WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SEXTORTION

UPRISING

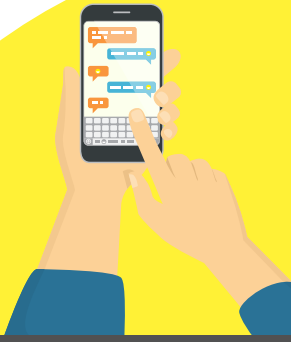
SPECIAL AGENT DIVISION OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

SEXTORTION- threats to expose a sexual image in order to make a person do something, such as:

- Acquire more sexual content
- Engage in sex
- Obtain money

CSAM- stands for child sexual abuse material, and is sometimes referred to as child pornography

Sometimes this content is self-generated from youth themselves, and sometimes it is generated by another person, both are illegal



"I think it is critical for parents to know that sextortion knows no specific demographic, age, sex or location. Wherever kids access the internet and/or social media predators are potentially waiting to victimize them. Our best defense is Awareness, Education and Communication."
-Wyoming Internet Crimes Against Children Commander, Chris McDonald

1 in 6
surveyed youth (9-17) have shared their own nude image

41%
of those sharers believed they were sending their image to an adult

1 in 4
sextortion victims were 13 or under when threatened

**Information courtesy of Thorn*

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

START A CONVERSATION

- **Remind youth or peers-** do not share any images you wouldn't want everyone to be able to see
- Remember that even though it feels like everyone is doing it, most kids are **NOT** sharing nude images and videos
- Don't forget that the **PERPERTRATOR is to blame**. There is help if you shared an image you regret sharing, or if you are being threatened

BE THEIR ALLY

If you know someone experiencing sextortion, you can help!

- Help them identify a trusted adult that they can talk to.
- Help them report. You can report online at www.report.cybertip.org
- Help them find resources at www.stopsextortion.com

KNOW THE RED FLAGS

Red Flags of Potential Sextortion:

- The person does not have a working camera
- The person turns the conversation to "adult" topics right away
- Use of fear tactics
- Profile has low followers/friends
- Asking to move conversation to another platform or app
- Profile has limited photos
- Many typos in profile
- Someone claiming they are a kid, but they do not talk like it
- Someone giving lots of consequences or ultimatums

Red Flags someone may be experiencing sextortion:

- Starting to isolate
- Not wanting to spend time on devices
- Seems fearful, shameful
- Starting to engage in self-harm

More Info on Wyoming ICAC:
https://wyomingdci.wyo.gov/operations/internet-crimes-against-children-icac

More Info on Uprising:
www.uprisingwyo.org