



**DATE:** October 24, 2017 @ 2:58PM

**LOCATION:** Oregon State Capitol Building

**VICTIM:** Kruse, Jeffery Bruce [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
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**MENTIONED OTHERS:**

Andy Heider, Major  
Police Services Bureau  
Jon Harrington, Captain  
Criminal Investigative Services Division  
Stephanie Ingraham, Lieutenant  
Capitol Mall Patrol Office

**SUMMARY:**

On October 24, 2017, at approximately 2:58PM, I was assigned to investigate a complaint regarding a video posted on *YouTube*. The video appeared to depict Oregon State Senator Jeff Kruse during an act of masturbation. Additionally, the video bears the caption, "he masturbates in front of cam 9-year girls what shame for him and it Families." The following a close review of the video and an interview of Senator Kruse, the investigation was closed as non-criminal.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

On October 24, 2017, at approximately 2:58PM, I met with Major Andy Heider and Captain Jon Harrington and was assigned to investigate a complaint regarding a video which had been uploaded to the web-site *YouTube*. The video depicted a person, identifiable as Jeffery Kruse, (presently an Oregon Senator) shirtless and appearing to masturbate. Additionally, the video bears the caption, "he masturbates in front of cam 9-year girls what shame for him and it Families." I was assigned to determine first, if any 9 year old girls may have been a party to this video and next, if Senator Kruse was masturbating and subsequently recorded without his knowledge or permission and the video was posted to the internet without his consent, he could be a victim of the crime of Unlawful Dissemination of an Intimate Image.

Captain Harrington had already captured a copy of the video and saved it to a flash media drive. He provided the drive to me and it was submitted into evidence.

I contacted Lieutenant Stephanie Ingraham who first learned of the videos presence on *YouTube*. Lieutenant Ingraham said she had been contacted the day prior (10/23/17 at 2:21PM), with Senator Courtney's Chief of Staff Betsy Imholt.

I contacted Ms. Imholt who told me she learned about the video after attending a meeting at the Capitol Human Resources Office. She told me she was concerned about the title of the video including a reference to 9-year old girls and potentially Senator Kruse as the victim of a crime. Ms. Imholt said the video caption showed it was uploaded to *YouTube* about a year ago and confirmed the video to definitely be of Senator Kruse.

I reviewed the video multiple times. The video is pixelated and grainy. It shows a white male subject in a living room setting, smoking, who removes his shirt. The video appears to be Senator Kruse. In the video, his right arm appears to vacillate in a manner consistent with masturbation, however, his penis is not captured on the video. The video is three (3) minutes and forty (40) seconds in length. This video appears to

be of a chat on the platform *Skype*.

During the early portions of the video a woman, aged 30-40 years, is shown in facial profile in a small box near the bottom right hand portion of the video. She is blonde and clearly an adult. Later in the video, an adult female (likely the same person as the beginning of the video), stands and appears topless, walking toward the camera.

During the video a message concerning the connectivity of the chat appears – written in a language that appears to be French.

Based upon the appearance of the woman in the screen, I have not found any evidence to suggest any children were present, depicted or aware of this incident.

Detective Ted Moisan assisted me in contacting *Google* (parent company of *YouTube*) and submitted a preservation of evidence request.

#### **INTERVIEW OF SENATOR KRUSE:**

On October 27, 2017, at approximately 2:53p.m., I spoke with Senator Kruse by phone. Senator Kruse agreed to meet me at the OSP office in Roseburg for an interview.

On October 25, 2017, at approximately 3:15p.m., I interviewed Senator Kruse in the conference room at the Oregon State Police office in Roseburg. I told Senator Kruse the conversation was voluntary and he was not required to speak with me and he was free to leave at any time. Senator Kruse said, "I understand that, no problem." He was seated closest to the closed door. The conversation was not recorded.

I asked Senator Kruse to tell me about the video posted on *YouTube* which appears to show him masturbating and having the caption, "he masturbates in front of cam 9-year girls what shame for him and it Families." Senator Kruse made the following in-substance statement regarding this video.

Senator Kruse said some time ago he became aware of potential fraud and deception occurring on the internet against individuals in his district. Specifically, Senator Kruse was told people were being targeted by individuals who were trolling on internet dating sites, faking relationships with people and then attempting to bilk money out of them by extortion or some other false statement. Senator Kruse told me he undertook an investigation of his own in order to uncover the scope of the problem and work on legislative solutions.

Senator Kruse said he utilized the *Skype* and *Hangout* platforms to communicate with individuals he would get connected to on dating websites. He said he used his real name and was compiling a long list of folks who'd fallen victim to these schemes. Senator Kruse described one incident where he received a video of himself with his shirt off that had been edited to remove his trousers and add a nude male lower half. He said the sender requested he give them money or they were going to send the video to his children. Senator Kruse said that at that point he believed he had sufficient information to get the Department of Justice (DOJ) involved only to learn from them that if the suspects were not in Oregon (or the U.S.); little could be done to apprehend them. I asked Senator Kruse about this video specifically. He said it was possible he was talking to Sabine Ravet (the name on the *YouTube* video post) but there were several he was speaking with and couldn't be sure. He said he was not masturbating, only pretending to masturbate in order to see what would happen later on. Senator Kruse said "Sabine" ultimately told him she would share the video with his senate colleges if he didn't pay up. Senator Kruse said he did not pay and the video was uploaded to *YouTube*. He said he first became aware of this video on Sunday or Monday of this same week.

Senator Kruse said at the time he was acting to try and get evidence to show DOJ and

to ultimately work on legislation to protect people from this kind of scam. He told me he engaged in these kinds of conversations upwards of a dozen or more times. He said he kind of got sucked into it because of the cleverness of the criminals.

Senator Kruse said his father was a victim of one such call where a person called him and said his grandson was in trouble and to wire money to a certain location. His father went to the local convenience store but was stopped by the clerk who warned him it was a scam and declined to send the money.

Senator Kruse said he used his real name and contact information on the dating sites as he was actively seeking a personal relationship at the time. He said he believed the people conducting the scam likely got his information from there. He said he posted as a 63-year-old farmer in Roseburg using the name Jeff Kruse.

Senator Kruse said he did not have any 9 year old children nearby and that his children were grown at the time. He said he believes the caption is meant to grab attention and shock people into viewing as a part of the extortion.

**CASE STATUS: Closed/No further investigation.**

**Joshua Brooks, Lieutenant**