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My 2 cents: call Jon Bruning and turn over the amber alert program to him and do a blowout announcement with him in two weeks. He is president of NAAG, a good guy, someone with a bright political future, and not going to throw us under the bus.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2010 10:39 AM
To: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: First coverage of Blumenthal/Sex Offender Announcement

Someone should subtly convey to Blumenthal that if he works with us, we can actually make these stories much bigger. Cuomo made basically the same announcement and it was covered nationally because we were part of the story and took an active role and promoting it.

On 1/26/10 5:33 AM, "[REDACTED]" [REDACTED]@facebook.com> wrote:

AP blurb is out: <http://www.courant.com/news/local/statewire/hc-ap-ct-onlinesexoffenderjan26,0,1934387.story>
Also a local TV news report: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kuQL1ppfFI>

On 1/26/10 6:22 AM, "[REDACTED]" [REDACTED]@facebook.com> wrote:

Gotta love the nonsense about how age verification should be technologically feasible.

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Facebook, MySpace delete 150 sex offenders
Tuesday, January 26, 2010

By Mary E. O'Leary, Register Topics Editor

HARTFORD — The simple matching of e-mail accounts with Connecticut's registered sex-offender list has led to nearly 150 offenders being removed from Facebook and MySpace.

Attorney General Richard Blumenthal said Connecticut was one of the first states to implement the e-mail registry, and the number of matches "shows the need for stronger vetting and vigilance. We are advising parents about these continuing dangers on social networking sites, which have been (cooperating) with us."

Blumenthal said the latest wave of sex offenders scrubbed from the site are part of the 111,000 individuals removed nationwide since the Connecticut attorney general's office co-led a coalition of states working with Facebook and MySpace to crack down on Internet predators.

He said the latest 150 are probably "just the tip of the predator problem because there are countless others out there using aliases or other kinds of disguises. It is an indicator of a larger problem."

Prior to the cross checking of e-mail addresses, 684 convicted sex offenders from Connecticut had been removed from Facebook and MySpace. The new law requiring offenders to register their e-mail addresses went into effect in October 2007.

Blumenthal said they have been working with social networking sites on stronger means of age and identity verification, which should be technologically feasible.

"The great danger to children is people lying about their names and their ages, posing as teenagers when they may be 30-plus-year-old men, luring young girls or men to parks where they encounter sexual assault," Blumenthal said.

Asked how cooperative the sites will continue to be when their aim is to put as many people as possible on the networks, Blumenthal said: "Their business model does not include pornography or child predators."

He said Facebook and MySpace are intent on protecting children, though parents are "the first line of defense."

Blumenthal, who is a Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate, advised parents to talk to their children and encourage them to report fears they may have about contacts they have made on the Internet.

"Monitor what children are doing to the extent possible. Obviously, what parents can do will depend on the ages of their children — the older they are, the harder it is. But certainly at young teenage, they can exercise much greater oversight, vigilance, communication than perhaps they can at older teen ages, perhaps when it is less necessary," he said.

Blumenthal said sex offenders on such sites may have violated their parole conditions and, if that is the case, law enforcement officials will prosecute.

He said there are federal privacy safeguards for Internet information, which Facebook and MySpace feel may bar them from proactively sharing information about sex offenders on the sites, but they regularly subpoena information and provide them with information from the state police registry.

The attorney general said the sites have followed federal rules and cooperated with the states, but he would like to see them authenticate the ages and identity of their members.

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