

Morality in Media Calls for Federal Involvement in XXX Porn Domain



Stuart Lawley, chief executive of ICM Registry, Inc. (AP Images/J. Pat Carter)

News

that the first hard-core porn company is now in business on the XXX domain caused Morality in Media Tuesday to call for an investigation of ICM Registry, the company behind the XXX domain, for possible violations of federal laws prohibiting distribution of hard-core obscene Internet pornography.

"Title

18 United States Code Sections 1462 and 1465 prohibit distribution of hard-core, obscene Internet pornography. Yet, isn't that the purpose of the XXX domain?" asked Patrick A. Trueman, president of Morality in Media and former chief of the U.S. Department of Justice Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Criminal Division in Washington, D.C.

"Further,

Title 18 U.S. C. Section 2 prohibits aiding and abetting a federal crime and title 18 . 371 prohibits a conspiracy to commit a

federal crime. The U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder should review the activities of ICM Registry in relation to these federal criminal laws immediately," said Trueman.

"The establishment of a .xxx domain will do nothing but increase the spread of Internet porn," said Trueman. "In fact, ICM has recently indicated that they have nearly one million 'expressions of interest' for new XXX sites. Yet not one porn company has announced plans to close its .com site to relocate to the XXX domain," Trueman said.

Pornography is causing grave social costs, which are documented at .

"Will Attorney General Holder stand by and watch this pandemic of harm continue to spiral when he has laws at his disposal that can be enforced against this destructive material? We take this opportunity to urge him to vigorously enforce federal obscenity laws against major online commercial distributors of hard-core adult pornography and those who aid and abet its distribution," said Trueman.

"If Attorney General Holder won't investigate ICM Registry now, we will press the next attorney general to do so," said Trueman. "This issue will never go away for ICM Registry or for Internet

pornographers who attempt to hide their criminal activities behind the .xxx domain.”

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opposing pornography and indecency through public education and the

application of the law. MIM is leading The War on Illegal Pornography, a coalition of more than 100 national and state groups

whose goal is to stop the distribution of illegal pornography.