
- A coordinated press release [redacted] will occur, approximately, November 26, 2013. b7E -2,3,10
- VCACS [redacted]
- Additional leads will be disseminated to field offices as analysis [redacted]
- [redacted]
- [redacted] DOJ Computer Crime & Intellectual Property Section (CCIPS) and CEOS will serve as the legal conduit for any legal process [redacted]

Additional Information/Timeline:

- [redacted] b7D -1
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- [redacted]
- Between [redacted] the FBI deployed personnel [redacted] in support of the [redacted] arrest of [redacted] Eric Eoin Marques, at his residence in Ireland.
- [redacted] b3 -1
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- [redacted]
- On September 12, 2013, pursuant to the submission of a provisional arrest warrant and extradition request, subject Marques was remanded into custody by Irish authorities pending official extradition.
- A review [redacted] conducted by MCCU and VCACIU.



[Redacted] Sexual Exploitation of Children—Enterprises; [Redacted]

CID Threat Band: Violent Crimes Against Children

Significant Activity:

November 20, 2013

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- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]

Predication/Background:

- This case is targeting [Redacted] The Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU) identified [Redacted] The child sexual exploitation material [Redacted] comprised some of the worst ever seen by the FBI.
- [Redacted] MCCU, working in conjunction with OTD Remote Operations Unit (ROU), developed and acquired [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- The MCCU, [Redacted]

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Subjects/Victim:	[Redacted]
Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252
Field POCs:	Legat London Legat The Hague Legat Paris Legat New Delhi
CID POCs:	UC [Redacted] SSA [Redacted] SSA [Redacted] SA [Redacted] SA [Redacted]
DOJ/USAO:	District of Maryland DOJ/CEOS Trial Attorney [Redacted]
Intel Coverage:	VCACIU
Ops Coverage:	CID/MCCU Europol
Legal Process:	MLATs – France/Ireland Title III Search Warrants

Strategy/Plan Forward:

- VCACS has set leads to [redacted] field offices for execution of search warrants during the week of November 18, 2013. [redacted] these warrants have already been executed and the subjects arrested based on potential production and contact offenses against children. [redacted] are currently slated for prosecution in the District of Maryland with support provided by VCACS, MCCU and DOJ Child Exploitation Obscenity Section (CEOS). Forensic review will be conducted by the Digital Analysis and Research Center (DARC). b7E -2,3,10
- Starting approximately November 18, 2013, [redacted]
- [redacted]
- A coordinated press release [redacted] will occur, approximately, November 26, 2013.
- VCACS [redacted]
- Additional leads will be disseminated to field offices as analysis [redacted]
- [redacted]
- [redacted] DOJ Computer Crime & Intellectual Property Section (CCIPS) and CEOS will serve as the legal conduit for any legal process [redacted]

Additional Information/Timeline:

- [redacted] b7D -1
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- [redacted]
- Between [redacted] the FBI deployed personnel [redacted] in support of the [redacted] and the arrest of [redacted] Eric Eoin Marques, at his residence in Ireland. b3 -1
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- [redacted]
- [redacted]
- On September 12, 2013, pursuant to the submission of a provisional arrest warrant and extradition request, subject Marques was remanded into custody by Irish authorities pending official extradition.
- A review [redacted] conducted by MCCU and VCACIU.



[Redacted] Sexual Exploitation of Children—Enterprises; [Redacted] b7E -1,11

CID Threat Band: Violent Crimes Against Children

Significant Activity:
November 26, 2013

- [Redacted] b7E -1,2,3,7
- [Redacted] search warrants executed domestically against 18 of 20 subjects [Redacted]
- Two subjects are still under investigation.
- [Redacted] Additional searches are still pending.
- [Redacted]

Predication/Background:

- This case is targeting [Redacted] The Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU) identified [Redacted] The child sexual exploitation material [Redacted] comprised some of the worst ever seen by the FBI.
- [Redacted] MCCU working in conjunction with OTD Remote Operations Unit (ROU), developed and acquired [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- The MCCU [Redacted]

Subjects/Victim:	[Redacted]
Statutory Violations:	Title 18 §2252
Field POCs:	Legat London Legat The Hague Legat Paris Legat New Delhi
CID POCs:	UC [Redacted] SSA [Redacted] SSA [Redacted] SA [Redacted] SA [Redacted]
DOJ/USAO:	District of Maryland DOJ/CEOS Trial Attorney [Redacted]
Intel Coverage:	VCACIU
Ops Coverage:	CID/MCCU Europol
Legal Process:	MLATs – France/Ireland Title III Search Warrants

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Strategy/Plan Forward:

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- FBI field offices and international law enforcement will be conducting forensic examination of seized evidence items.
- VCACS [redacted]
- [redacted]
- Additional leads will be disseminated to field offices as analysis [redacted]
- [redacted] DOJ Computer Crime & Intellectual Property Section (CCIPS) and CEOS will serve as the legal conduit for any legal process [redacted]
- Prosecution of ten of the domestic subjects identified [redacted] is currently planned to occur in the District of Maryland in January 2014. Remaining subjects are being investigated / prosecuted within their respective federal jurisdiction.

Additional Information/Timeline:

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- [redacted]
- [redacted]
- Between [redacted] the FBI deployed personnel [redacted] in support of the [redacted] arrest of [redacted] Eric Eoin Marques.
- [redacted]
- [redacted]
- On September 12, 2013, pursuant to the submission of a provisional arrest warrant and extradition request, subject Marques was remanded into custody by Irish authorities pending official extradition.
- [redacted]

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Operation Pacifier



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ORGANIZATION	LEADS SENT	SEARCH WARRANTS	ARREST WARRANTS	KNOCK & TALK	CASES OPENED	CHILDREN RECOVERED	POSITION OF TRUST
FBI FIELD OFFICES							
EUROPOL							
LEGATS							

Additional statistics:

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- Average age of the subject is 34.6 years old.



On or about 11/22/2013, information was provided to Legal Attache (LEGAT) [redacted] concerning archived folders uploaded to the website [redacted]. The links to these uploaded files were located during a review of websites seized in August, 2013, whose purpose was the distribution, advertisement, and production of child exploitation material.

b7E -2,3

Entry into the site was restricted and only accessible to individuals who would either upload child exploitation material or produce and subsequently upload the images/videos. [redacted]

[redacted]

b6 -3
b7C -3
b7E -2,3

[redacted] uploaded these files [redacted] and provided the administrator with the passwords to download and subsequently decrypt the files.

The files uploaded [redacted] were accessed by the Violent Crimes Against Children Section (VCACS), Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU), and confirmed to contain images/video of child exploitation material:

b7E -2,3

[redacted]

b3 -4
b6 -5
b7C -5
b7E -2,3

[REDACTED]

b3 -4
b6 -5
b7C -5
b7E -2,3

On 11/29/2013, LEGAT [REDACTED] provided the following information related to the Internet Protocol (IP) addresses utilized [REDACTED]

b6 -3
b7C -3
b7E -2,3

[REDACTED]

Checks conducted of publicly available databases showed that none of the IP addresses appeared to be Tor related and all appeared to be located in the [REDACTED] region.

b6 -3
b7C -3
b7E -2,3

Administrative subpoenas were issued [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] subscriber information related to the IP addresses on the captioned dates and times.

b6 -3
b7C -3
b7E -2,3

On 11/29/2013, [REDACTED] provided information that IP address [REDACTED] on the date and time requested was assigned to the following account:

b6 -3
b7C -3
b7E -2,3

[REDACTED]

On 11/29/2013, [REDACTED] provided information that IP addresses [REDACTED] on the date and time requested were assigned to the following account(s):

b6 -3
b7C -3
b7E -2,3

[REDACTED]

A check conducted of publicly available social network information [redacted] revealed a Facebook account. An image of an adult female, [redacted] [redacted] was visible on the account. [redacted]

b3 -4
b6 -3,5
b7C -3,5
b7E -2,3

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Significant Case Notification

Date: 8/4/2013

CID Section: VCAC

Field Office:

FO POC: SA

SA

Case Title:

Case Number:

HQ POC: SSA

b6 -1
b7C -1
b7E -1,11

Significant Activity:

- On 8/4/2013, based upon an immediate action lead provided to the [redacted] Field Office, investigators conducted an interview [redacted]
- Investigators received a full confession from [redacted] who admitted to producing sexually explicit photographs [redacted]
- [redacted] further disclosed that [redacted]
- [redacted] is a sex offender convicted of aggravated sexual assault [redacted] for which he received [redacted] years deferred adjudication [redacted]
- On 8/3/2013, during a review of images obtained during the investigation, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) discovered an image [redacted]
- Through an analysis [redacted]
- Based upon this information, an immediate action lead was directed to the [redacted] Field Office.

b3 -4
b6 -3,5
b7C -3,5
b7E -3

Predication/Background:

- This case is targeting [redacted] The CID Violent Crimes Against Children Section (VCACS), Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU) investigation has identified [redacted] The child sexual exploitation material [redacted] is some of "worst of the worst" that the FBI has seen in the history of the Innocent Images National Initiative. Notwithstanding [redacted] MCCU

b7E -1,3

Approval (Initial Below):

SSA: EAP

UC: SM

working in conjunction with OTD Remote Operations Unit (ROU) developed and acquired

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]
- On July 29, 2013, Irish authorities in Dublin, Ireland executed a search warrant on the residence of [REDACTED] Eric Marques.

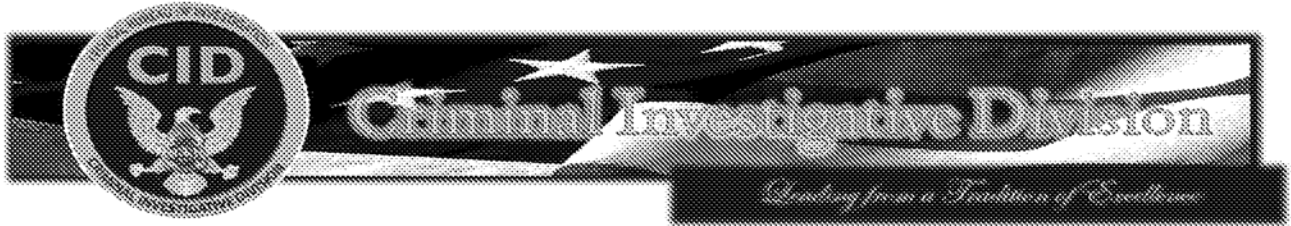
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

b3 -1
b7D -1
b7E -2,3,7,10

Strategy/Plan Forward:

- [REDACTED] Field Office is coordinating the details of the investigation with the [REDACTED] Field Office in an effort to locate the [REDACTED] child victim and provide victim services as appropriate.

b6 -3,5
b7C -3,5



[Redacted]

b7E -1

Background:

This case is targeting [Redacted] b7E -1,2,3,7

[Redacted] The CID Violent Crimes Against Children Section Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU) investigation has identified [Redacted]

[Redacted] The child sexual exploitation material [Redacted] is some of "worst of the worst" that the FBI has seen in the history of the Innocent Images National Initiative. Notwithstanding [Redacted]

[Redacted] MCCU working in conjunction with OTD Remote Operations Unit (ROU) [Redacted]

Operational Phase:

The MCCU has identified [Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted] The current operation involves the execution of a search warrant [Redacted] by Irish authorities in Dublin, Ireland on July 29, 2013. [Redacted]

[Redacted]

b3 -1
b7D -1
b7E -2,3,7,10



[Redacted]

b3 -1
b7D -1
b7E -2,3,10

[Redacted]

b3 -1
b7E -2,3,10

[Redacted] A technical advance team, consisting of MCCU and OTD personnel, met with representatives [Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

b7E -1,3

To date, the FBI and DOJ Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS) have predicated specific [Redacted]

b7E -2,3,7

Search warrants have been obtained [Redacted]
[Redacted]



[Redacted]

b3 -1
b7E -3

[Redacted]

b3 -1
b7E -1

Additionally, DOJ CCIPS has developed protocols to be implemented by the technical team [Redacted]
[Redacted] DOJ CCIPS will also provide legal guidance for the technical team regarding the service of any legal processes such as search warrants, T-III requests, and emergency disclosure notices associated [Redacted]

During the operational phase of the investigation, it is anticipated that additional [Redacted]

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b7E -2,3,7

[Redacted]

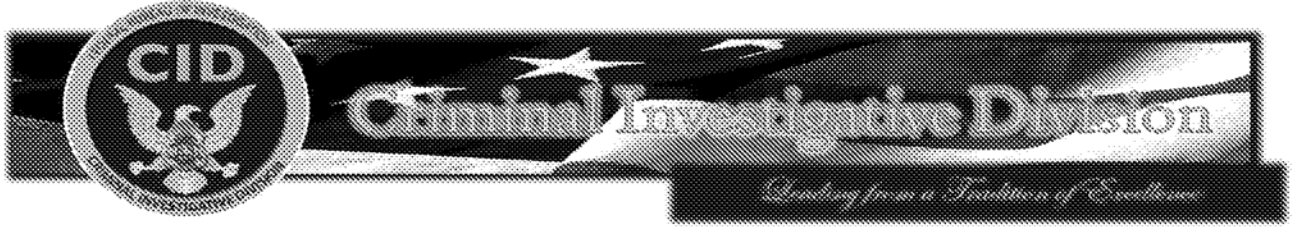
[Redacted] If an imminent threat of bodily harm arises

[Redacted]

[Redacted] will be submitted to DOJ CCIPS and the technical team [Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]



[Redacted]

b7E -1

Resources:

[Redacted]

[Large Redacted Area]

b7D -1
b7E -2,10,13



b7D -1
b7E -2,10

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC): Exploited Children Division.

OPERATION PACIFIER [redacted]

b7E -11

Overview

Operation Pacifier is a continuation of the MCCU's efforts into identifying and dismantling child pornography [redacted] Previous investigations (Op. Torpedo [redacted])

b7E -1,2,7

[redacted] have proved to be very successful endeavors [redacted]
[redacted]

The overall purpose of Operation Pacifier is [redacted]

b3 -1
b7E -2,3,7

[redacted]

[redacted] significant use of VCAC personnel and resources is anticipated.

The operation should commence [redacted]

b3 -1
b7E -3

[redacted]

It is unknown how many [redacted] immediate leads will be generated. Due to this, there may be periods of intense activity as well as possible downtime. As such, personnel should allow for this flexibility and assist others as needed.

b7E -3

During the [redacted] period, there will be two primary objectives:

b3 -1
b7E -3

1 - [redacted]
[redacted] Process these returns and complete FD-302's as necessary. Complete search warrant affidavits, conduct open source and public database checks, prepare lead packages, and set immediate leads to field offices. Immediate leads will take priority over all other activity.

2 - Generate and issue subpoenas [redacted] Process the returns as they come in and complete the FD-302s. Ensure all subpoena returns are scanned using the OCR feature so the text is searchable.

b7E -3

Note: Appropriate draft search warrant affidavits, lead packages, and EC's have already been written and will be provided to all [redacted] personnel [redacted] Affidavits and EC's will require only slight modification [redacted]

b3 -1
b7E -3

Operational Control

UC [redacted] will oversee operational activities at Linthicum, MD, while SSAs [redacted] [redacted] will be the primary supervisors during the [redacted] phase. All personnel should report to these supervisors for the duration of the operation unless otherwise directed.

b3 -1
b6 -1
b7C -1
b7E -3

Personnel Duties

b3 -1
b6 -1
b7C -1
b7E -3

SSAs – Any SSA on duty during the [redacted] phase, to include SSAs [redacted] as well as any Program Managers (PM), will oversee all shift operations and have the following responsibilities:

1. SSAs/PMs will ensure all scheduled employees report for their shifts and will contact UC [redacted] or SSA [redacted] if anyone fails to report.
2. SSAs/PMs will ensure leads are generated as appropriate.
3. SSAs/PMs will ensure UC [redacted] is apprised of any significant events.
4. SSAs/PMs have been delegated the authority necessary to sign administrative subpoenas. In that role, they will sign subpoenas issued by the MAPAs.
5. SSAs/PMs primary purpose is to coordinate with the field in responding to emergency leads. The SSAs/PMs will work with the shift SAs, IAs, and MAPAs to complete the necessary target package. When completed, the SSAs/PMs will contact the appropriate field office representative and facilitate the immediate coverage of the lead.
6. SSAs/PMs will be responsible for following up with the field and ensuring all leads are handled immediately. SSAs/PMs will report status of each lead to UC [redacted]
7. SSAs/PMs will approve 302s documenting subpoena returns in Sentinel completed during their shift.

b6 -1
b7C -1

SAs – The SAs will serve the following functions:

1. SAs will be responsible [redacted]
2. SAs will obtain and execute [redacted]
3. SAs will conduct [redacted]
4. SAs or IAs will generate subject user reports from [redacted] Any SAs or IAs who do not have access [redacted] should see SA [redacted] prior to the operation.
5. SAs will work with IAs and MAPAs when appropriate and review all subpoena responses to ensure all information is captured correctly. SAs will direct the MAPAs if a secondary subpoena is needed.
6. SAs will complete search warrant affidavits and swear them out (if appropriate).
7. SAs will complete the EC for all emergency leads and ensure each lead contains completed information (draft search warrant, subpoena info, subject work up, etc).
8. SAs will advise the SSAs/PMs of the progress and report results of emergency.

b3 -1
b6 -1
b7C -1
b7E -2,3,5,7

IAs – The IAs will serve the following function:

1. IAs or SAs will generate subject reports [redacted] Any SAs or IAs who do not have access [redacted] should see SA [redacted] prior to the operation.
2. If the IA has experience in subpoena analysis, IAs will assist SAs in reviewing subpoena responses and direct MAPAs if a secondary subpoena is needed.

b6 -1
b7C -1
b7E -2,7

3. IAs will assist and complete records checks associated with an emergency response [redacted] (CLEAR, NCIC, D&B, Sentinel, NSOR, and open source). IAs will document the results of their queries in an FD-302 and disseminate appropriate information onto SAs. b7E -9
4. IAs will verify that all records checks and subpoena results accurately correspond to the original IP address.
5. If, due to volume, it becomes necessary for additional resources to be used to document subpoena returns, IAs will assist the MAPAs in that duty.

MAPAs – The MAPAs will serve the following function:

1. MAPAs will author and serve all subpoenas, using the [redacted] email account, and update as appropriate on the subpoena tracking sheet. b7E -8
2. MAPAs will ensure all identified IP addresses are entered into the subpoena tracking sheet.
3. MAPAs will routinely check the unit fax machines and [redacted] email account for subpoena returns.
4. If received via fax, MAPAs will complete all documentation (FD-302, subpoena tracking spreadsheet, scanning using the OCR feature) prior to leaving, or must personally give to their relief and provide guidance on what needs to be done.
5. If received via email, MAPAs will download the return and complete all documentation (FD-302, subpoena tracking spreadsheet) prior to leaving.
6. Routinely check the subpoena folders and ensure compliance. If an ISP has not responded, MAPAs will contact the ISP and update the status sheet in that folder. If no status sheet exists, then MAPAs will create one and document their contact.
7. MAPAs close out any subpoenas they generated through the FD-1035 Infopath questionnaire once a return has been processed.

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U.S. Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

January 7, 2016

The Onion Router (Tor)

Tor is a distributed network of computers specifically designed to conceal the true Internet Protocol (IP) address of its users. In addition, Tor can also conceal the physical location of its Internet services, which are known as "hidden services." Tor's "hidden service" protocol allows individuals to host web sites, web forums and other services without revealing the physical location of the server.

Tor users are technically savvy, highly cognizant of Internet security and typically utilize encryption software to conceal their illicit activities from law enforcement. In addition, users of Tor who engage in online child sexual exploitation (CSE) typically have a higher level of sophistication and experience with child pornography (CP) than users of other online platforms.

OPERATION PACIFIER

Operation Pacifier is an international investigation into a Tor hidden service known as "PlayPen" and its users, who were involved in the production, advertisement, and distribution of some of the most egregious CP available.

In January 2015, the FBI executed a search warrant [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] These reports were ultimately provided to FBI field offices in the form of targeting packages.

b7E -2,3,7

In February 2015, the head administrator of "PlayPen" was identified and arrested in Naples, Florida. The FBI obtained Title-III and search [REDACTED]

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b7E -2,3,7

Each targeting package sent to field offices was the result [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] Consequently, the subject of each targeting package must be notified by receiving offices that they were subject to a search. (The Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section has been obtaining 90-day Delay of Notice Orders since the operational phase of this case concluded in March 2015.)

b7E -2,3,7

[redacted] this may be the only time these subjects will be visible to law enforcement. Consequently, we have instructed each FBI field office that every Operation Pacifier lead must be addressed by February 8, 2016. [redacted]

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[redacted]

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Prosecution in state court is not viable because [redacted] may be exposed during the discovery process in state courts.

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Tor ("The Onion Router")

Tor is a distributed network of computers run by volunteers from around the world. As stated on Tor's website www.torproject.org, "Tor prevents anyone from learning your location or browsing habits; Tor is for web browsers, instant messaging clients, remote logins, and more; Tor is free and open source." In order to access the Tor network, a user must install Tor software. The most common Tor software used is the free "Tor browser bundle" available at www.torproject.org.

Tor protects privacy by circulating a user's communications across a distributed network of computers (referred to as "nodes") that are operated by volunteers around the world. This results in concealing a user's actual Internet Protocol (IP) address which could otherwise be used to identify him/her. Due to this [redacted]

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Tor Hidden Services

In addition to concealing the IP addresses of individual users, Tor also provides the ability to conceal the physical location of various Internet services, known as "hidden services". Tor's "hidden service" protocol allows individuals to host web sites, web forums and other services without revealing the physical location of the server.

These hidden services operate like regular public websites. However, the URL of these hidden services is a 16-character psuedo random string, followed by ".onion" (ex. tunr6dlo7wat5bci.onion) and are not accessible on the regular Internet. A user can only reach these hidden services if he/she is using Tor and operating in the Tor network. Further, the Tor hidden service protocol hides the true IP address and provides end-to-end encryption between the user and the hidden service. Neither law enforcement nor users can therefore determine the location of the computer hosting these hidden services using traditional law enforcement techniques.

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In [redacted] the FBI, Violent Crimes Against Children Section (VCACS), Major Case Coordination Unit (MCCU), seized [redacted]

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These hidden services were considered to be some of the most egregious child pornography sites in the world [redacted]

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[Redacted]

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As part of the operation, the MCCU obtained Title-III authorization [Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted] This technique, along with subsequent review [Redacted] and other analysis resulted in the arrests of several high-ranking members and administrators of these sites.

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

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Between [Redacted] the MCCU, along with law enforcement agencies [Redacted]

[Redacted]

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Operation Pacifier - PlayPen

In August 2014, a new hidden service known as "PlayPen" was established on an unknown server, with the primary purpose being the advertisement and distribution of child pornography.

As early as September 2014 "PlayPen" [Redacted]

[Redacted] the largest remaining known child pornography hidden service in the world.

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[Redacted]

[Redacted] Further investigation by the MCCU confirmed this fact and Operation Pacifier was then initiated [Redacted]

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[Redacted]

In January 2015, the MCCU executed a search warrant [Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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In February 2015, the head administrator of "PlayPen" was identified and arrested outside of Portland, Maine. The MCCU then obtained Title-III and search warrant [redacted]

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As part of this operation [redacted] numerous users were were successfully identified by the MCCU [redacted]

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Investigation into PlayPen user [redacted]

[redacted]

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Identification of PlayPen user [redacted]

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An administrative subpoena issued [redacted] then identified [redacted]

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[redacted]

A check of [redacted] also identified NAME, DOB, SSAN as residing at the above address. A second resident was identified as NAME (if applicable).

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[redacted]

A check of Sentinel and the STATE Sex Offender Registry was met with NEGATIVE/POSITIVE results.

Due to the above, it is believed the true identity [redacted] residing at ADDRESS. As such, the MCCU is seeking assistance from DIVISION to execute a search warrant at this residence, [redacted] and identify any possible victims.

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It should be noted that users of PlayPen and similar hidden services are known to be more sophisticated than typical child pornography subjects and are likely to utilize encryption software [redacted] to prevent law enforcement from accessing child pornography files. As such, it is recommended that all attempts be made [redacted] during any search warrant execution, if possible. Further, no-knock search warrant authorization should be considered if deemed appropriate.

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**** Specific Language for Affidavits and Recommended Actions ****

Only affidavits approved by DOJ-CEOS should be utilized and all search warrants should be sealed. All AUSA questions should be directed to DOJ, CEOS, attorney [redacted]

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Due to the sensitivities involved in these operations, it is imperative that certain terms and techniques are **NOT** identified in any public documents, including search/arrest affidavits, complaints, or indictments. Specifically, no references to the above investigations or specific names should be made at any time, other than what is provided in the draft search warrant affidavit.

Further, **NO** media releases should be made at any time without prior consent from FBIHQ, MCCU and DOJ, CEOS.

If subjects are found to be utilizing [redacted] it is requested that [redacted] be provided to the MCCU as soon as possible for further investigation and potential identification of additional subjects.

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Description of Package Copy:

Being provided under separate cover are the completed draft search warrant affidavit approved by DOJ, MCCU user reports [redacted] and appropriate records checks.

The administrative subpoena results, along with other appropriate FD-302s, are enclosed with this EC in the Reference Documents section.

Any questions in regards to this matter should be directed to any of the following personnel:

Special Agent [redacted] VCAC, MCCU, [redacted]

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Special Agent [redacted] VCAC, MCCU, [redacted]

Special Agent [redacted] VCAC, MCCU, [redacted]
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