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**Re: Criminal case showing link between violent hardcore pornography
and the kidnap, rape, torture and murder of women**

Links to *NY Times* articles about the case at bottom of email

Dear Friends,

I must say that I am somewhat (pleasantly!) surprised that a New York City jury of 12 men and women convicted a NYC police officer yesterday of conspiracy to kidnap a woman for the purpose of raping, torturing, killing and eating her.

I profess no expertise when it comes to Federal conspiracy law, but I assumed that the jury would require more steps towards actually carrying out the defendant's perverse and violent fantasies before convicting him. His attorney said that the conviction will be appealed, which means the conviction could be reversed.

Regardless of the ultimate outcome, this case illustrates how addiction to hardcore pornography could lead to the acting out of sexual fantasies in real life. For those of you who may not be familiar with Dr. Victor B. Cline's four steps of sexual addiction [Dr. Victor B. Cline, "Pornography's Effects on Adults and Children" (Morality in Media, 2001)], I am reprinting an abbreviated version of his description here:

As a clinical psychologist, I have treated...approximately 350 sex addicts, sex offenders, or other individuals (96% male) with sexual illnesses. This includes...compulsive sexual acting-out, plus such things as child molestation, exhibitionism, voyeurism, sadomasochism, fetishism, and rape. With several exceptions, pornography has been a major or minor contributor or facilitator in the acquisition of their deviation or sexual addiction...

FIRST STEP – ADDICTION

The first change that happened was an addiction-effect. The porn-consumers got hooked. Once involved in pornographic materials, they kept coming back for more and still more. The material seemed to provide a very powerful sexual stimulant or aphrodisiac effect, followed by sexual release, most often through masturbation...It is difficult for non-addicts to comprehend the totally driven nature of a sex addict. When the "wave" hits them, nothing can stand in the way of getting what they want, whether that be pornography accompanied by masturbation, sex from a prostitute, molesting a child, **or raping a woman**. These men are consumed by their appetite, regardless of the cost...

SECOND STEP - ESCALATION

The second phase was an escalation-effect. With the passage of time, the addicted person required rougher, more explicit, more deviant, and "kinky" kinds of sexual material to get their "highs" and "sexual turn-ons." It was reminiscent of individuals afflicted with drug addictions...[T]here is nearly always an increasing need for more of the stimulant...

THIRD PHASE - DESENSITIZATION

The third phase was desensitization. Material... which was originally perceived as shocking, taboo-breaking, illegal, repulsive, or immoral, in time came to be seen as acceptable and commonplace. The sexual activity depicted in the pornography (no matter how anti-social or deviant) became legitimized. There was an increasing sense that “everybody does it” and this gave them permission to also do it, even though the activity was possibly illegal and contrary to their previous moral beliefs and personal standards...

FOURTH PHASE - ACTING OUT SEXUALLY

The fourth phase was an increasing tendency to act out sexually the behaviors viewed in the pornography, including compulsive promiscuity, exhibitionism, group sex, voyeurism, frequenting massage parlors, having sex with minor children, **rape, and inflicting pain on themselves or a partner during sex.** This behavior frequently grew into a sexual addiction which they found themselves locked into and unable to change or reverse... [Bold added]

In my opinion, while not everyone who becomes addicted to hardcore pornography acts out in real life what they fantasize about, *all get to a point where they want (desire) to do so.* For those who do eventually act out in real life, some acting out involves noncriminal consensual conduct; some acting out involves prostitutes; some acting out involves rape and other violent criminal sexual behavior.

I would add that when the story of the officer’s indictment first appeared in the press, there was no mention of the defendant’s addiction to violent hardcore pornography. It was all about “fetish websites.”

I would also add that according to press reports the officer’s sexual interests included minors. This is consistent with the addiction phenomena. What starts out as an interest in hardcore “adult porn” gravitates (progresses) towards teen porn or pseudo child porn or actual child porn or all three.

And finally, some of the hardcore pornography in this case could involve women trafficked for the purpose of producing pornography. According to one article, the defendant *also* had “designs on selling” one woman into “white slavery.”

Bob Peters

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Former New York City Police Officer Found Guilty In Manhattan Federal Court Of Kidnapping Conspiracy And Illegally Accessing Federal Law Enforcement Database

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[<http://www.justice.gov/usao/nys/pressreleases/March13/ValleVerdictPR.php>]

Conduct Included Plans to Rape, Torture, Cannibalize and Kill Victims

Preet Bharara, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that former New York City Police Officer GILBERTO VALLE was found guilty today in Manhattan federal court of conspiracy to kidnap and illegally accessing the federal National Crime Information Center (“NCIC”) database. The jury found that VALLE, who was an active-duty officer with the New York City Police Department (“NYPD”) at the time of his arrest, conspired with more than one individual to kidnap, rape, torture, kill, and cannibalize a number of women, and that he illegally used the NCIC database to obtain information about one of his intended victims. He was convicted after a three-week trial before U.S. District Judge Paul G. Gardephe.

Manhattan U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara said: “Today, a unanimous jury found that Gilberto Valle’s detailed and specific plans to abduct women for the purpose of committing grotesque crimes were very real, and that he was guilty as charged. The Internet is a forum for the free exchange of ideas, but it does not confer immunity for plotting crimes and taking steps to carry out those crimes. I want to thank the jury for their time, their diligence, and their willingness to serve on a case of this nature, and I want to thank the FBI and the dedicated prosecutors from my office who did such an outstanding job investigating and prosecuting this disturbing case.”

According to the Complaint and the Indictment filed in Manhattan federal court and the evidence presented at trial:

In September 2012, the FBI learned that VALLE was sending e-mail and instant messages discussing plans with multiple co-conspirators to kidnap, rape, torture, kill, and cannibalize a number of women. A court-authorized search of his computer revealed that VALLE had created files pertaining to at least 80 women and containing multiple photographs of each woman. The computer also contained personal information about some of these women - including relevant addresses, physical descriptions, and photographs - and electronic communications in which VALLE and co-conspirators detailed their plans. Additionally, VALLE used the NCIC database and other methods to locate potential victims, surveilled a victim, drafted an "operation plan" to abduct and "cook" an identified woman, researched methods of disabling and drugging women, and agreed with at least one other individual to kidnap a woman in exchange for \$5,000.

Victim-1

In July 2012, VALLE had a series of online communications with a co-conspirator ("CC-1") in which they discussed how best to kidnap, murder, and cannibalize Victim-1, including where to find a recipe for chloroform. During this time period, VALLE also created a document entitled "Abducting and Cooking [Victim-1]: a Blueprint." The document contains pedigree information about Victim-1 including her name, ethnicity, height, weight, and bra size. The document also contains a section called "Materials Needed" in which VALLE wrote, in part, the following:

Car (I have it)

Chloroform (refer to website for directions)

Rope (Strongest kind to tie her up)

In subsequent instant message conversations, CC-1 asked VALLE, "How was your meal?" to which VALLE immediately responded, "I am meeting her [i.e., Victim-1] on Sunday." On the following Sunday, VALLE met with Victim-1 at a restaurant for brunch. Following this meeting, VALLE communicated with CC-1 regarding the brunch with Victim-1 and said that "[Victim-1] looked absolutely mouthwatering."

Victim-2

VALLE also had conversations with another co-conspirator ("CC-2") in late February 2012, in which they negotiated and agreed to a price for which VALLE would kidnap another woman ("Victim-2"). In those conversations, VALLE insisted upon a price no less than \$5,000 and assured CC-2 that Victim-2 would be bound, gagged, and alive when he delivered her. In a post-arrest statement to the FBI, VALLE admitted that, in early March 2012, he was present on the block in Manhattan where Victim-2's apartment building is located. When the FBI later interviewed Victim-2, she stated that she has never invited VALLE to her home and does not know him well.

The NCIC Database

On May 31, 2012, VALLE accessed the NCIC database and obtained information about a woman ("Victim-3") whose name matched the name of one of the Individual Files he created. VALLE did not have authorization to perform that search or to access any information about Victim-3.

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VALLE, 28, was convicted of one count of conspiracy to commit kidnapping, which carries a maximum sentence of life in prison, and a maximum fine of \$250,000 or twice the gross gain or loss from the offense. He was also convicted of one count of intentionally and knowingly accessing a computer without authorization and exceeding his authorized access, thereby obtaining information from a department and agency of the United States. This count carries a maximum sentence of one year in prison, and a maximum fine of \$100,000. VALLE is scheduled to be sentenced by Judge Gardephe on June 19, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Bharara praised the outstanding investigative work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the New York City Police Department.

This case is being handled by the Office's Violent Crimes Unit. Assistant United States Attorneys Hadassa Waxman and Randall W. Jackson are in charge of the prosecution.

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