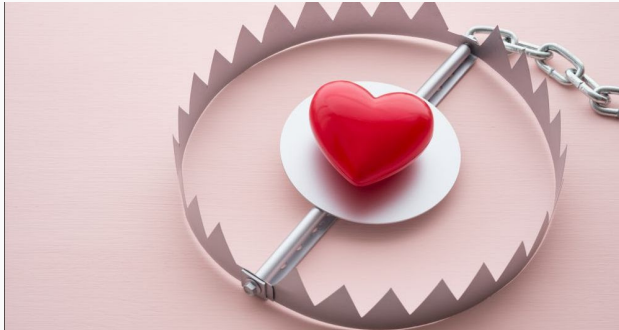




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SEXTORTION THREATS TO EXPOSE A SEXUAL IMAGE IN ORDER TO MAKE A PERSON DO SOMETHING



THREATS ARE REAL



PERPETRATORS ARE OFTEN, CURRENT, FORMER OR WOULD-BE ROMANTIC SEXUAL PARTNERS ATTEMPTING TO HARASS, EMBARRASS AND CONTROL VICTIMS.

HOW DOES IT HAPPEN?



SEXTORTION CAUSES SERIOUS HARM



1 in 4 victims saw a medical or mental health professional.



VICTIMS ARE STAYING SILENT



PROJECT: SEXTORTION Part 6

Honeytrap, Extortion, Sextortion & Blackmailing

Adult Males and Females who work abroad are particularly vulnerable to the "Honeytrap Scam" because they are lonely and do not always recognize the signs of being scammed.

Honeytrap, Extortion, Sextortion & Blackmailing.

Definitions

- **Honeytrap:** A scam in which a person entices another person into revealing information or doing something that places the victim in a compromising or dangerous situation.
- **Extortion:** Extortion occurs when someone attempts to obtain money or property by threatening to commit violence, accuse the victim of a crime, or reveal private or damaging information about the victim.
- **Sextortion:** Refers to a form of blackmail in which personal information or images of a sexual nature are used to extort sexual and other favours from the victim. Social media and text messages are often the source of the related material and the means of sharing it with others.

Honeytrap Scam

- The internet brings people together. People on opposite ends of the globe are able to communicate with one another in seconds, on many platforms and devices.
- But despite the advances in communication, there are some risks to take into consideration.
- You can fall victim to the very popular "honeytrap" scheme, and this may lead to extortion, sextortion, blackmailing and intimidation.
- The perpetrators focus on sensitive and private information of the victim and threaten to expose them either to family members, or to authorities. In the case of sextortion, this type of information will be for example nude pictures whilst in the case of extortion, it might be any information that could embarrass the victim. The honeytrap scam works on a similar basis, where a vulnerable and lonely individual is identified, his/her financial means are pre-determined and the victim is infiltrated with one goal in hand, and that is to extort whatever financial gain.

Modus Operandi

- Male and Female extortionists will target specific victims on various social media platforms.
- They will contact their victims through social media in order to develop a relationship.
- After developing a relationship with the victim, they will start engaging in a more personal way, often through messaging apps such as WhatsApp and through video calls.
- Romantic feelings and trust will subsequently develop.
- This will reach a point where the suspect shows him- or herself partially undressed and encourage the victim to do the same.
- Various promises are made to the victim in order to convince him/her to start a relationship.
- After a while, the suspect will be able to get some financial support from the victim through some elaborate and usually very tragic story or false personal tragedy.
- The victim will be encouraged to physically interact with the suspect, where emotional attachment and physical attraction have already developed.
- The victim will either be drugged, or they will spike the victim's drink to rob them of their money and valuable belongings.
- Greed is the main objective of this type of crime.

The Criminal

- Fake social media profiles including pictures, identity theft, photoshopping, etc. are used in these crimes.
- Nothing is true or real which is presented to the victim. It is all an elaborate web of lies - photos, videos, proposed children and anything that will lean on emotion.
- The perpetrators will go so far as to have you speak to a "fake" child.
- The most manipulative mastermind extortionists are the Nigerians, and there are many others following in their footsteps from all over the world.
- These people are excellent manipulators.

- They show a willingness to share self-generated sexual content which is also fake.
- Operates alone but shares/exchanges the acquired content.
- They target their victims whilst most of them work abroad.
- Females will usually target male victims.
- Males will usually target female victims.
- They are not likely to murder their victims, but there are recorded cases where murder takes place.
- Motive: Financial gain.

The Victim

- Usually works abroad, in countries like Iraq or Afghanistan etc.
- Earns a good salary/financially stable.
- Single or Married.
- Males or females who are in remote places that feel alone and long for something exciting and intimate.

Well-known case investigated by SSS: Chris Barnard

- Chris Barnard received a Facebook invite from a female whilst working in Iraq.
- Chris subsequently paid money to the suspect while in Iraq.
- He decided to meet the suspect whilst visiting his home and family in South Africa.
- They had some drinks and he was injected with a substance. He fainted and never woke up.
- The suspect stole all his money and valuable belongings.
- The suspects were prepared to commit a heinous murder for the financial gain they hoped for.
- They then drowned him and dumped his body.
- The case is currently in court.

Prevention

- Do not accept or invite strangers on social media platforms.
- Activate a private setting on all social media platforms.
- Do not share any personal information online.
- If you want to meet any unknown person, always meet in a public place and let a family member or friend know your whereabouts. This is however not encouraged.
- If they start asking for money, stop all communication.

*If you find yourself in this situation or know someone in a similar situation,
contact the police or
Specialised Security Services for assistance.*

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