



# STOPPING ONLINE CHILD PREDATORS

*From Undercover Investigations to Proven Strategies for Successful Prosecution*

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With the ever-growing number of kids using social media apps to chat with family and friends, there has been a jump in the number of on-line predators contacting underage victims for the purpose of sexual exploitation. Because of this, there has been a higher demand for law enforcement to take a proactive role in combating these on-line predators. More and more law enforcement agencies have been exploring undercover on-line chatting and sting operations, but the logistics can be daunting. With this class, the students will become familiar with building an undercover chat persona, become familiar with current chat apps used for sting operations, become familiar with chat lingo, learn how to set up an undercover sting operation, and become familiar with the "house vs car date" sting operation methods, in addition to other strategies.

These topics are covered through a slide presentation, lecture, discussion, and practical application. The class is designed to educate and teach the students, to return to their law enforcement agencies and give them the tools and knowledge to conduct successful undercover on-line sting operations.

**Course topics include but are not limited to:**

- ✓ Sting Operation Preparation
- ✓ UC Images for Chatting
- ✓ Creating Your UC Persona and Backstory
- ✓ Creating UC Profiles on Apps
- ✓ Chatting Techniques
- ✓ The Best Apps for UC Chatting
- ✓ Legal Issues and Entrapment
- ✓ Phones, Websites and Emulators
- ✓ Setting Up Your Sting Operation
- ✓ House OP vs Car Dates
- ✓ Personnel and Assignments
- ✓ Interviewing Your Suspect
- ✓ Search Warrants and Report Writing