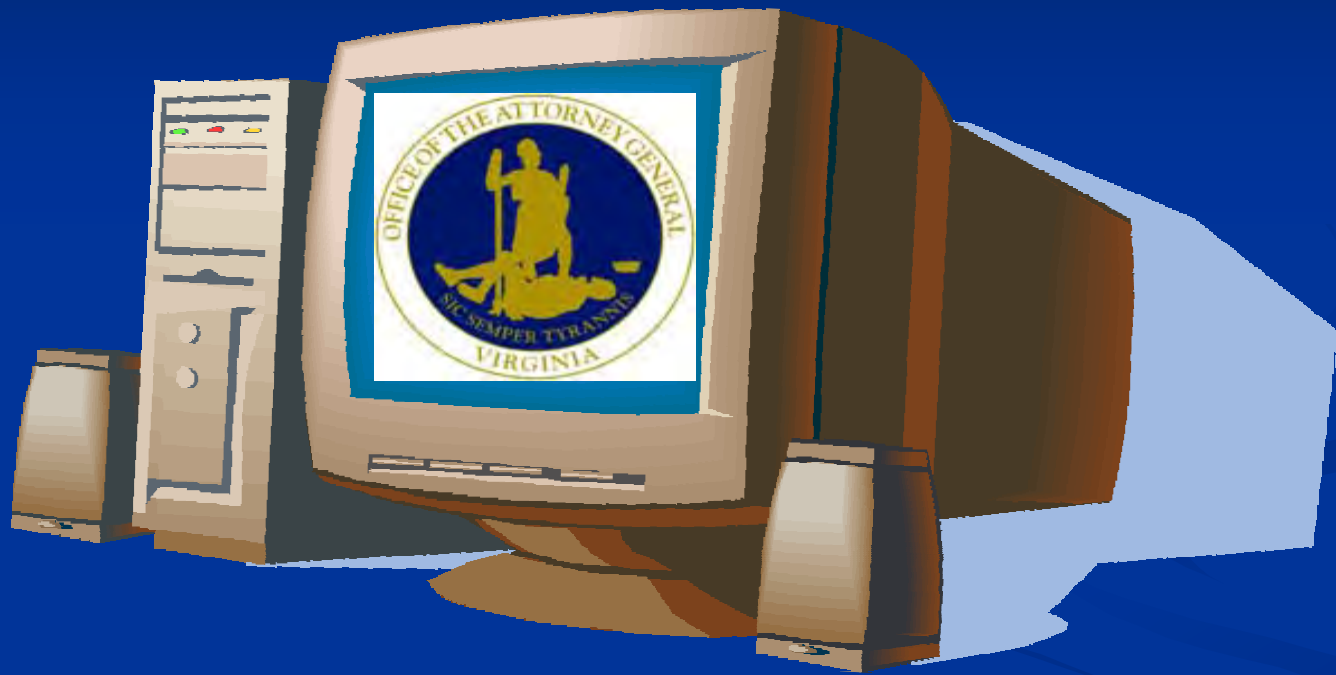


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Computer Crimes Overview

Office of the Attorney General's Computer Crime Unit

- **Formed in July 1999**
- **Investigates and prosecutes under Virginia Computer Crimes Act 18.2-(152.1-152.16)**
- **Prosecutes illegal spamming (first law of its kind in the U.S.)**
- **Prosecutes child porn/exploitation cases**
- **Investigates and prosecutes Identity Theft**
- **Assists law enforcement officers and Commonwealth's Attorneys and coordinates Virginia's Internet crimefighting.**
- ***Over half of the world's Internet traffic passes through Virginia***

Spam

- Anti-Spam statute: Virginia Code Section 18.2-152.3:1
- Took effect July 1, 2003
- Criminalizes the use of fraudulent means to transmit unsolicited bulk e-mail
- Computer Crime Unit has *concurrent* jurisdiction to prosecute

CHILD EXPLOITATION

- **Va. Code Sec. 18.2-374.1: Production and distribution of child pornography**
- **Va. Code Sec. 18.2-374.1:1 – Possession of child pornography**
- **Va. Code Sec. 18.2-374.3: Online enticement of children**
- **Online solicitation and computer trafficked child porn increases at an alarming rate, particularly among pedophiles**
- **The Attorney General's Computer Crime Unit has *original* jurisdiction to prosecute these crimes (Va. Code Sec. 2.2-511)**

IDENTITY THEFT

- **Code of Virginia, Sections 2.2-3800; 17.1-227; 18.2-186.3; 18.2-204.1 and 42.1-82 (passed in 2003)**
- **Code of Virginia Section 18.2-186.3 (passed in 1998)**
- **Computer Crime Unit has *concurrent* jurisdiction to prosecute**



ADDITIONAL ISSUES

- Formed the Virginia Cyber Crime Strike force in cooperation with the U.S. Attorney's Office; Virginia State Police; FBI; Bedford County Sheriff's Office
- Testified before the U.S. Congress and the General Assembly on computer crime laws