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Internet Behaviors Which May be Indicative of Increased Risk for Contact Offending in Internet Offenders

- 1) Viewing images of children in sexual poses as opposed to viewing non-posed images
- 2) Viewing videos or webcam of children stimulating themselves
- 3) Viewing photos of sex acts among children
- 4) Viewing photos of children engaged in sex acts with adults
- 5) Viewing video of sex between children and adults
- 6) Chatting about explicit acts with children
- 7) Chatting about arousal to own children
- 8) Enticing sex acts during chats with children
- 9) Enticing sex acts on webcam with children
- 10) Taking photos of children engaged in sex acts
- 11) Discussing in-person meetings with chat partners
- 12) Arranging in-person meetings with chat partners
- 13) Meeting chat partners in person for sexual contact

We hypothesize that both a greater number of total behaviors displayed and the presence of behaviors listed towards the lower end of the list (with #13 being the lowest) may be indicative of a tendency to progress from internet-only behaviors to contact behaviors.

Other Factors Possibly Related to Increased Risk for Contact Offending in Internet Offenders

- 1) History of other significant sexual boundary crossing behaviors (bestiality, masochism)
- 2) History of physical harm to others
- 3) Strong antisocial personality traits

We hypothesize that presence of these factors may also be indicative of a tendency to progress from internet-only behaviors to contact behaviors; it should be noted that the last factor, Strong antisocial personality traits, is being increasingly identified by research as important in predicting whether internet offenders might also engage in contact offenses.