Perverted Justice: Understanding the “Grooming” from the Online Chat Logs and the Use of Technology

Internet opened a new gateway for many sexual predators by providing anonymity and sense of security from the imminent police actions. Many research on sexual predators indicate that “grooming” is a big part of the contact with minors and has been done in many forms. This research gathered a dataset from the perverted justice website, where chat logs from various adult websites were gathered to use identifying sexual predators who had been trying to reach out to minors for sexual favors. This work examined the several of these chat logs and identified certain behavioral patterns in understanding of the grooming process while providing some general recommendations in terms of the use of online social networks and parental advisory.

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