

Trevor Sharon:

A lot of these people who are viewing child pornography are viewed as child predators. But in reality, a lot of these people, they have never once tried and harm a child. They never once tried and speak to a child in a sexual manner. A lot of them feel like it's a mental disease and they need to get help, but they can't get that help, because they're afraid. And they read on the internet if they go and talk to a psychologist about this issue, then that psychologist has to report them and they get arrested. So a lot of people see no outlet for help. We're arguing that the punishment shouldn't be 20 years in prison, or more and a lifetime system and registration, when the person really possibly isn't a danger or threat to a community.

Trevor Sharon:

A lot of times it's a curiosity. It's a shock value. It's depression, where they go down that road. Or it could be something from their childhood where they were molested. But in no way are they predators of children and they never done so never would do so. Because of that, we're incredibly motivated to get their story out there, to explain the situation. There's a lot more technology now to identify who's looking at child pornography, where a child pornography is. And because of that, the law office community's really gone after it. You now see Homeland Security, and not just the FBI doing forensic analysis and going after people who are viewing it.

Paul Doyle:

A typical child porn case originates with a search warrant, to obtain information from one of your computers. This typically happens early in the morning. These are agencies that are both combined state and federal agencies. The determination of whether or not to take the case federal, typically happens after a forensic download has occurred on your computer. One image is a threshold in terms of child pornography. And the dangers of it is a 17 year old taking a picture of a 15 year old could be considered child pornography.

Paul Doyle:

The minute that you know that a law enforcement agent is there to search your computers, the first thing you want to do is assert your right to a lawyer. The next thing you'd want to do is contact a lawyer who has experience dealing with this. The implications of child porn cases on the federal side, versus the state side are vastly different and much more severe on the federal side. You need to have a lawyer who's aggressive and can handle and navigate both the state and federal, as it relates to child porn cases.

Trevor Sharon:

When you're talking about child pornography, it's important to hire someone who, one, is going to fight for you. A lot of defense attorney will take your money and take the case, but they don't fight for you. We really take a passion and fighting for these cases, because we think the way that people are prosecuted in these cases is not fair. I find that a lot of my clients, they're glad because now they can actually go and seek help without facing repercussions.