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Attorney General Bill McCollum: Safeflorida.net, that's a safe, that's a place to go. I hope all of you will take it down and remember it. I don't know if we have the arm bands, can we pass those out that will be great if we can. We're going to give you little arm bands to wear today, umm if any of you will do that. What you can do to help protect yourself and others is sent your parents, send somebody to safeflorida.net. And let me tell you something else, if you are solicited for sex, if somebody makes an inappropriate response, if somebody sent you pornography, if you got a stranger out there, tell somebody about it. Tell an adult about it, tell an adult, tell your parents hopefully, tell your school teacher if you don't trust your parent with it. Tell somebody about it, if you're not willing to for whatever reason to tell your parent about this or an adult in life, you can go to safeflorida.net and go to a spot up there it says surf and anonymously report someone who has approach you. If you give us any kind of information to go on like their email address or anything at all our investigator will go and investigate and you can also become a cyber cop if you want to. Alex I think has volunteered somewhere, Alex he's passing that out there. Alex is going to be, I think for this school, our first cyber cop. We wanted him to join our team to help give us information because our cyber crime unit is looking for information to keep up to speed. But we can use you all to be cyber cops, we can use you all to be cyber cops because if you post on the internet something that is like a little emblem that we can give you to post on your MySpace site. It would be like an alarm system where if you are, you know if you've ever seen these alarm. How many, how many of you have seen alarms that are in a house seen the little signs ADT or whatever. Oh most of you have. Well, you know what that does? It's doesn't just go off, an alarm just does go off when the bad guy brakes in the house. If a bad guy, a burglar, a potential burglar sees the alarm symbol out there he's what? He's less likely to go into your house, he less likely to knock on your door and the same thing is true if you take our cyber safety symbol your cyber cop symbol and you post it on your MySpace site. Or we would like to be your friend. We have a MySpace site too. Yea we do. So this is a cyber tip line and you can contact us at one of those places, we have all of those offices, but we also have MySpace site that you can go to. So we would love for you to contact us at one of those places and let us know: A. If you've had anybody solicit or done something they shouldn't do on the internet with you and B. we certain would like to know for you to go to one of our spaces. There are all kinds of things listed up here on the bulletin board. The most important thing though is the safeflorida.net site down at the bottom for you to remember to go to. Now, let's umm let's think about one other thing the superintendent I think Dr. Johnson had to leave. I want while I think about to tell you that I going to all the middle schools well my team is, all the high school this year this school year with a program this program on Cyber safety because of a partnership with the superintendent association. It's great that they have done that and that they are doing that, we need to get our message out there that not everybody is going to get reach. So the other thing that you can do is you can get your friends even in another state you got a cousin

in Ohio or New York tell them about safeflorida.net, they can go see the same program up there. Your parents can go look at a special site on safeflorida.net that will teach them about a lot of the languages that you talk in and how they can help other people protect themselves, kids in particular and things like that. So it's really important we us to do it. Let's take some questions from the audience. We have some questions. We got a microphone down here, if we can umm if we can have that microphone utilize here. Alex can do that, maybe he will do that. Who has a question? Raise your hand and I'll take the question.

Child: How come people get that are sex offenders that get like only 25 years in jail?

Attorney General Bill McCollum: The question is why do sex offenders only get 25 years in jail. Well let me tell you that's a long time, I'm not the judge but judges make decisions. When somebody is convicted of a crime they decide how long they get. Umm, 15, 20, 25, we our persecutors love to get that kind of time. Often time they don't even that they may get five or four. We got fourteen for this one fellow up here, but I'll like to lock them up for much longer but it's the courts to decide. Who has another question? Yes Sir?

Child: What was the youngest age of someone that got like sex predator or whatever?

Attorney General Bill McCollum: What was the youngest age of a sex offender, the bad guy, the predators? Well we see them in their late teens early twenties, but usually umm if you're a 18 years old soliciting a 17 years old girl were probably not going to prosecute that, I'll be honest. If you're talking about twenty something year old, we see them all the time. Yes Sir, way back in the back. Alex can you go way back there with the mike? We have a girl back there and we have a boy who would like to ask a question.

Child: Has there been any women sex offenders?

Attorney General Bill McCollum: Are there, yes there are women sex offenders. Yes they are. You think, you know the truth is they come in all ages, they come in all sexes, and you know what you see and I'm not kidding about this now you'll see it in the newspaper you don't want to read it you will see sometimes women who are in contact with kids whether that's in a girl scout troop or in a school sometimes. They will impersonate sometime you read in the paper solicit guys, which is not good. But the same thing is true on the internet; the same thing is true on the internet. So it's not just way or the other. I just put male picture up here, but the reality is that there are women. Now they are more men doing this, they are more men bad guys by far than there are women. But they are definitely women out there and we have arrested them. Yes Sir?

Child: What's the youngest child ever got raped?

Attorney General Bill McCollum: Well, you asked what's the youngest child ever got raped. I hate to tell you this because you are middle schoolers, but they are photographs up on the internet that we go after the bad guys on of babies as young as one year of age that have been

raped. They are sick people that go after those pictures, 5 years old, 4 years old, 3 years old. Alright, let's keep it quiet I know that sounds shocking for you to hear. The bad guys out there are sick, they're really sick and they are people that you don't want to come in contact with. And so you may think it was a cute question by it's a very serious question. A very serious question and in boys as well as girl can be abused. Alright, they are just as likely to go after the boys and do something like raping the boy as they are the girl. And while you're very vulnerable at ages 10,11,12,13, those kids that are 5 and 4 and 3 and 2 and 1. And most often the abuse of little kids are done by somebody in the family somebody or somebody who knows them and what we find is that when these guys make pictures that's a lot of what they want to do. The in order to trade for those pictures they abuse some other child because they have to make new material to trade. Now, I'm not going back to the same ones who have asked before but who else have their hand up who has not asked a question. There's one right there.

Child: How do you become a cyber cop?

Attorney General Bill McCollum: Well to become a cyber cop, go online to our site and sign up. Safeflorida.net and you can find the place to sign up and be a cyber cop. Yes sir?

Child: How often do you catch the sex offenders?

Attorney General Bill McCollum: Well we catch as many of them as we can. The way that works is that we go we have these investigators and they go online and they pretend to be teenage girl or boy and they do what I described in the catching one or two of these today. Umm, we are going to increase the number of we go after working with your local Sheriff, working with local Police, working with your local State Attorney, our State Attorney General's Cyber Crime Unit will go out and do sting operations. They will go out and do whole weekends and try to get as many people as we can to meet. That's often how we catch them. They have to ask us, we can't entrap them, we don't suggest meeting. That's the amazing part of this and it seems to be kind of endless in numbers. We've already arrested, just in our little Cyber Crime Unit that's been in existence now a little under two years, 51 people that we have arrested. But sheriff and police have arrested a lot more and it's not always known sex offenders. It's not, of those 51 only one had a previous record of any sort that we arrested. So we really are very very much after them and there are going to be a lot more of them. Were taking our unit from six person when I came to office the beginning of this year up to 56 people, and were opening up offices all over Florida. We'll soon have one open in Ft. Lauderdale. We opened one in Tampa we just opened one in Orlando. We've opened a big one in Jacksonville; we're going to have one in Ft. Myers. We're going to have one out in Pensacola and then we really will chase them. But that's why we're here today; we cannot arrest all the bad guys. You need vigilant and protect yourselves, you need that. I'm not going to come back to your because you have asked one question already. Let me come to the people who haven't.