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CASE STUDY: PATIENT ZERO

The real life experience of two fathers unable to obtain justice, reparation and healing for their daughters and family.



Introduced to Pornography at an early age, Kessler Lichtenegger became addicted and evolved into a seasoned sexual predator. According to Pastors of the Church he attended as well as testimony directly from Kessler himself, his addiction to pornography led him to molest his younger sister and her neighborhood friend. In 2011 at the age of 14, Kessler lured a classmate with special needs into several sexual attacks over the course of 6 weeks and eventually raping and beating her in a Park during a school function. He was convicted for sexual assault and battery, placed on probation and ***allowed to continue attending the same school*** as his victim and under heavy protest, the parents were left with no choice but to move their daughter to a private school. In 2013 while still on Probation and Registered as a Juvenile Sex Offender, it happened again. While attending VBS Leadership Training at Church, Kessler lured my then 12yr old daughter out to the Church parking lot and raped her. Additionally, I discovered he was communicating with my 11yr old daughter via social media, sending nude photos of himself and trying to lure her into a sexual encounter. According to a detective with the Johnson County Sheriff's Office, Church Leadership knew Kessler's history, deemed him to be a danger to children and implemented a "protocol" that he was only allowed to attend adult related events when one of his parents was present. However, the protocol was not administered and ***Church Leadership "knowingly" allowed him to participate in the Children's Ministry thereby giving him unfettered access to his preferred victims.*** In 2015, Kessler was convicted as adult and sentenced to 17yrs in prison.

Access to internet pornography, including the social media our children are using is and it is having a compounding negative affect on our society that infects everything around it. Gone are the days where this is an isolated incident in a small group of children that can be monitored and somewhat controllable and curable. **FACT:** Our CHURCHES and our SCHOOLS are NOT SAFE. **REALITY:** Church and School leaders have no choice but to deal with the repercussions of how

Pornography corrupts and shapes the minds of our youth. **MORAL:** Pornography is a contagious disease that destroys our children's moral compass and breaks down our society. We spend more time, effort and money fighting the impact when we need to attack the root cause.

Exposure to Pornography at an early age is PATIENT ZERO in this case!

At what age do you give your kid a phone, ipad, access to the internet? When you do, the reality is that you are giving the world access to them. If you think you can educate and arm them against it...you are fooling yourself. 11 and 12 year old kids are not capable of comprehending this fact, they can't be armed with the knowledge and ability to defend themselves, you won't be able to monitor it and they are lambs being led to the slaughter. How many parents are willing to have this conversation with their 11 & 12 yr old kids...."What do you do when someone talks nasty to you?" Kind of unrealistic at that age right? **THE POINT:** At the age when kids get access to the internet these days, this is beyond a Parent's ability to teach, beyond a kid's ability to learn and the reason **we need YOU to fight for us.**

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