

Illegal Pornography in Kosciusko County

How It Affects Our Neighborhoods



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"I am a sex addict. I am consumed by sex. Frequently, at least once a week, I would rent videos from the back room at Video World or purchase explicit material from Readmore. As time went on, I got bolder and bolder and started looking at more explicit material."

- 45 year old male inmate in Kosciusko County Jail, serving a 1 1/2 year sentence for raping a mentally handicapped woman.

"The explicit material put the thought into my mind. I was around it and used it so much that it became an addiction. Child molestation was something that I had not yet tried. If I could do it over again, I would never have looked at pornography."

- 32 year old male inmate in Kosciusko County Jail serving a four year sentence for molesting an 11 year old girl.

"If you can prove to me that pornography causes violence against women or children, I will remove the videos from my store."

*- Bill Frazier, owner
Video World East and Video World at Market Place in Warsaw*

Introduction

Over the past several years, the occurrence and reporting of sex-related crimes has risen sharply across America. Estimates indicate that 1 in 3 girls and 1 in 7 boys will be sexually abused before they reach 18. Pioneers in the area of sexual abuse believe that the incidence of abuse could be as high as 75 to 80 percent for girls and 40 percent for boys. A rape occurs in the United States every 46 seconds. These statistics are even more alarming given FBI estimates that 90 to 99 percent of all sexual abuse in our nation is never reported.

Kosciusko County has not been immune from this national trend, particularly with regard to child sexual abuse. Since 1988, county-wide arrests relative to incest and pedophilia have increased by about 240 percent. It is no coincidence that, since 1988, the prevalence of various forms of pornography in the county has risen sharply as well.

In March 1988, a Grand Jury was convened in Kosciusko County to determine whether the explicit material available in the county was illegal. The jury determined that the material was not illegal. Since that time, sexually explicit material in Warsaw has multiplied by 220 percent. In 1988, there were 1,300 non-duplicative titles available in Warsaw. Today, there are 4,148.

While pornography is not the only cause of sexually deviant behavior, evidence strongly suggests that exposure of some individuals to obscene material can catalyze the acting out of such behavior. Therefore, pornography can be considered a *leading* cause.

This paper is the result of dozens of interviews with social service personnel, therapists, sexual abuse victims and offenders, county and Warsaw city officials, and law enforcement personnel. It also includes data on the inventory of sexually explicit material available within Warsaw at seven video outlets and one bookstore. This report presents an argument for action to reduce the availability of illegal pornography within our county, which would result in a safer community for all of us.

County Officials Should Take Measures Now to Reduce the Prevalence of Illegal Pornography in Kosciusko County

The Argument for Action

- I. Factual evidence indicates that exposure of some individuals to hard-core pornography has a significant bearing on the occurrence of sex-related crimes and sexually deviant behavior.
- II. A wide variety of hard-core pornography is available in increasing numbers here in Kosciusko County.
- III. Therefore, county officials should take measures now, in conjunction with federal and state initiatives, to reduce the availability of hard-core pornography and thereby the incidence of sexual abuse in Kosciusko County.
- IV. Appendix

I. Factual evidence indicates that exposure of some individuals to hard-core pornography has a significant bearing on the occurrence of sex-related crimes and sexually deviant behavior.

- An hour and a half of viewing hard-core pornography doubled the number of men who said that they were likely to commit rape. 436 men were involved in the study. *Check and Guloien, "Reported Proclivity for Coercive Sex Following Repeated Exposure to Sexually Violent Pornography, Nonviolent Dehumanizing Pornography, and Erotica," New Jersey: Erlbaum*
- The LAPD Sexually Exploited Child Unit examined the relationship between extrafamilial child sexual abuse and pornography by reviewing all cases occurring between 1980 to 1989. Pornography was directly involved in 62 percent of the cases and actually recovered in 55 percent of the total cases. *Bennett, "The Relationship Between Pornography and Extrafamilial Child Sexual Abuse," The Police Chief, February, 1991*
- In a study done at Kingston Penitentiary in Ontario, 77 percent of those who molested boys said they were regular users of hard-core pornography. Eighty-seven percent of those who molested girls said they were regular users of hard-core pornography. *W. Marshall, Report on the Use of Pornography by Sexual Offenders, Report to the Federal Department of Justice, Ottawa, Canada, 1983*
- States with the highest per capita sales of pornographic magazines also have the highest rate of rape. *University of New Hampshire researchers, Drs. Straus and Baron*
- A study done by city officials in Phoenix, Arizona, reported that communities with "adult" businesses had 40 percent more property crime and 500 percent more sexual offenses than similar neighborhoods without such businesses.
- From 1983 to 1989, Oklahoma City closed 150 sexually oriented businesses. During the same time, the city's rape rate declined by over 27 percent. The rape rate in the rest of the state increased by 19 percent over the same period.
- Locally, in interviews with seven sexual offenders housed in the Kosciusko County Jail, six of the seven (86 percent) admitted to regular use of pornography. Sixty percent viewed pornography excessively — on a daily or every other day basis. Of those who used pornography, three rented videos from Video World, two purchased magazines and videos from Readmore, one rented videos from Koach's Video Rental, one was given videos by a buddy who collected trash locally, and one purchased material from out of town. Every one of the male offenders who used pornography was first exposed to explicit material between the ages of 7 and 11.

Illegal pornography influences behavior.

- Pornography dehumanizes and debases women, reducing sex to a cheap animal commodity to be bought and sold in the marketplace.
- Pornography desensitizes the observer to sexual aggression against women and children.
- Pornography presents the message that pain and humiliation are “fun” for women and causes men to be less inhibited against rape.
- Pornography acts as a sexual manual, instructing the consumer *how* to do the act.

Illegal pornography is a public health and safety issue.

- It facilitates child molestation.
- It has a direct relationship to rape and sexual violence.
- It has a compulsive or “addictive” nature for many men.
- It has a direct role in the transmission and encouragement of sexually transmitted diseases.

Interviews with local personnel about pornography and its affect on our neighborhoods

- “One of our adolescents who became a molester had been in the home of an adult molester viewing his sexually explicit material. The boy went away and abused children in his baby-sitting care. This is not an isolated story.

“In a very high percentage of abuse cases, pornography has been involved. Part of the molestation has been that children have witnessed the pornography. The children said that they had seen it. The abused boys will usually go on to molest others. The girls will set themselves up to be abused again. For two years, from 1989 to 1991, every male adolescent perpetrator that we dealt with had also been abused.”

— *Peggy Shively, Director*
Kosciusko County Children and Family Services

- “About a year ago, we confiscated 60 to 80 tapes from a man’s home. They were all sexually explicit films. He would put explicit tapes on one of his own films using slow speed, and in between he would insert video tapes of him molesting his ten-year-old stepdaughter.

“Two years ago, city officials learned that people wanted to have Sunday School classes in Lucerne Park, but they were not able to with all the explicit material and spent condoms, Vaseline jars and such that were lying around. Our officers videoed one man taking off his skimpy underwear in the park until he was completely exposed. We noticed men meeting in the park’s parking lot and then wandering off together into the woods [for homosexual activity.] The activity has now moved to U.S. 30 by the rest stop. I saw a lot of people out there who I know are married and have families.

“When I’ve had a search warrant and gone into the residences of homosexuals, there is always a suitcase of muscle books, *Playgirl*, and explicit material. This one guy had two big suitcases full of that stuff, and it was all around his trailer. You see a lot of that stuff when you deal with homosexuals.”

— *Detective Sam Whitaker*
Kosciusko County Sheriff’s Department

- “When my son was six, he and a buddy were running around in Lucerne Park. They found a whole bunch of explicit magazines. They ran back and said that there were pictures of girls with no clothes on. They also found *Blueboy*, an extremely explicit homosexual magazine. I had never seen anything like it before — men with men, and men with animals.

“Child sexual abuse is a lot more prevalent than our county would like to admit or is willing to deal with. We should be more concerned about children than we are about picking up stray dogs.

“Girls and women are being portrayed as things and items, as property, rather than treasures to be cherished. If we could take some parents and end some cycles, we could save a lot of kids. We have too many children who will never experience childhood.”

— *Cindi Knepper, Executive Director*
Kosciusko County Boys and Girls Club

- “Most of the time when I am dealing with a victim of abuse and I ask them probing questions, I find that pornography was present in the home many, many times. My experience shows that there is a correlation.

“I listen to stories every day of innocent children who come into contact with that material. It is very common for 12 year olds to have extensive sexual knowledge.”

—*Deb Hambright*

Counseling Associates in Warsaw

- “I walked in the back room to see if it was as bad as I had heard. There were no pictures of air-brushed nudity. It was extremely explicit. A handsome boy with a Warsaw High letter jacket stood in the back room. I wonder how he will view the next girl he goes out with.”

—*Lori*

mother of high school girl

- “The baby-sitter suspected sexual abuse. We went with the alleged victim, a three-year-old girl, into her home. She volunteered that she and her dad often slept together. While we were in the bedroom, she put on an extremely explicit video and said this was one of the videos that she and dad watched together.”

—*Detective John Hershberger*

Warsaw Police Department

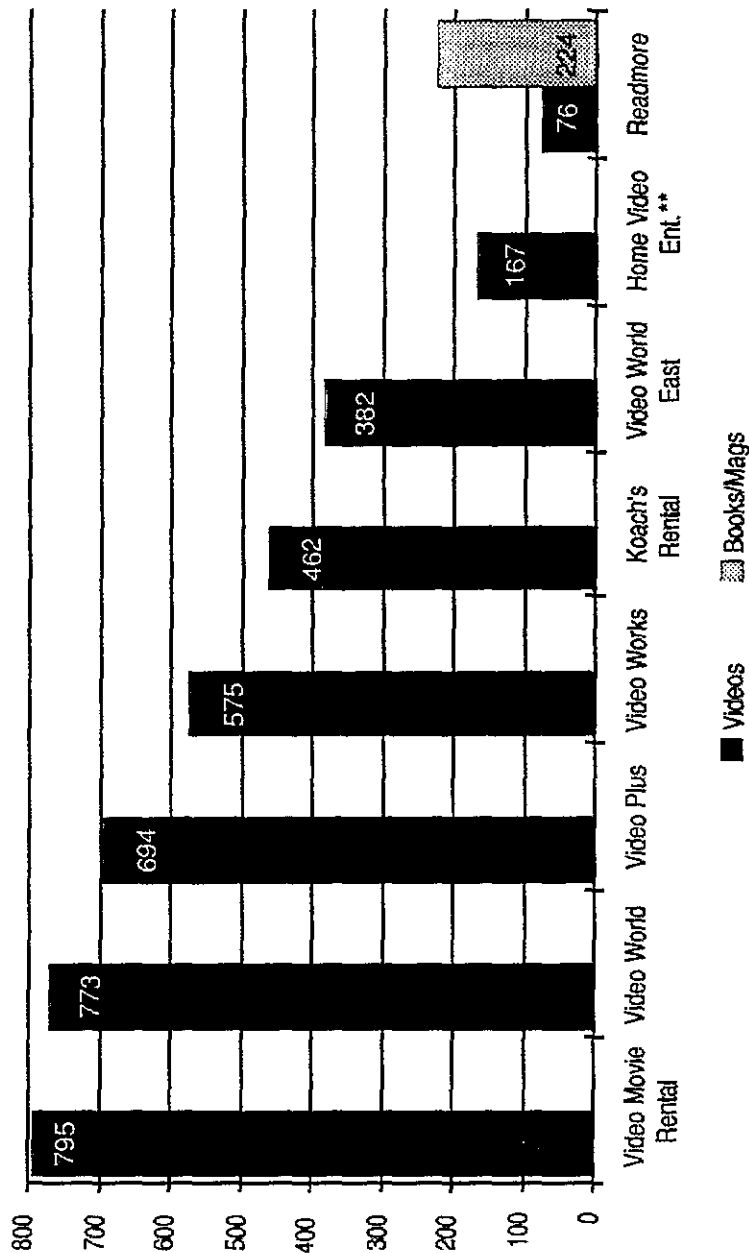
- “I believe that the prevalence of sexual abuse is as high here per capita as it is in any major metropolitan area, such as Chicago. The only difference here is that we don't talk about it.”

—*Jeanne Campbell*

Beaman Home Shelter

II. A wide variety of pornography is increasingly available in Kosciusko County.

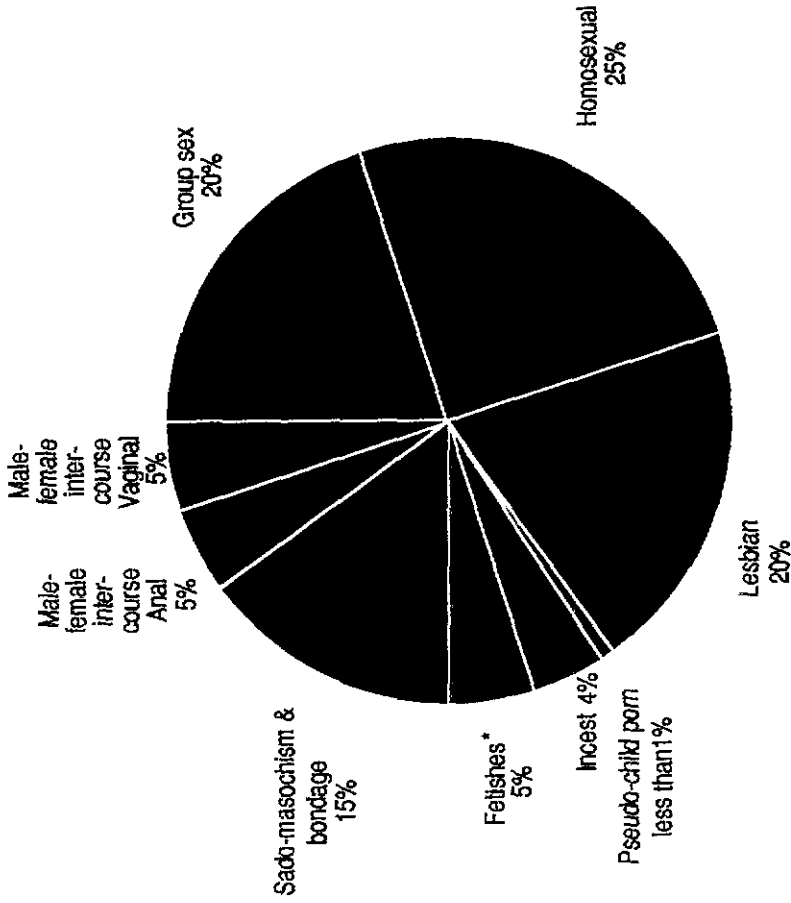
Count of Sexually Explicit Titles*
Available at Video and Book Store Outlets in Warsaw
April 1993



* Count does not include NC-17 and unrated explicit videos available in main video showrooms.

** Sexually explicit material displayed in main showroom where it may be viewed by minors.

Classification of Sexually Explicit Material Available in Warsaw Video and Book Store Outlets



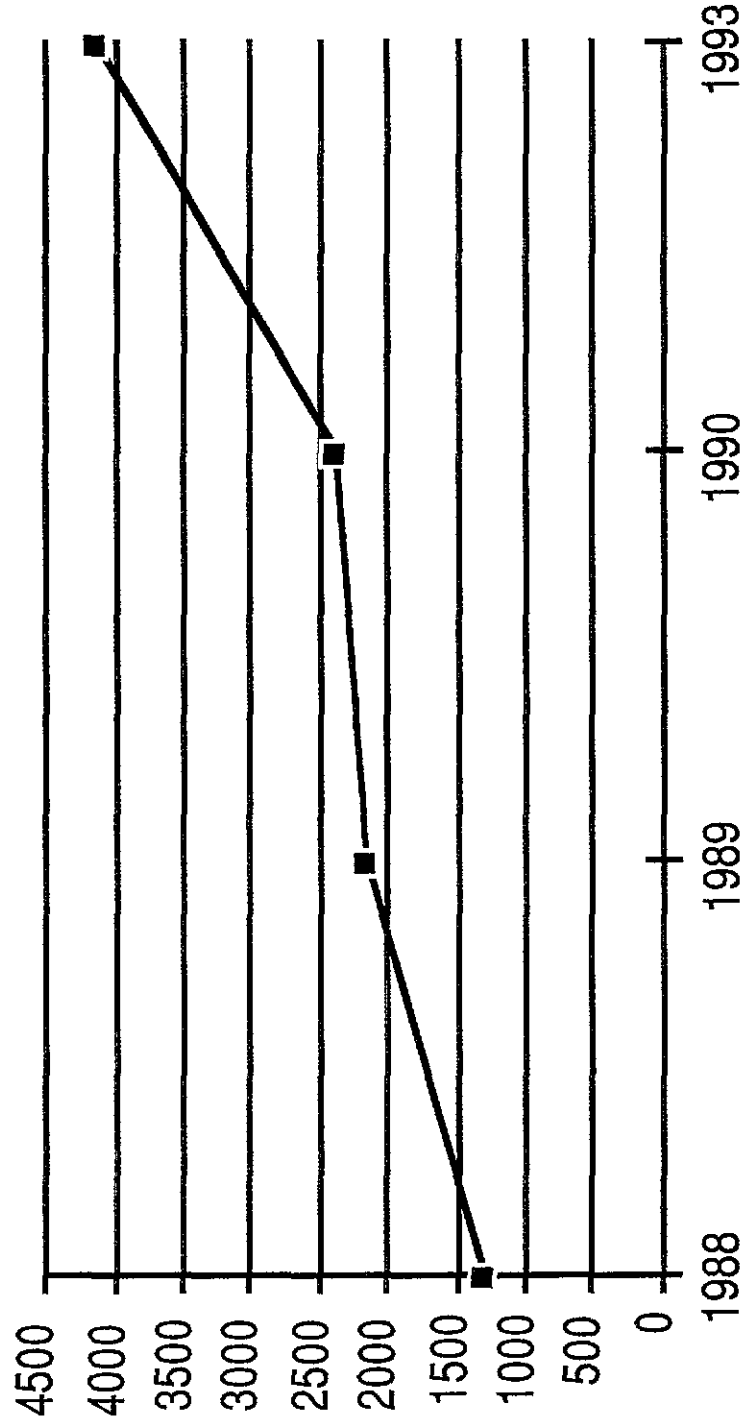
These classifications were made after viewing the covers of 4,148 explicit units available in Warsaw. Since each video was not individually categorized, these percentages are honest estimates.

In the 1987, Dietz & Sears report of 13 "adults-only" outlets in four cities, 105 explicit units were examined internally after the cover imagery had been classified. All but two contained imagery that was more sexually explicit or deviant than the cover.

"The product that is in the back room of the Mom and Pop video store is the identical tape that is sold in the dirty book store. The only difference is the front of the Mom and Pop store is not painted yellow, and it doesn't say XXX on it." — *Bill Kelly, FBI retired, Miami*

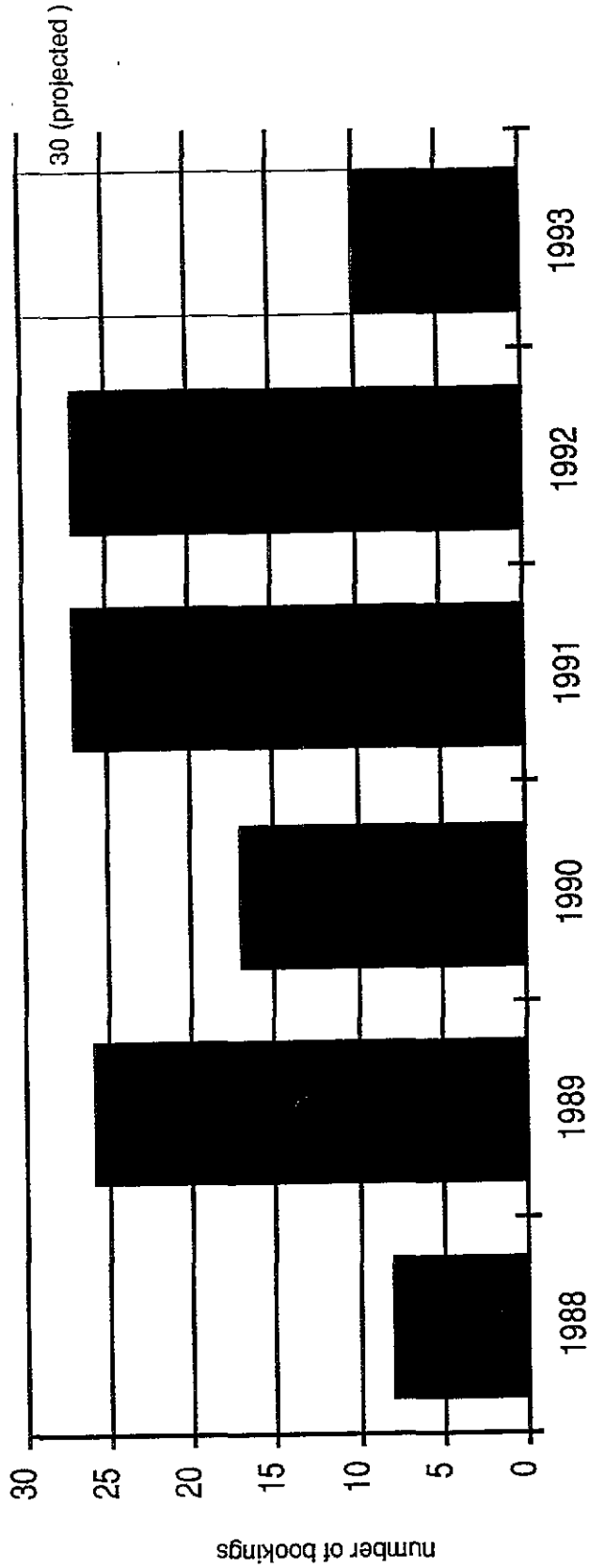
* includes obsession with such things as pregnant or lactating women and extremely large breasts.

Growth in Pornography in Warsaw 1988-1993



Note: Over the past five years, there has been a 220% increase in pornography in Warsaw. During the same time period, the population of Warsaw increased by 3%. Any Warsaw resident could view a different video or periodical every day, 365 days year, for the next 11 years. There would be enough explicit material for about one out of every two Warsaw residents to view pornography at the same time if duplicative titles were counted.

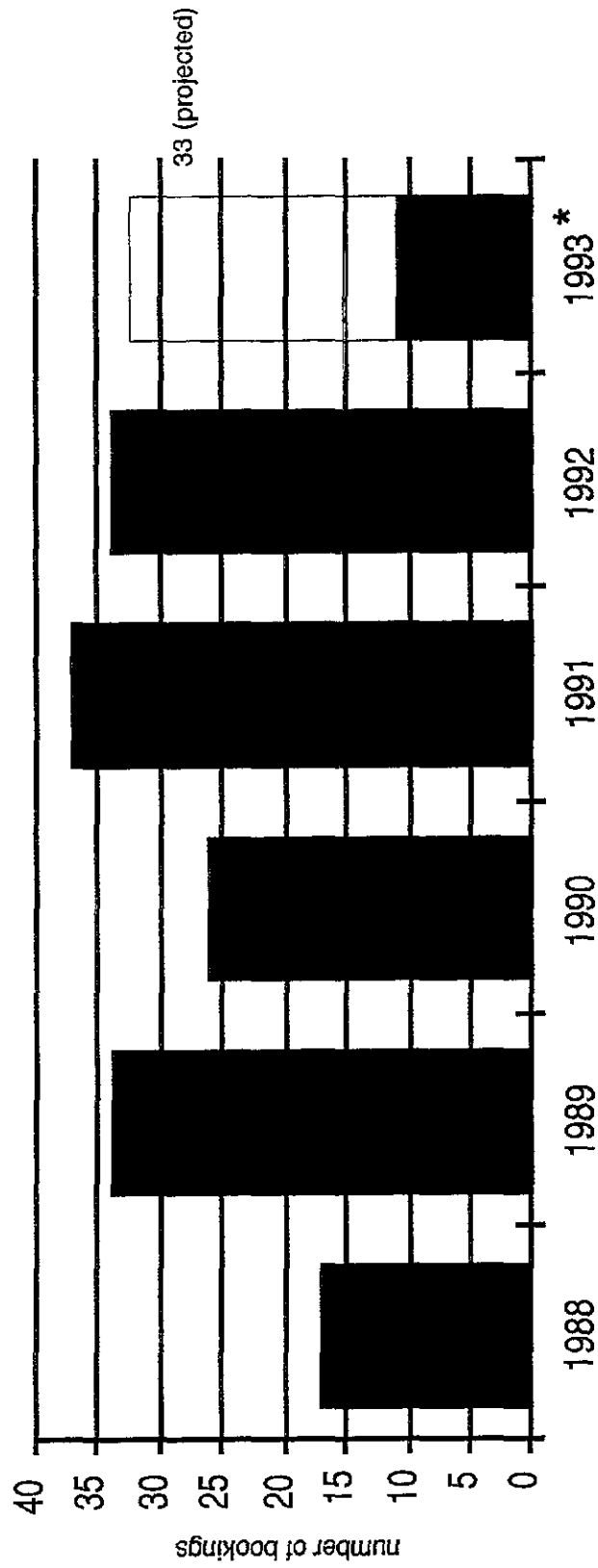
Jail Bookings for Child Molestation in Kosciusko County 1988-1993*



Note: Since the county does not jail juveniles, this table does not include statistics on child molestations committed by juveniles each year. Nationally, the FBI reports that the typical child molester abuses over 360 children during his lifetime. He will abuse 30 to 60 times before he is caught. Ninety to 99 percent of all sexual offenses are never reported.

* Number of actual bookings shown for 1993 is for first four months only. These figures represent a 240% increase in child sexual abuse between 1988 and 1992.

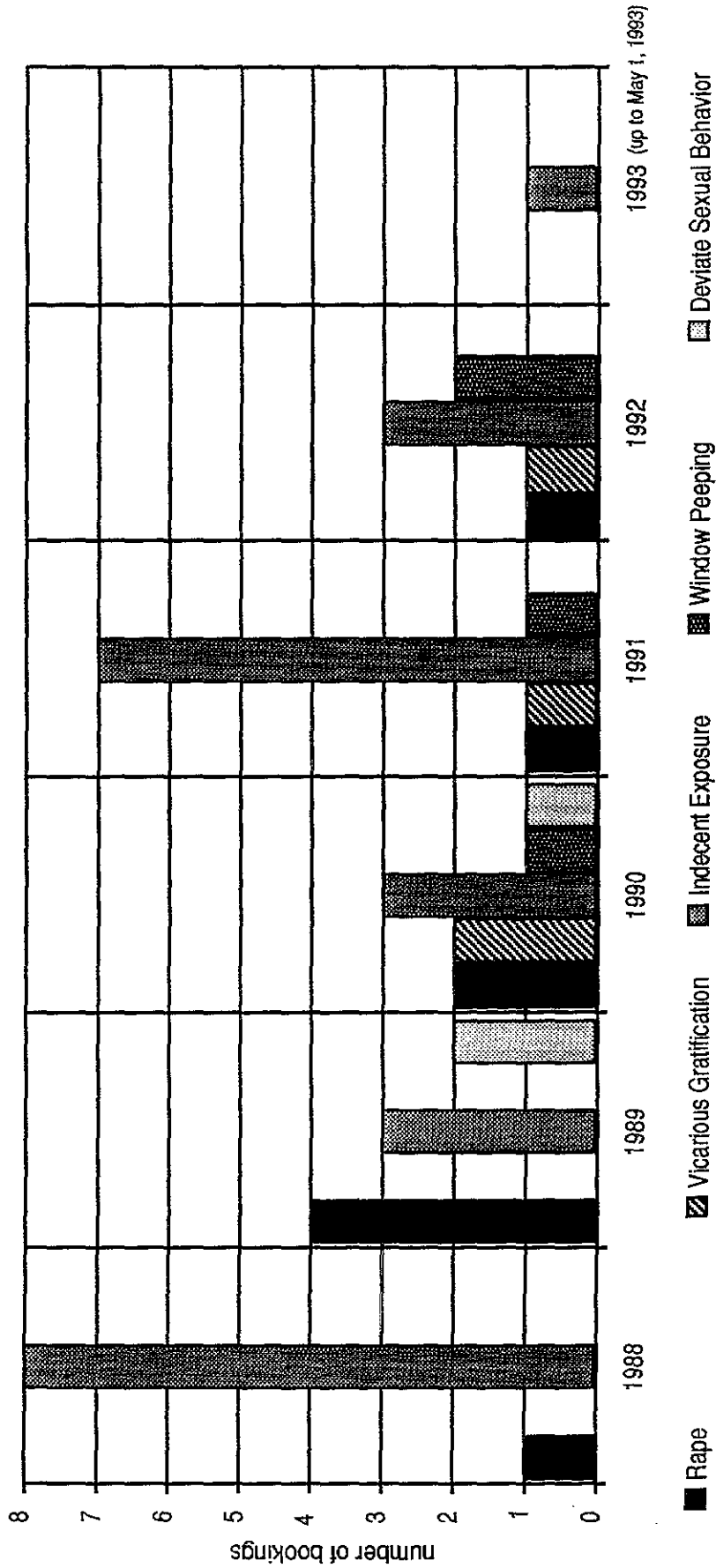
Jail Bookings for All Adult Sexual Crimes in Kosciusko County 1988-1993*



* First four months of 1993.

Sexually Related Jail Bookings in Kosciusko County 1988-1993

(not including child molestation)



Note: Since the county does not jail juveniles, this table does not include the statistics on the dozens of juvenile sexual offenses that occur each year. Statistics are also not maintained when sexually deviant behavior is a secondary offense. For example, one man we interviewed had broken into dozens of homes to steal women's underwear, yet this was never recorded as a sexual crime.

Therefore, county officials should take measures now, in conjunction with federal and state initiatives, to reduce the availability of illegal pornography and thereby the incidence of sexual abuse within Kosciusko County.

Opportunities for Local Action

County Residents

Recommendation

- Establish a broad-based coalition of citizens, county officials, and the mayor to educate county residents on the correlation between sexual abuse and pornography nationally and within the county.

Recommendation

- Patronize or establish video and book outlets in town which do not carry obscene material. Tell stores that carry obscenity that you will no longer shop there and why.

Recommendation

- Report criminal sexual behavior and protect our children from it.

Rationale

- The next Grand Jury needs to be aware of specific data on how pornography affects each of us, our families, and our community.

Rationale

- Pornography means money. A decline in revenue at outlets that carry pornography will affect how the proprietor operates his/her business.

Rationale

- The cycle of abuse will end only when we talk about the problem and its solutions.

Law Enforcement

Recommendations

- Maintain search warrants and confiscate explicit materials from the homes of sexual offenders.

- Maintain definitive records on pornography's use in sexual offenses.

- Maintain more accurate records on sex crimes; cross reference crimes related to sexually deviant behavior.

Rationale

- The prevalence of pornography in sex-related crimes needs to be documented.

Judges

Recommendation

- Hand down stiffer sentences for sexual offenders and not be concerned with overcrowded prisons.

Recommendation

- Require court-ordered rehabilitation for all offenders.

Prosecutor

Recommendation

- Pursue the “tough” cases which involve adolescent offenders or extremely young victims.

Recommendation

- Actively prosecute illegal pornography which is in violation of Article 49 of the Indiana Criminal Code.

County Officials

Recommendation

- Establish a juvenile facility

State Officials

Recommendation

- Establish a state registry of sexual offenders.

Rationale

- The recidivism rate is higher for sexual abuse than it is for any other crime. Many offenders are given extremely short or suspended sentences.

Rationale

- Stiff jail sentences should be complemented by mandatory rehabilitation (paid for by the offender).

Rationale

- The prevalence of sexual abuse county-wide is dramatically underestimated because the “tough” cases are never dealt with.

Rationale

- Obscenity is illegal and causes harm to women and children in our community.

Rationale

- Juvenile sexual perpetrators are not incarcerated but integrated back into the community. These offenders are rarely asked to pay restitution for their crimes.

Rationale

- Whatever the objections, programs that serve children need a central clearinghouse which can verify an employee's credentials.

Overcoming fears of acting now

Myth #1

Pornography is an important source of revenue for the local economy.

Fact

Nationally, pornography is a \$10 billion a year industry. Ninety percent is controlled by organized crime. In Kosciusko County, it is about a fourth of the video stores' business. However, *reducing* the occurrence of sexual crimes in the county could save taxpayers significantly (i.e., in police activities, legal expenses, court costs, insurance, rehabilitation, incarceration, etc.) Estimates indicate that every rape costs a community an average of \$30,000. The cost of child sexual abuse is higher since child abusers have to be isolated in prison and abused children require long-term rehabilitation.

Myth #2

The distribution and sale of pornography is guaranteed by the First Amendment.

Fact

The Supreme Court has said and has always held that obscenity is not protected by the First Amendment. It is not protected expression, any more than libel or slander are. Obscenity is not a First Amendment issue. It is a crime, and most of the traffic in hard-core pornography in the country is controlled by organized crime.

Myth #3

You can't legislate morality.

Fact

On its face, this cliché is absurd, because every law legislates morality. Every law sets some standard for its citizens, and every citizen must ultimately make the moral decision to obey or disobey. Private morals are private, public morals are the business of the entire community, and the officers are empowered by the community to defend the welfare of the community against the willful minority. Commercial obscenity is public business. It is public morality that obscenity laws are designed to safeguard, not private morality.

Myth #4

Pornography is a choice. If you don't like it, don't buy it.

Fact

Pornography is like pollution. The person who does the polluting isn't always the person who is hurt by it. Like pollution, pornography is hazardous to the health of our families and children.

Appendix

- List of pornographic titles
- Supreme Court definition of illegal pornography
 - Indiana Criminal Code related to obscenity
 - Acknowledgments

Sexually Explicit Titles Available in Warsaw's Video and Book Stores

Video Works – Northgate Shopping Center

Erotica
Pregnant, Ebony and Hot love
Put It In
Lick Me
Deep Inside Rachael Ashley
City Lickers
Underage
Eat My Cunt
Blondes on Fire
Come Again
Harlots (*Lesbianism*)
Bi Day, Bi Night (*Bisexual*)
Bi Mistake (*Bisexual*)
Mix and Match
Oh Brother (*Homosexual*)
Fantasy Boys (*Homosexual*)

Video World – North Lake Street

Nasty Boys (*Homosexual*)
Boys in the Sand
Hard Luck Number (*Two naked men*)
Sensuous Sisters (*Incest*)
Deep Inside (*Group sex*)
Pirates
Forced Love (*Bondage*)
Anal Addiction II
Penetrator
Anal Slut
Anyone But My Husband
Wired Menessa (*A hand-held ear-piercing machine is shown piercing her nipple*)

Readmore –Buffalo Street

Double D Nymphoes (*Book for nymphomaniacs*)
Lesbians and Intimate Sex Acts (*book*)
Books on "Family Secrets"
224 nonduplicative book and magazines titles

Home Video Enterprises – Winona Avenue

Lust for Freedom (*Woman in handcuffs*)

Tasting Mr. Goodbar

The Big Gag

Swinging Sorority Sisters

Makin' It

Goin' all the Way

Sexcetera

This material is clearly available for viewing by minors. This is in violation of Indiana Code 35-49-2-2 relative to displaying material harmful to minors.

Video Plus – Winona Avenue

All American Boys (*Homosexual*)

Study in Sex (*Two men*)

Passing (*Woman is tied up and beaten*)

Paula's punishment

Corporal Punishment – The Ultimate Bondage Film (*Says it's filmed in actual locations*)

Tough Task (*Woman tied up*)

Man to Maiden (*Female being dominated*)

Hog Tied and Spanked

Diana's Destiny (*She is tied up and gagged with a fat ball*)

Chained – Roommate in Bondage

Alexis in Bondage

Spanking Master

Fisting (*"Fisting" is homosexual*)

Love to Eat Pussy

Thanks for Cummin'

Hundreds of videos on female bondage and sado-masochism

Koach's Rental – Winona Avenue

Dream Girl (*Pseudo or child pornography, girl about 12 holding her teddy bear*)

Candy Stripers (*Pseudo or child pornography, very young girls with bottoms exposed*)

Mama's Boy (*He's licking her naked body*)

Blondes (*Lesbianism*)

Taboo II (*Incest*)

Family Letters (*Incest*)

Horny (*Male sex*)

This store contains material in violation of Indiana Code 35-42-4-4 relative to child exploitation

Video World — Market Place Shopping Center

Jenny's Dirty Girls

The Sex Life of a Porn Star

Anal Angels

Mark of Zorrah (*Holding sword next to her naked body*)

Anal Intruders

Three by Three

Swallow the Leader

Cocktails

Coming of Age (*A young girl naked under letter jacket*)

Taboo IV (*Incest*)

Black Taboo II (*Incest*)

Video Movie Rental — Old Rd. 30

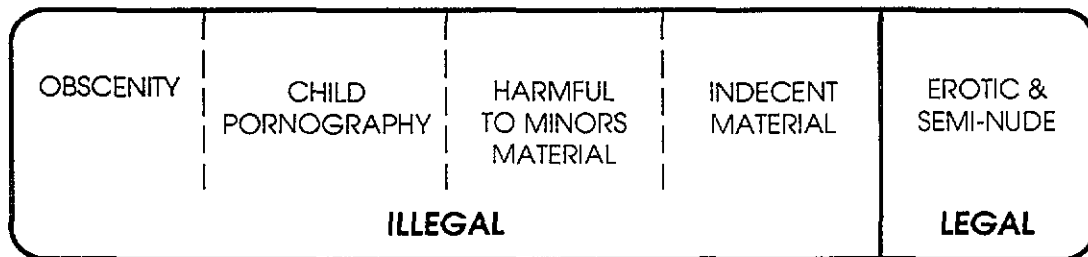
Milky Mamas and Popping Poppas (*Woman on cover is pumping her breast*)

Taboo (*Incest*)

Pussy Talk

Illegal Pornography is Illegal

TYPES OF PORNOGRAPHY



The Supreme Court has said there are four categories of pornography that can be made illegal.

"**Obscenity**" is graphic material that is obsessed with sex and/or sexual violence, obviously offensive, and lacking in serious value.

"**Child pornography**" is material picturing children under 18 engaged in sexual activity.

"**Material harmful to minors**" is material sold or displayed to children under 18 that is unhealthy or unwholesome, obviously not suitable, and lacking in serious value for children.

"**Indecent material**" includes messages or pictures on telephone, radio or broadcast TV that are offensive descriptions or depictions of graphic sexual conduct. Indecent material on the airwaves is exploding across the nation.

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35-42-4-4 Child exploitation; child pornography; exceptions

Sec. 4. (a) As used in this section:

"Disseminate" means to transfer possession for free or for a consideration.

"Matter" has the same meaning as in IC 35-49-1-3.

"Performance" has the same meaning as in IC 35-49-1-7.

"Sexual conduct" means sexual intercourse, deviate sexual conduct, exhibition of the uncovered genitals intended to satisfy or arouse the sexual desires of any person, sado-masochistic abuse, sexual intercourse or deviate sexual conduct with an animal, or any fondling or touching of a child by another person or of another person by a child intended to arouse or satisfy the sexual desires of either the child or the other person.

(b) A person who knowingly or intentionally:

(1) manages, produces, sponsors, presents, exhibits, photographs, films, or videotapes any performance or incident that includes sexual conduct by a child under sixteen (16) years of age; or

(2) disseminates, exhibits to another person, offers to disseminate or exhibit to another person, or sends or brings into Indiana for dissemination or exhibition matter that depicts or describes sexual conduct by a child under sixteen (16) years of age;

commits child exploitation, a Class D felony.

(c) A person who knowingly or intentionally possesses:

- (1) a picture;
- (2) a drawing;
- (3) a photograph;
- (4) a negative image;
- (5) undeveloped film;
- (6) a motion picture;
- (7) a videotape; or
- (8) any pictorial representation;

that depicts or describes sexual conduct by a child who is, or appears to be, less than sixteen (16) years of age and that lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value commits possession of child pornography, a Class A misdemeanor.

This section does not apply to a bona fide school, museum, or public library that qualifies for certain property tax exemptions under IC 6-1.1-10, or to an employee of such a school, museum, or public library acting within the scope of the employee's employment when the possession of the listed materials are for legitimate scientific or educational purposes. As added by Acts 1978, P.L.148, SEC.5. Amended by P.L.325-1983, SEC.1; P.L.206-1986, SEC.1; P.L.37-1990, SEC.25.

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ARTICLE 49. OBSCENITY AND PORNOGRAPHY

- Ch. 1. Definitions
- Ch. 2. General Provisions
- Ch. 3. Crimes

Chapter 1. Definitions

- 35-49-1-1 Definitions applicable throughout article
- 35-49-1-2 "Distribute"
- 35-49-1-3 "Matter"
- 35-49-1-4 "Minor"
- 35-49-1-5 "Nudity"
- 35-49-1-6 "Owner"
- 35-49-1-7 "Performance"
- 35-49-1-8 "Sado-masochistic abuse"
- 35-49-1-9 "Sexual conduct"
- 35-49-1-10 "Sexual excitement"

35-49-1-1 Definitions applicable throughout article

Sec. 1. The definitions in this chapter apply throughout this article. *As added by P.L.311-1983, SEC.33.*

35-49-1-2 "Distribute"

Sec. 2. "Distribute" means to transfer possession for a consideration. *As added by P.L.311-1983, SEC.33.*

35-49-1-3 "Matter"

Sec. 3. "Matter" means:

- (1) any book, magazine, newspaper, or other printed or written material;
- (2) any picture, drawing, photograph, motion picture, or other pictorial representation;
- (3) any statue or other figure;
- (4) any recording, transcription, or mechanical, chemical, or electrical reproduction; or
- (5) any other articles, equipment, machines, or materials.

As added by P.L.311-1983, SEC.33.

35-49-1-4 "Minor"

Sec. 4. "Minor" means any individual under the age of eighteen (18) years. *As added by P.L.311-1983, SEC.33.*

35-49-1-5 "Nudity"

Sec. 5. "Nudity" means:

- (1) the showing of the human male or female genitals, pubic area, or buttocks with less than a full opaque covering;
- (2) the showing of the female breast with less than a fully opaque covering of any part of the nipple; or
- (3) the depiction of covered male genitals in a discernibly turgid state.

As added by P.L.311-1983, SEC.33.

35-49-1-6 "Owner"

Sec. 6. "Owner" means any person who owns or has legal right to possession of any matter. *As added by P.L.311-1983, SEC.33.*

35-49-1-7 "Performance"

Sec. 7. "Performance" means any play, motion picture, dance, or other exhibition or presentation, whether pictured, animated, or live, performed before an audience of one (1) or more persons. *As added by P.L.311-1983, SEC.33.*

35-49-1-8 "Sado-masochistic abuse"

Sec. 8. "Sado-masochistic abuse" means flagellation or torture by or upon a person as an act of sexual stimulation or gratification. *As added by P.L.311-1983, SEC.33.*

35-49-1-9 "Sexual conduct"

Sec. 9. "Sexual conduct" means:

- (1) sexual intercourse or deviate sexual conduct;

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- (2) exhibition of the uncovered genitals in the context of masturbation or other sexual activity;
- (3) exhibition of the uncovered genitals of a person under sixteen (16) years of age;
- (4) sado-masochistic abuse; or
- (5) sexual intercourse or deviate sexual conduct with an animal.

As added by P.L.311-1983, SEC.33.

35-49-1-10 "Sexual excitement"

Sec. 10. "Sexual excitement" means the condition of human male or female genitals when in a state of sexual stimulation or arousal. *As added by P.L.311-1983, SEC.33.*

Chapter 2. General Provisions

- 35-49-2-1 Obscene matter or performance
- 35-49-2-2 Matter or performance harmful to minors
- 35-49-2-3 Arrest; search; seizure of matter; motion pictures
- 35-49-2-4 Adversary hearing; application for; preliminary determination
- 35-49-2-5 Application of article

35-49-2-1 Obscene matter or performance

Sec. 1. A matter or performance is obscene for purposes of this article if:

- (1) the average person, applying contemporary community standards, finds that the dominant theme of the matter or performance, taken as a whole, appeals to the prurient interest in sex;
- (2) the matter or performance depicts or describes, in a patently offensive way, sexual conduct; and
- (3) the matter or performance, taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value.

As added by P.L.311-1983, SEC.33.

35-49-2-2 Matter or performance harmful to minors

Sec. 2. A matter or performance is harmful to minors for purposes of this article if:

- (1) it describes or represents, in any form, nudity, sexual conduct, sexual excitement, or sado-masochistic abuse;
- (2) considered as a whole, it appeals to the prurient interest in sex of minors;
- (3) it is patently offensive to prevailing standards in the adult community as a whole with respect to what is suitable matter for or performance before minors; and
- (4) considered as a whole, it lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value for minors.

As added by P.L.311-1983, SEC.33.

35-49-2-3 Arrest; search; seizure of matter; motion pictures

Sec. 3. (a) Whenever a person:

- (1) offers matter for distribution to the public as stock-in-trade of a lawful business or activity; or
- (2) exhibits matter at a commercial theater showing regularly scheduled performances to the general public;

the person may be arrested under this article only if the arresting officer has first obtained an arrest warrant, and matter may be seized as evidence only if a search warrant has first been obtained.

(b) The quantity of matter seized may encompass no more than is reasonable and necessary for the purpose of obtaining evidence.

(c) If:

- (1) the subject of a seizure under this chapter is a motion picture that is allegedly harmful to minors; and

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(2) the defendant or owner of the motion picture proves that other copies of the motion picture are not available for exhibition;

the court shall order that the defendant or owner may, at his own expense, copy the motion picture and continue showing the motion picture to adults pending a preliminary determination under section 4(b) of this chapter. *As added by P.L.311-1983, SEC.33.*

35-49-2-4 Adversary hearing; application for; preliminary determination

Sec. 4. (a) Within ten (10) days after:

- (1) matter is obtained by seizure or by purchase under this article; or
- (2) the defendant is arrested under this article;

whichever is later, and before trial, the state, the defendant, an owner, or any other party in interest of any matter seized or purchased may apply for and obtain a prompt adversary hearing for the purpose described in subsection (b).

(b) At the adversary hearing, the court shall make a preliminary determination of whether the matter is:

- (1) probably obscene; or
- (2) probably harmful to minors.

As added by P.L.311-1983, SEC.33.

35-49-2-5 Application of article

Sec. 5. This article does not limit the power of political subdivisions to adopt or enforce zoning ordinances regulating the use of real property. *As added by P.L.311-1983, SEC.33.*

Chapter 3. Crimes

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35-49-3-1 Sale or distribution or exhibition of obscene matter

Sec. 1. A person who knowingly or intentionally:

- (1) sends or brings into Indiana obscene matter for sale or distribution; or
- (2) offers to distribute, distributes, or exhibits to another person obscene matter;

commits a Class A misdemeanor. However, the offense is a Class D felony if the obscene matter depicts or describes sexual conduct involving any person who is or appears to be under sixteen (16) years of age. *As added by P.L.311-1983, SEC.33.*

35-49-3-2 Obscene performance

Sec. 2. A person who knowingly or intentionally engages in, participates in, manages, produces, sponsors, presents, exhibits, photographs, films, or videotapes any obscene performance commits a Class A misdemeanor. However, the offense is a Class D felony if the obscene performance depicts or describes sexual conduct involving any person who is or appears to be under sixteen (16) years of age. *As added by P.L.311-1983, SEC.33.*

35-49-3-3 Dissemination of matter or conducting performance harmful to minors

Sec. 3. A person who knowingly or intentionally:

- (1) disseminates matter to minors that is harmful to minors;
- (2) displays matter that is harmful to minors in an area to which minors have visual, auditory, or physical access, unless each minor is accompanied by his parent or guardian.
- (3) sells or displays for sale to any person matter that is harmful to minors within five

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hundred (500) feet of the nearest property line of a school or church;

(4) engages in or conducts a performance before minors that is harmful to minors;

(5) engages in or conducts a performance that is harmful to minors in an area to which minors have visual, auditory, or physical access, unless each minor is accompanied by his parent or guardian;

(6) misrepresents his age for the purpose of obtaining admission to an area from which minors are restricted because of the display of matter or a performance that is harmful to minors; or

(7) misrepresents that he is a parent or guardian of a minor for the purpose of obtaining admission of the minor to an area where minors are being restricted because of display of matter or performance that is harmful to minors;

commits a Class A misdemeanor. *As added by P.L.311-1983, SEC.33.*

35-49-3-4 Defense to prosecution for dissemination of matter or conducting performance harmful to minors

Sec. 4. It is a defense to a prosecution under section 3 of this chapter for the defendant to show:

(1) that the matter was disseminated or that the performance was performed for legitimate scientific or educational purposes;

(2) that the matter was disseminated or displayed to or that the performance was performed before the recipient by a bona fide school, museum, or public library that qualifies for certain property tax exemptions under IC 6-1.1-10, or by an employee of such a school, museum, or public library acting within the scope of his employment;

(3) that he had reasonable cause to believe that the minor involved was eighteen (18)

years old or older and that the minor exhibited to the defendant a draft card, driver's license, birth certificate, or other official or apparently official document purporting to establish that the minor was eighteen (18) years old or older; or

(4) that he was a salesclerk, motion picture projectionist, usher, or ticket taker, acting within the scope of his employment and that he had no financial interest in the place where he was so employed.

As added by P.L.311-1983, SEC.33.

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"What does it say about our values as a society when we silently tolerate an entire class of material whose purpose is the explicit degradation/abuse/ humiliation of women? This is not a legitimate form of "entertainment" in a decent society which respects all its citizens. Clearly pornography contributes to abusive attitudes toward women which encourage inequality, sexual harassment and violence. These effects are felt in both the workplace and home."

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KLA Report Cites Increase In Porn

Recommends prosecutorial action against obscene materials

BY DAN SPALDING
Times-Union Staff Writer

A 1993 Kosciusko Leadership Academy report cites a massive influx in the amount of pornography in Warsaw in the past six years.

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Author Gina Zimmerman, a mother of three, said she hopes the paper calls attention to the problem and spurs community action. Among the recommendations in the report is the call for tougher prosecution boycotts, tougher prosecution attempted to rid the

community of what the group considered illegal pornography.

At the urging of K-CAP, a grand jury was convened in 1988, but determined sexually explicit pornography available locally was not illegal and did not violate community standards.

In her investigation, Zimmerman said she found examples of sado-masochism and implied pedophilia. She said the amount of material involving bondage has increased since 1988.

Zimmerman and others agree the amount of explicit material in Warsaw has grown in the past six years as the movie rental industry has grown.

Zimmerman's three-month project entailed an inventory of sexually explicit videos and magazines in Warsaw. She also conducted interviews with law enforcement, social service agencies and seven sex offenders currently in jail.

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Facts were also gathered from K-CAP and the 1987 grand jury. Statistics on sexual crime rates were researched at the county jail.

According to the report, the number of sexually explicit movies with different titles available in Warsaw has increased from 1,300 in 1988 to 4,148 in 1993 — a 220 percent rise. During the same period, the number of documented sexual offenses increased similarly.

Zimmerman feels strongly about the apparent correlation. "There's no question in my mind about it," she said.

Representatives of Kosciusko County Children and Family Services, the sheriff's department, the county boys and girls club, Beaman Home shelter for women, and the mayor of Warsaw were all critical of the effects pornography can have on society, especially on children, she said.

Some of the sources Zimmerman interviewed said they believed the issue is being ignored locally. But without intervention, the victims will likely become abusers and carry on the behavior.

"The cycle needs to stop and

we need to start talking about it," Zimmerman said.

She said inmates during interviews opened up without being pryed. In one case, the offender admitted to editing together a porno video with video of himself molesting a minor, she said.

Zimmerman advocates counseling for the offenders while they are still in jail. That would help combat what some consider to be one of the highest recidivism rates of any type of criminal.

"These aren't monsters," she said. "They want help."

The report also alleges that

one store is peddling sadomasochistic films portraying bondage. Another store, she said, is displaying sexually explicit videos within view of minors.

Zimmerman has worked for four U.S. senators. She also served as an adviser to President Reagan on women's issues and helped write the education section of the 1986 drug bill. She also worked with former Education Secretary William Bennett.

Zimmerman and her husband, Tim, moved to Warsaw five years ago when he was hired by Grace College.

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Pornography Readily Available Locally

Editors Note: This is the first of a two-part series by Gina Zimmerman. The series, a synopsis of her Kosciusko Leadership Academy research project, examines pornography in Warsaw, D.C. for ten years as an advisor on social policy to four United States senators, the Reagan White House and former Secretary of Education William Bennett. She and her family now reside in Warsaw. Copies of the KLA project are local library or

by writing to Box 1828 in Warsaw (please include \$5 for handling).

In the first part of the series, Zimmerman takes a look at the types of material available locally and discusses studies from around the U.S. that show the effects of pornography on society. In part two, which will be published in Friday's Times-Union, Zimmerman interviews sex offenders, law enforcement officials and social service directors.

BY GINA ZIMMERMAN

For the Times-Union

In March 1988, a Kosciusko County grand jury investigating pornography decided that area purveyors of x-rated films and sexually explicit magazines were not in violation of state obscenity laws.

Research presented to the Kosciusko Leadership Academy last week introduced data on the nature of hard-core pornography in Kosciusko County five years after that grand jury's

decision.

According to this research, the count of sexually explicit videos and magazines available in Warsaw has multiplied by 220 percent while the population of Warsaw increased by 3 percent. In 1988, there were 1,300 non-duplicate explicit titles available in Warsaw. Today there are 4,148.

With the exception of Broadway Video, which carries no hard-core material (but has no policy against NC17), every ma-

for book and video outlet in Warsaw has a sexually explicit section. One video store owner suggested that pornography is "a fourth or less" of his business.

Buy\$mart, Owen's, Warsaw Community Public Library and the Child Evangelism Center (located on U.S. 30) do not carry explicit material.

"Soft porn" (semi-nude and erotic) which is usually consid-

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ered legal, was not counted.

The material available in the sexually oriented backrooms was classified 25 percent homosexual, 20 percent lesbian, 20 percent group sex, 15 percent sado-masochism and bondage of women, 5 percent anal male/female intercourse, 5 percent male/female vaginal intercourse, 5 percent fetishes (includes obsessions with such things as pregnant and lactating women), 4 percent incest, and less than 1 percent pseudo-child pornography.

The report contends that at least two area stores are in violation of Indiana's obscenity code. One store displays about 175 explicit videos clearly in view of minors. Titles include: "Lust for Freedom" (the woman on the cover is in chains), "Class Reunion" (about 20 naked men displayed on cover),

and "Brotherly Love" (two young boys).

Another store carries a handful of explicit videos considered to be child pornography or pseudo-child pornography. In "Dream Girl" a young girl, about 12, dressed in a slight gown holds onto her "teddy bear." On the cover of "Candy Strippers" two young teen-age girls hike up their uniforms.

One store carries several hundred female bondage and sado-masochism films, including one that boasts that it was filmed at an "actual location." Titles include "Chained — Roommate in Bondage," "Alexis in Bondage," "Hog, Tied and Spanked," "Spanking Master" and "Fisting."

One store carries most of the Taboo titles as well as such titles as "Anal Addiction II" and "Wired Menessa," a video on bodily piercing.

Another store predominantly

rents explicit homosexual videos, including several featuring younger boys.

A bookstore carries about 224 different periodical titles including books on "family secrets" and one titled "Lesbians and Intimate Sex Acts."

A single video store has 795 hard-core videos to rent (more than any other store).

In recent years, the obscenity debate has centered around its casual relationship to sexual crimes against women and children and sexually deviant behavior. For this reason, the national "Enough is Enough" campaign endorsed by Barbara Bush, Hillary Clinton and Margaret Perot was launched last year to combat illegal pornography.

The organization asks "What does it say about our values as a society when we silently tolerate an entire class of material whose purpose is the explicit degradation/abuse/humiliation

of women? This is not a legitimate form of entertainment in a decent society that respects all its citizens. Clearly pornography contributes to abusive attitudes toward women."

In a study done at the University of New Hampshire, sales with the highest per capita sales of pornographic magazines also had the highest rate of rape. In a review of 10 years of child sexual abuse cases, the Los Angeles Police Department found pornography was directly involved in 62 percent of those cases and actually recovered 55 percent of the time. And in a study done in Phoenix, Ariz., city officials reported that communities with "adult" businesses had 40 percent more property crime and 500 percent more sexual offenses than similar neighborhoods without such businesses.

Offenders, Officials Discuss Porn

Editor's Note: This is the second of a two-part series on local pornography. The series is a synopsis of a Kosciusko Leadership Academy white paper on the same topic.

BY GINA ZIMMERMAN
for The Times-Union

Locally, in interviews with sexual offenders housed in the Kosciusko County Jail, 86 percent admitted to regular use of pornography. About 60 percent viewed pornography excessively — on a daily or every-other-day basis. Every one of the male offenders who used pornography was first exposed to explicit material between the ages of 7 and 11.

One inmate confessed, "I am a sex addict. I am consumed with sex. Frequently, at least once a week, I would rent videos or purchase explicit material. As time went on I got bolder and bolder and started looking at more explicit material." He recently began serving a 1½-year sentence for raping a mentally handicapped woman. He is now seeking rehabilitation from

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Sex offender sentenced for rape

Purelife Ministries in Fort Wayne, a counseling and support group for male sexual addicts.

Another inmate, a 52-year-old male, was arrested after breaking into dozens of homes and stealing women's underwear. He began viewing pornography at age 10 and remarked that he was never disciplined at age 12 when he stole a neighbor's underclothes. "I am obsessed," he commented, "and am glad that I was finally caught." When he was arrested, detectives found three garbage bags full of stolen underwear and stacks of explicit material.

One inmate just sentenced for molesting an 11-year-old girl said the explicit material "put the thought into my mind. I was around it and used it so much

for boys. A rape occurs in the United States every 46 seconds. These statistics are even more alarming given FBI estimates that 90 to 99 percent of all sexual abuse in our nation is never reported.

Jeanne Campbell, director of Beaman Home Shelter, believes that the incidence of sexual abuse is as high here as it is in any major metropolitan city such as Chicago. The only difference, she contends, is that we don't talk about it here.

Cindi Knepper, director of the County Boys and Girls Club, also contends that "child sexual abuse is a lot more prevalent than our county would like to admit or is willing to deal with. We should be more concerned about children than we are about picking up stray dogs."

Knepper added, "Girls and women are being portrayed as things and items, as property, rather than treasures to be cherished. If we could take some parents and end some cycles, we could save a lot of kids. We have too many children who

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will never experience childhood."

Peggy Shively, director of the county's Children and Family Services, commented that "in a very high percentage of abuse cases, pornography has been involved. One of our adolescents who became a molester had been in the home of an adult molester viewing his sexually explicit material. The boy went away and abused children in his baby-sitting care. This is not an isolated story."

"The abused girls will set themselves up to be abused again. The abused boys will go on to molest others. For two years, every male adolescent perpetrator that we dealt with had also been abused."

About a year ago, the Kosciusko County Sheriff's office confiscated 60 to 80 tapes from a man's home. They were all sexually explicit films. He would put commercially produced tapes on one of his own films using slow speed, and in between he would insert videotapes of himself molesting his 10-year-old stepdaughter.

Porn report recommends several areas of action

Gina Zimmerman's Kosciusko County Leadership Academy white paper on pornography recommended several areas of action that could be taken to combat pornography.

■ County residents were encouraged to patronize family-oriented businesses and to report criminal sexual behavior and obscenity complaints to law enforcement.

■ A broad-based coalition directed by Mayor Plank and county officials should be established to provide open discussion on sexual abuse and its origins.

■ Law enforcement was encouraged to maintain definitive records on obscenity's use in sexual abuse.

■ Judges were asked to hand down stiffer sentences along with "court-ordered" rehabilitation.

■ The prosecutor was encouraged to pursue the "tough" cases dealing with adolescent offenders and extremely young victims. Stores that display "material harmful to minors" or pseudo-child pornography are clearly in violation of Indiana code and need to be prosecuted.

■ Finally, the report recommended the establishment of a juvenile facility because now juvenile sexual perpetrators are not incarcerated but integrated back into the community.

Detective John Hershberger, leged victim into her home. She Warsaw Police Department, volunteered that she and Dad shared that a babysitter suspected that a 3-year-old girl in were in the bedroom, she put her care had been the victim of on an extremely explicit video incest. "We went with the al- and said that this was one of

the videos that she and Dad watched together."

Mayor Jeff Plank expressed his concern that obscenity available locally was being used as an "instructional manual" by adults and adolescents who viewed it. "This issue will be settled only with the introduction of statutes that prove that there is a correlation between pornography and violent crime. There is only one person who can do something about this and that is the prosecutor."

Shively said, "Although we tried before to set a standard, the community should not rest. We need to talk about the definition of pornography. We have material that is showing something that is a crime in a positive, non-fiction manner. This is a man molesting a child, or one who appears to be a child. If the police walked in when they were filming, they could arrest someone."

"Whatever your morality is, obscenity is illegal. We have got to question whose standards we have adopted."

Video Store Owners React To Porn Study

BY DAN SPALDING
Times-Union Staff Writer

Some of Warsaw's video stores appear ready to take on any anti-pornography advocates.

A KLA paper released this week contends the number of sexually explicit videos in Warsaw has increased from 1,300 in 1988 to a current 4,100. Few people are disputing that fact.

"There's a demand for it," said Roy Slaymaker, owner of Video Works, a store on the city's north side that carries more than 700 explicit films.

Slaymaker said he believes the attacks are unwarranted because his videos are isolated in a separate room and limited to adults.

The issue comes down to a matter of personal choice. "If that woman over there doesn't want to rent it, I don't force her.

"I'm not cutting out a quarter of my income," Slaymaker said. "I'm going to bring to my public what they want — within reason."

But reaction among store owners isn't absolutely consistent.

A manager for Koach's, a rental store on Winona Avenue, said they could care less if the prosecutor takes action. Julie Cook said sales from the back-room collection are insignificant and that the store hasn't added any tapes in several years.

Cook disputed allegations in the KLA paper that sexually explicit videos are kept within the general tape selection area.

Cook reacted with surprise when she learned of the concerns about local video stores. She said society has more pressing issues to deal with than sex films.

Gina Zimmerman, author of the KLA paper, said she hopes the report brings attention to the issue and leads to a grand jury probe of the issue. In 1988, a grand jury was convened to determine whether existing tapes violated community standards. However, the grand jury did not find any wrongdoing and no action was taken.

Some observers believe the KLA report would spur interest in convening another grand jury.

"If that's the point, we'll take a survey," Slaymaker said, referring to a strategy used in Noble County to thwart efforts to eliminate alleged illegal pornography.

"The surveys will hold up in court," he said.

Slaymaker said sales involving explicit sex films account for about 25 percent of his sales and that he "has no choice" but to defend and protect his business.

Some dispute arguments suggesting pornographic films lead some people to commit sex-related crimes. Slaymaker notes that sex crimes were occurring way before the video industry emerged.

Some store owners said they

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NEWS VIEWS

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Pornography Paper's Findings Not Surprising

I can't say I was surprised by the findings published in Gina Zimmerman's KLA white paper on pornography.

The 25-page paper — complete with graphics — shows the availability of porno in the community is on the rise. There has been a 220 percent increase in the number of porno magazines and videos since 1988, to be exact.

The paper also shows there was a 240 percent increase in arrests relative to incest and pedophilia during the same period.

The paper claims there is a direct link between the increased availability of pornography and the increased number of sex offenses.

Now, I know there has been a general increase in the number of video stores since 1988, and there may well have been a 220 percent increase in all types of videos available.

I also know that Zimmerman's claim of a local link between videos and crime is virtually impossible to prove, even though studies done elsewhere provide evidence that a link does exist.

I am also fairly confident a number of people will dismiss out-of-hand Zimmerman's conclusions because they aren't "scientific" or because they "lack validity."

But you don't even have to read between the lines of her report to see a trend is developing. This is not a trend unique to Kosciusko County.

I used this space a few weeks ago to discuss an "Index of Leading Cultural Indicators" which showed startling increases in all kinds of deviant behavior nationwide. That's why I wasn't sur-

prised when Zimmerman's local report came out. And her local porno/crime link theory seems to make sense, too.

Pornography affects everyone differently, like any other vice. Like booze, for example.

There are literally millions of Americans — count me as one of those — who enjoy a drink now and again. They'll have a snort once in a while after work to unwind.

Or maybe they'll order a beer with their pizza on a Saturday night, but that's the end of it. It has no negative effect on their family, their work, their life.

And there are many other folks who are full-blown, abusive juice heads. They can't just have one drink. If they have one drink they have to have another and another and

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another until they are blind drunk. Booze quite literally rules their lives. In some cases, it kills them.

So it is with pornography. Most people could look at a dirty magazine or video with no lasting effects. But there are certain people who get hooked on the stuff.

They crave more and more graphic stuff to look at. And when that fails to satisfy their desires, they feel the need to act out their porno fantasies.

You don't have to be a mental giant to figure this out.

But one thing is certain of the local pornography scene. If there were no market, there would be no product. If there were no demand, there would be no supply. If up to 25 percent of local video business is in pornography, as one video

store owner estimated, that means there is a pretty healthy demand.

So let's assume for a moment we, as a community, think that's a problem. What can we do about it?

A good start would be to have the prosecutor take a look at what's out there. At the very least, we should make sure that all the laws regarding pornography are being followed.

Certain types of material are illegal under Indiana law and we should get rid of all that stuff. After all, it's against the law. I don't think any video store owner wants to break the law.

Lots of other material falls into the "community standards" quagmire. The highest court in the land has ruled that obscenity is in the eyes of the beholder, so to speak. Obscene material is not pro-

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objected to tactics used by Zimmerman and others in collecting the data.

A Koach's employee said they saw a group of women photographing video covers in the store's sectioned-off pornography display and taking inventory. She said she told the women to leave.

Zimmerman visited all video outlets in Warsaw and Readmore, the city's lone bookstore that includes a section of sexually explicit materials.

Zimmerman said she was given permission from prosecutor Randy Girod before beginning the inventory.

Speculation has risen that organized boycotts may result if the issue gains momentum.

Slymaker said if that occurs, his business would likely only suffer a slight, temporary decline in sales.

In addition to an inventory, Zimmerman interviewed social service agencies, police and seven sex offenders, almost all of whom were critical of the impact pornography has on society.

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