

Jennifer Lawrence, Rihanna Among Celebs Suffering 'Naked Selfie' Sexual Assault

In a massive celebrity photo leak, more than 100 female celebrities have had their private nude photos leaked online. Victims of this mass sexual exploitation include Jennifer Lawrence, Ariana Grande, Rihanna, Kate Upton, Kirsten Dunst and many others.

Some of the photos have been authenticated by their owners, others are allegedly faked. Either way, this extensive release of images is revenge porn with a noticeable absence of male victims.

The photos were not intended for public use, especially since the hacker(s) took great pains to access them through Apple's iCloud, most likely via the Find My iPhone app security feature.

The victims of this sex crime did not consent to sexual exploitation. The perpetrators took advantage of the victims' notoriety and celebrity, already sexualized by the media. Whoever sought out and uploaded these images did it for the purpose of creating online porn and to humiliate these women. This is the essence of revenge porn. This is sexual assault.

The media should stop blaming these victims for the crime simply because they took the private pictures themselves, and instead should encourage the public to respect the dignity and wishes of these women by not seeking out or viewing the photos.

"To those of you looking at photos I took with my husband years ago in the privacy of our home, hope you feel great about yourselves," actress Mary Elizabeth Winstead tweeted.

“Knowing those photos were deleted long ago, I can only imagine the creepy effort that went into this.”

“This is a flagrant violation of privacy,” a spokesperson for Lawrence said. “The authorities have been contacted and will prosecute anyone who posts the stolen photos of Jennifer Lawrence.”

Actor Lucas Neff tweeted, “Stealing someone’s naked photos is the same as tearing someone’s clothes off in public. It’s sexual assault.”