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U.S. D.O.J. FORMS TASK FORCE TO PROSECUTE INTERNET PORN

FFA URGES U.S. ATTORNEYS IN FLORIDA TO INVESTIGATE LARGE PORN INTERNET COMPANIES IN FLORIDA

The United States Department of Justice announced on May 5, 2005 the establishment of a task force to investigate and prosecute obscene materials with an emphasis on the internet.

Florida Family Association has encouraged thousands of people over the last three years to send emails, postcards and letters urging the Department of Justice to prosecute internet porn. FFA also provided the report titled *United States Leads the World in Internet Pornography Available to Children* to the Department of Justice. This report, created by specialized computer search software called *PornCrawler*, sorted through 297 MILLION porn links on the web and identified the largest porn companies operating in the United States. A limited version of this report is available via the "Internet Pornography Should Be Prosecuted" issue on the floridafamily.org home page.

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ChevronTexaco PROVES THEIR COMMITMENT TO ENFORCE "NO-PORN" RESTRICTIONS

Florida Family Association influenced Chevron to amend their marketer agreements in August 2001 to prohibit the sale of pornographic materials by independent retailers. Chevron retailers were required to sign the new marketer agreements with the amended "no-porn" restrictions when their old contracts expired. The term of most marketer agreements is three

See page 4 ... Chevron Enforces No Porn Policy

FFA ASKS GOVERNOR & FDLE TO ACCOUNT FOR 1,721 MISSING SEX OFFENDERS

Florida Department of Law Enforcement sex offender data dated April 18, 2005 provided to Florida Family Association indicated there are 1,721 sex offenders and sexual predators that have not registered their street address with authorities.

Eighty percent (80%) of these offenders' victims were minors. Eighty-five (85) of the 1,721 offenders are classified as sexual predators.

The Tampa Tribune reported on May 20th that a state-wide sweep resulted in finding 537 offenders who had moved without telling authorities. The article also stated "*Some 1,800 offenders were not registered on the state's database when Jessica Marie Lunsford, 9, and Sarah Michelle Lunde, 13, were slain.*"

Florida Family Association asked Governor Bush and the FDLE on May 23rd to report how many of the 537 offenders caught in the recent sweep were among

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FFA LOBBIES HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY TO HIRE EXPERT TO LEAD PUBLIC NUDITY ISSUE

Florida Family Association has continued to work to influence the Hillsborough County Commission to enact a Public Nudity Ordinance since January 2003.

FFA worked closely with the Hillsborough County Attorney and County Administrator in the preparation of a Public Nudity Proposal that was offered in May 2003.

See page 3... Hillsborough Moves Toward Nudity Law

HEART AND SOUL OF THIS MINISTRY

Florida Family Association is the only statewide organization in Florida that deals with and approaches the issues reported in this newsletter in the manner that we do.

Florida Family Association researches various issues to determine the ones that pose the greatest threat to our moral environment.

We take immediate action to directly communicate with the parties involved with the goal of influencing the situation to move in a morally positive direction.

If we are successful with positively influencing the situation, we will report the accomplishment in this newsletter. The report in this month's newsletter regarding Chevron-Texaco is an example of our direct influence.

If we need help from supporters to influence a situation, we will ask readers to send a postcard, letter or email to the party concerned. The postcards to the U.S. Attorney's is an example of where more help is needed.

Many of the postcards and letters that supporters have prayerfully mailed over the years resulted in major victories.

The postcards, letters, prayers and financial support received in response to this newsletter are the heart and soul of this ministry.

We encourage you to help our efforts to be strong this month by:

1. Sending the enclosed postcard to the U.S. Attorney's.
2. Praying for the success of our efforts.
3. Mailing a contribution to support all of our efforts.

Your participation, support and gifts could make the difference in our success. THANK YOU for you prayers and support.

Sincerely,

David Caton

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OUR MISSION SINCE 1987

**is to educate citizens
regarding actions they can
take to improve our moral
environment.**

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FFA WANTS MORE EFFORTS TO FIND MISSING PREDATORS

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the 1,800 offenders who had no street address on the FDLE database? FFA also asked if there are efforts underway to locate the 1,800 sex offenders and predators, especially the 85 at-large predators, who have not told authorities where they live.

John Couey, the man alleged to have molested and killed Jessica Lunsford, was a registered sex offender who was listed on the Florida Department of Law Enforcement web site for months with no physical address. The fact that law enforcement did not know where to find John Couey most likely decreased his fear of being caught and limited his accountability for future actions that contributed to his willingness to apprehend his young, helpless victim.

A very large-scale search ensued after Jessica Lunsford went missing. The media devoted hundreds of hours and pictures of Jessica with the hope she would be found. But it was ultimately the picture of John Couey shown by national media that lead officials to find Jessica. What could have happened had more been done to find John Couey before he kidnapped Jessica?

Tremendous efforts and media attention are given to find children when they go missing and rightfully so. Should not the same amount of attention be given to locate high risk sex offenders and predators whose

unknown whereabouts increase their opportunities to victimize many more children?

More communication efforts and media attention needs to be devoted to find those sex offenders whose whereabouts are unknown and whose criminal history indicates they pose a significant risk to victimize more children. Law enforcement is asking citizens to review the state's sex offender web site and report irregularities. The largest irregularity on that web site is the 1,721 sex offenders whose whereabouts are unknown and are reported as "Absconded from Registration."

There are hundreds of educational channels on the cable systems in Florida. Government advertisements are frequently seen on television promoting the proper use of water, garbage collection and other public issues.

Florida Family Association strongly believes that similar resources should be routinely employed to find the most grievous sex offenders whose unknown whereabouts empowers them with more liberty to pursue their offenses against children.

Florida Family Association will follow up with the Governor's office on the requested information. Additionally, FFA will research how the organization can provide information to citizens that will facilitate their helping law enforcement to find and apprehend the 1,800 missing sex offenders

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY MOVES TOWARD NUDITY LAW

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Unfortunately, the Eleventh U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals issued a ruling in July 2003 regarding Manatee County's Public Nudity Ordinance that prevented Hillsborough County and other Florida counties from moving similar ordinances.

The Manatee County Commission amended their Public Nudity and Adult Entertainment Ordinances on April 19, 2005. The issue raised in the Eleventh

U.S. Circuit Court ruling was eliminated when Manatee County amended their ordinance. FFA began lobbying Hillsborough County in January 2005 to hire Scott Bergthold to provide counsel regarding the Public Nudity Issue. Scott Bergthold, one of the most experienced attorneys in this field, helped Manatee County amend their Adult Entertainment laws and defend them in court. Bergthold should provide the Hillsborough County Commission with the most defensible record and ordinance language in the adoption of new laws to protect citizens from the adverse affects of nude businesses.

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This task force, which broadens the action taken last year by the former Attorney General John Ashcroft, will include the combined efforts of the various United States Attorney offices' in all fifty states.

The specialized PornCrawler software found that two of the largest internet porn companies in the United States operate with alleged addresses in **Miami** and **Orlando**. Florida Family Association provided all the details, via certified mail, regarding these internet porn companies in Florida to the U.S. Attorneys in Florida's Middle and Southern Districts. FFA provided this information shortly after the U.S. Department of Justice made their announcement regarding the new task force. Florida Family Association asked the U.S. Attorneys to investigate these companies and bring appropriate prosecution.

The specific details regarding the names of the internet porn companies operating in Florida and the related porn web site addresses are not provided in order to protect the investigation against the companies and to avoid unnecessarily exposing supporters to the sites.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED to encourage the two U.S. Attorneys to investigate the large internet porn companies operating in Florida. PLEASE SEND the enclosed postcard, write a letter or send an email to urge the two U.S. Attorney's "to vigorously enforce federal obscenity statutes against the internet porn companies reported to them by Florida Family Association:"

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CHEVRON ENFORCES "NO PORN" POLICY

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years. Therefore, it would take until August 2004 before all 8,100 Chevron retailers would have signed the new marketer agreements.

Florida Family Association filed a complaint with Chevron several months ago regarding one of their branded stores in Spring Hill Florida that was selling a large inventory of porn magazines. This was FFA's first test to see if Chevron was going to enforce the "no-porn" provisions.

Initially, FFA did not receive a response from Chevron. So Florida Family Association responded by sending a certified letter to ChevronTexaco's CEO. FFA's letter stated in part that BP-Amoco, Conoco-Phillips, Hess and Texaco were vigorously enforcing their no-porn marketer agreement restrictions. FFA asked if Chevron was serious about their "no porn" policy and marketer agreement restrictions.

Florida Family Association was very pleased by ChevronTexaco's response. Chevron informed FFA the porn magazines had been removed from the Spring Hill Chevron. Randall Walker, a Chevron-Texaco Marketing Manager wrote, "*It continues to be our policy, enforced by our Owner Dealer supply contracts and marketer agreements, that these types of pornographic materials are prohibited from being sold in all our retail outlets.*"

A Florida Family Association supporter recently visited the Chevron branded store in Spring Hill Florida and confirmed that all of the magazines had been removed.

This is Great News for Chevron's 8,100 branded outlets in North America.

Florida Family Association can now proceed with filing more complaints with Chevron in regard to their branded outlets when they are found to be selling pornographic magazines, videos, etc.