

Victims Without Borders: Transnational Victimization in Sadistic Exploitation Networks

Review of 86 case records in PERIL's 764 Relational Network.

27
CASES WITH VICTIMS IN
ANOTHER COUNTRY

16
COUNTRIES WHERE
VICTIMS WERE LOCATED

10
CASES OF VICTIMS
IN THE U.S.

10
CASES OF PERPETRATORS
FROM THE U.S.

5
CONFIRMED CASES WITH
VICTIMS ABROAD BUT UNKNOWN
COUNTRIES

Sadistic exploitation networks, like 764, are not organized around geography. They recruit on globally distributed gaming and social media platforms, like **Discord, Roblox, Snapchat, and Telegram**, where a victim's location is not a barrier to coercion. Sextortion, coerced self-harm, and coerced animal cruelty can be directed through these platforms by text and video, allowing a perpetrator in one country to control a victim in another. The harm that results is genuinely transnational: it crosses borders easily and implicates authorities in multiple jurisdictions, complicating the process of finding perpetrators and holding them accountable for their crimes. Across the records in the NVE Tracker that are linked to 764, **27 perpetrators have known victims in countries other than the ones they were living in**. Given the sparsity of information about victims in publicly available sources, the true count is likely much higher. Of the cases that have been documented, the United States is both the largest source of perpetrators and victims in the network.

