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# FBI Analyst Targeted in Kiddie Porn Investigations

FBI agents investigating an online child pornography ring wound up targeting one of their own after AOL handed over subscriber information on an anonymous user who'd received kiddie porn at his AOL address. His phone number was FBI headquarters.

**The Smoking Gun has the story:** After the FBI arrested an Illinois man named Ronald Norweathers in December 2009 for distributing child pornography over the internet, agents assumed his online persona and kept up correspondence with many of his kiddie porn buddies. When they looked through Norweathers' inbox, they found an e-mail sent in March 2009 from the address nomoreravens@aol.com complaining about a batch of 78 pictures Norweathers had sent, including pictures of a boy "performing oral sex on [another] boy": "I don't want kiddie porn scary." Norweathers had responded: "well duh pick through for the teen stuff i sent it how it came to me."

When agents sent AOL an administrative subpoena seeking the identity of nomoreravens@aol.com (whose preference for "teens" pornography is unlikely to constitute much of a deal in Baltimore, Md., phone number "(202) 324-8494"—which, according to an affidavit for a search warrant filed in the case "is a number at FBI Headquarters")

25. On January 11, 2010, AOL responded to an administrative subpoena that requested subscriber information on e-mail account **NOMORERAVENS@AOL.COM**. AOL identified the subscriber as Joseph **BONSUK**, 504 Matthews Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21225, evening telephone number (410) [REDACTED], and day telephone number (202) 324-8494, which is a number at FBI Headquarters. The account was

Bonsuk, according to the Smoking Gun, is a management and program analyst for the FBI. He told the site that he is "totally innocent," that his apparent receipt via e-mail of child pornography was a "mix-up," and that he's cooperating with the investigation by his colleagues. Before tipping Bonsuk off to the fact that he was a target, the agents copied his work computer and found evidence that he'd used it to access his AOL e-mail, but no traces of pornography. (That photo of Bonsuk is from his [Bebo profile](#), which features a lot of friendships with buff young men and hasn't been active for a year.)

The FBI declined to comment to the Smoking Gun

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[Photos of Bonsuk and Norweathers (inset) via *The Smoking Gun*]

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**Bright Star**

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I was flipping channels and came across an episode of "To Catch a Predator" and was appalled.

While the alleged child predators are not worthy of sympathy it seemed outrageously sensationalistic and clear entrapment.

Plus I dont think a tv show has any right to take on the role of law enforcement.

Its no surprise that at least one of the targets committed suicide.



**ShaunTKennedy** @Bright Star

@Bright Star: It wasn't entrapment and Chris Hansen didn't arrest anyone; local law enforcement did. Therefore, the show didn't take on the role of law enforcement.

Sensationalistic? Hell yes, but find me a TV news program that isn't.

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**Teh Echoroc** @Bright Star

@Bright Star: it's not entrapment if they were going to do it anyway. which, by trolling chat rooms looking for underage girls/boys, looks to me like they were hoping for a meetup.

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**AllisonDubious** @Bright Star

@Bright Star: The September 2007 issue of *Esquire* had a very compelling article about the amateur vigilante group "Perverted Justice", its ties to the "To Catch A Predator" series, and the suicide which resulted during one of their "sting" operations. I would very highly recommend it as reading material for anyone interested in the subject matter.

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@OldCrankyBroad: This, especially read up on the Von Erck (Eck) character.

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@OldCrankyBroad: I had to skim through it because the writing was so awful. I mean, really awful. It's so awful it barely gets its point across.