

FBI Revenge Porn Bust Sheds Light on Harms

The FBI arrested the head of a revenge porn website on Thursday after he allegedly worked with another man to obtain nude pictures by hacking email accounts. Hunter Moore, 27, founded a site where people can post nude photos of unwilling ex-lovers after a bad breakup, more commonly known as “revenge porn.”

“The whole idea of revenge porn is horribly degrading,” says Morality in Media Executive Director Dawn Hawkins. “These women and men did not authorize the release of nude photos and are being harassed and shamed by their exes. We are encouraged that states are seeking to ban revenge porn and stop those like Moore who profit from unwilling [exploitation].”

According to the Smoking Gun website, Moore was confronted during a 2012 TV interview and told the mother of a victim, “I’m sorry that your daughter was ‘cyber-raped,’ but, I mean, now she’s educated on technology.” Parents need to be aware and educate their children about the harms of not just sending nude pictures, but of pornography in general.

There are ways to avoid being a victim of revenge porn and work to end this disturbing trend. Besides the effects on marriage and families, porn also leads to increased demand for sex trafficking, violence against women, widespread addiction, the sexual exploitation of children and a host of other debilitating problems. More information on the harms can be found at .