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**Idaho Task Force Tracks Child Pornographers**

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Over the last year, several high profile child pornography cases have shocked the Treasure Valley. They are part of a growing and disturbing trend. One so serious, the Idaho Attorney General's office has taken action - creating a task force to hunt down child pornographers in Idaho.

Today's 6 got an exclusive look at the inside workings of the *Idaho Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force* and learned how investigators use technology to track

computers sharing child porn in Idaho. Public file-sharing programs, online chat rooms and virtual online communities can all be potential spots for underage porn trading - so investigators monitor activity there closely.

Idaho parents might be shocked to learn how much child porn can be found with just one search on a file-sharing program. Even more shocking, is the amount popping up from computers here in Idaho. ICAC Task Force research showed that in one month; almost a thousand computers were trading child porn in Idaho.

Task Force Director Stephen Bywater explained why that statistic is so dangerous, "Eighty to eighty-five percent of [child pornographers] also molest children and most have multiple victims."

To watch the full report on Idaho's Child Porn Trackers, click on the Today's Channel 6 News Video Link.