

When assessing and investigating crimes involving physical assault, domestic and child abuse or sex crimes, it is important to gather as much information about the offender as possible. I will use the term physical abusers to include domestic batterers, child abusers, and relationship assaulters. I will use the term sexual predators to include all offenders of sex related crimes, including child molestation, rape, and date rape.

Physical abusers and sexual predators tend to use pornography at a significantly higher rate than the average person (Johnson, 2007; Johnson, 2014; Johnson, 2015). The use of pornography by violent offenders may involve several hours per week or per day. This allows for fantasizing about what type of sexual contact the offender wishes to engage in and may become more extreme in theme and nature over time. For some, the viewing of pornography may be a stop-gap, that is, for some it may be enough to view and masturbate to deviant (themes involving non-consenting people or illegal acts) pornography and not act on the desire with an actual person or victim. For others, however, the time spent on viewing and masturbating to deviant and more extreme themed pornography results in a desire to try what they are viewing. Many sexual predators have admitted that the pornography became more of an obsession for them, and that they felt driven to act-out what they viewed in the pornography on others, resulting in sexual offenses, kidnapping, and even murder (Castro (when interviewed) who kidnapped three women and held them for over 10 years in his basement in Ohio; Jeffery Dahmer as reported in Osanka and Johann (1989) reported an interview that Dr. Dobson conducted with Ted Bundy) as well as having interviewed hundreds of physical abusers and sexual offenders I found most admitted to the role pornography played in their quest for acting out sexual and physical violence.

Pornography does not make a person act violent or commit sex offenses. Pornography, however, provides a private showing of more deviant and extreme violent and sexual themes and may introduce the