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Child Sexual Abuse Material Generated by Artificial Intelligence

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With the emergence of Artificial Intelligence (AI) platforms criminals are unfortunately already putting them to use to further their nefarious purposes. One of the most recent issues law enforcement has encountered are AI generated Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM, aka Child Pornography) images and videos. There are some misconceptions when it comes to the legality of this type of photo-realistic imagery that does not actually depict a real child. Despite attempts of some activist groups to argue that the creation of realistic looking CSAM is protected speech under the First Amendment, the US Department of Justice has been successfully prosecuting these cases under a variety of federal statutes.

NOTE: under most circumstances, cartoon or Hentai-type CSAM video and imagery are considered protected speech and *are not* a violation of Federal or State Law.

NOTE THIS TOO: with that said, in some instances a 290 PC registrant *can* be found to be in violation of their registration status if they are in possession of cartoon and/or Hentai-type CSAM. When in doubt, give SACA a call.

Long story short, CSAM that has been produced by AI, “deep fakes”, or other fictitious but realistic in appearance CSAM images and videos can constitute a violation of United States Federal Law. Sadly, California law does not prohibit this type of material at this time, although there are efforts underway to correct this glaring mistake.

If you encounter this type of material in the field, please document it thoroughly and if you can lawfully seize the devices the materials are saved on, please do so. Do not hesitate to contact the on-call SACA Sgt. or Detectives with any questions or concerns.

Below are examples of the realistic nature of AI generated images and videos.

In this video we have a deep fake from the movie Pulp Fiction...except they have superimposed Jerry Seinfeld’s face on the character.

<https://youtu.be/S1MBVXkQbWU>

In this video we see a young Arnold Schwarzenegger’s face superimposed on the body of one John Rambo from Rambo III, circa 1988.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FPzDeEtHucU>



Original showing Alison Brie

Deepfake showing Jim Carrey instead of Brie



The AI-made toddler version of Ed Sheeran has his soulful blue eye and his vibrant red hair. But is it a little too vibrant? The real Ed Sheeran (right), now 32 years old, looks no less sweet or innocent than his AI-simulated child self