

THE UNTOLD STORY OF SEXUAL ASSAULT IN THE AGE OF PORN



AS A SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINER, I'VE WITNESSED A GROWING AND ALARMING PHENOMENON THAT SOCIETY ISN'T ADDRESSING ENOUGH.



OUR LARGEST AGE GROUP OF PERPETRATORS IS AGES 11 TO 15.

IT'S NOT JUST THE VICTIMS WHO ARE GETTING YOUNGER, BUT THE PERPETRATORS, TOO.



OUR CLINIC SEES ONE OF THE HIGHEST VOLUMES OF SEXUAL ASSAULT PATIENTS IN THE NATION. ALARMINGLY, THE PRIMARY RISK FACTOR FOR MANY PERPETRATORS IS EXPOSURE TO PORN.



PORNOGRAPHY IS INFLUENCING BEHAVIORS IN DEVASTATING WAYS.

FROM INCEST FANTASIES TO MULTIPLE PERPETRATORS, AMATEUR PORN CREATION, AND EXPLOITATION—IT'S BECOME NORMALIZED TO WATCH AND DEGRADE OTHERS.



AND WHILE THE STEREOTYPE PAINTS THE PICTURE OF MALE PERPETRATORS AND FEMALE VICTIMS, MANY YOUNGER MALES ARE ALSO VICTIMS. THE TRAUMA IS UNIVERSAL AND DEEPLY PAINFUL.



VICTIMS OFTEN INTERNALIZE THE ASSAULT, BELIEVING IT WAS THEIR FAULT.

MY ROLE IS TO CONTINUOUSLY REMIND THEM...

"THIS IS NOT YOUR FAULT.
I'M SO SORRY."

VALIDATION AND EMPOWERMENT ARE CRUCIAL IN THEIR HEALING JOURNEY.



WE MUST RECOGNIZE AND ADDRESS THE DANGEROUS INFLUENCE OF PORNOGRAPHY AND SUPPORT VICTIMS IN THEIR HEALING. ONLY THEN CAN WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER.



TO ALL SURVIVORS...

YOUR PAIN IS REAL.

YOUR VOICE MATTERS.

AND YOUR HEALING IS POSSIBLE.

WE STAND WITH YOU.