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LVMPD Warns Against Dangerous Vigilante Behavior

The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department is putting out a warning to community members who believe they have identified online child predators.

The Department has become aware of a number of cases where citizens pose as minors on various websites and connect with would-be predators, arranging meet ups purportedly for sex.

When the alleged offenders arrive at the meet location, they are confronted on camera about the online exchange. The videos are then posted on the internet, garnering thousands of views. In some cases, the confrontations have become aggressive, and there is concern that the situation could escalate to violence.

The LVMPD advises community members not to take matters into their own hands. Anyone who believes they have come in contact with someone who is attempting to prey on a minor for sexual acts is urged to contact the LVMPD Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force by phone at 702-828-3111. To remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers by phone at 702-385-5555, or on the internet at www.crimestoppersofnv.com.

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