OPERATION CARIBBEAN GUARDIAN

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Purpose

Caribbean Guardian is a regional initiative focused on child exploitation crimes

- What?
- Why?
- Where?
- How?
Multi-Year Initiative

- Ongoing Assessment
- Capacity Building
- Enforcement Projects

U.K. National Crime Agency
North America and the Caribbean

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Homeland Security Investigations
HSI Caribbean
UK Operation Notarise

- 40,000 + LEADS FROM ONE SOURCE
- 100% accuracy on information provided
- 660 arrested in UK wide operation conducted with NCA and UK Police
- 431 children protected, 100+ of whom were at immediate risk
- Example offenders – a doctor, 6 teachers, grandfather with access to 17 grandchildren, a foster care giver who had access to a 12 year old, 2 ex-police officers, scout leader etc.
Regional Assessment

- Host nation interest
- Existing legislation
- Investigative capability
- Forensic capacity
- Victim support / NGOs
- Reporting
Enforcement Pilot Project

In February 2015, we begun our first 90 day pilot project targeting the online sharing of child sexual exploitation images

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Caribbean Guardian Enforcement Pilot Project

NCMEC → HSI Miami
CPS → HSI New York
Roundup → NCA Caribbean
Angel Watch → HSI Caribbean
NCA CEOP

Multiple Initial sources of information
NCA-HSI provide targeting and undercover activity as needed by host nations
NCA/HSI Caribbean Coordinates with host country & tracks progress in support of operation
Host country locates & identifies target & collects additional evidence
Prosecution based on combined evidence

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HSI CARIBBEAN
Early lessons learned

• Accurate and timely resolution of IPs to their account holder address is crucial.

• Potential for multiple IPs resolving to same suspect / address – good news!

• Accurate research of IP resolution results to quickly identify potential contact offences / safeguard children. LEGISLATION GAPS.

• Potential workshop necessary for case SIOs, DPPs (and AGs?).

• Case studies, from jurisdictions in region, will be vital to share experience.

• Political support.

• Competing LE priorities.
Questions & Discussion

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