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## **FACT SHEET**

# **Child Safety Initiative**

## ***CSI Georgia***

### **CSI Georgia will:**

- Triple the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's (GBI) undercover special agent force dedicated to investigating child internet predator and child pornography cases (eight new agents).
- Double the number of GBI forensic computer specialists who collect technical evidence to prosecute computer crimes (five new specialists).
- Be funded with approximately \$900,000 in the FY07 Amended or FY08 budget cycle.

### **CSI Georgia Agents and Forensic Computer Specialists will:**

- Proactively work undercover investigations to apprehend online child predators;
- Conduct in-depth investigations to search for Georgia IP addresses that are downloading and/or uploading known child pornography;
- Train local law enforcement to enforce laws that protect children on the Internet;
- Respond to the large number of out-of-state tips and devote more time to follow-up on those leads;
- Ensure quick turnaround for the large volume of computer evidence that is collected; and
- Serve as a resource to educate children, parents and teachers about safe Internet usage.

### **Background:**

- In April 2003, the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention provided funding to GBI for the establishment of a Georgia Internet Crimes

Against Children (ICAC) Statewide Task Force. To date 30 law enforcement agencies throughout Georgia have joined the task force.

- Currently there are four FTE (full-time equivalent) GBI agents that work on internet crimes against children (one that works on crimes against children full-time and seven that work on crimes against children as part of their normal duties). There are currently five computer forensic specialists at GBI.
- The number of ICAC tips received in Georgia has increased by more than 85 percent from FY05 to FY06.
- The GBI ICAC Taskforce has made 14 computer crimes against children arrests in the past six months.
- This year, the U.S. Department of Justice reported that one in seven youth received an unwanted sexual solicitation over the Internet in the past year. One in 25 youths had also received an aggressive sexual solicitation in the past year.  
([www.missingkids.com/en\\_US/publications/NC167.pdf](http://www.missingkids.com/en_US/publications/NC167.pdf))
- A U.S. Federal Prisons study (conducted in 2000) found that 76 percent of those convicted of Internet-related crimes against children admitted to previously undetected contact sex crimes against children – at an average of 30 child victims each.

#### Q&A

- **What Georgia laws will these new agents enforce?**
  - ✓ *Sexual exploitation of children (OCGA 16-12-100): production, sale, advertisement or possession of child pornography. (Felony, five to 20 years, fine up to \$100,000)*
  - ✓ *Electronically furnishing obscene materials to minors (OCGA 16-12-100.1): electronically furnishing any sexually explicit images or sexually explicit written material to a minor. (Misdemeanor of high and aggravated nature)*
  - ✓ *Computer pornography (OCGA 16-12-100.2): compilation, sale, advertisement or possession of child pornography through the computer. (One to 20 years, fine up to \$10,000)*
  - ✓ *Enticing or attempt to entice a child through an internet service (OCGA 16-12-100.2): intentionally utilizing a chat room, e-mail or other internet service to seduce or attempt to seduce a child to commit an unlawful sex offense against a child. (Felony, one to 20 years, fine of up to \$25,000. If at the time of the offense the victim was 14 or 15 and the defendant was no more than three years older than the victim, the defendant shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature.)*
  - ✓ *Obscene Internet contact with a child (OCGA 16-12-100.2): obscene internet contact with a child or someone who one believes to be a child. (Felony, one to 10 years, fine up to \$10,000. If at the time of the offense the victim was 14 or 15*

*and the defendant was no more than three years older than the victim, the defendant shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature.)*

- ✓ *Owner or operator of an online service willfully or intentionally allowing violations of computer pornography or obscene internet contact with a child (OCGA 16-12-100.2). (Misdemeanor of high and aggravated nature)*
- ✓ *Individuals who are found guilty of these crimes will be subject to the stiffer sex offender registration requirements passed under HB1059 and will be ineligible for first offender treatment at sentencing under the restrictions in HB1059.*

- **How does someone report a computer crime against a child?**

*The CyberTipline is a federal reporting mechanism for cases of child sexual exploitation including child pornography, online enticement of children for sex acts, molestation of children outside the family, sex tourism of children, child victims of prostitution and unsolicited obscene material sent to a child. Reports may be made 24-hours per day, seven days per week online at [www.cybertipline.com](http://www.cybertipline.com) or by calling 1-800-THE-LOST. In addition, people can contact their local law enforcement authority.*