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### **Girls Advocacy Group calls for Charges against Teen Rape Manual Authors Jason Osachoff and Curtis Delikatny**

Vancouver girls' rights organization Justice for Girls is calling on the Castlegar RCMP to recommend charges against Jason Osachoff and Curtis Delikatny for their production and distribution of a Facebook page that coaches young men to sexually assault and exploit teen girls.

The Facebook page entitled "Deflowered in Seconds" is a detailed manual on how to sexually assault and exploit teenage girls as young as thirteen. 21 year old Jason Osachoff launched the page on Facebook in February, 2011. As a result of public outcry the page has since been removed from the site.

Annabel Webb, advocate at Justice for girls states "There are grounds for charges under child pornography laws that prohibit publishing material that advocates child sexual abuse. These two men must be held accountable for promoting hatred and sexual violence against teen girls." Webb goes on to question why the identities of these men have not been released: "There is no legal reason why the identities of the men who wrote the rape manual should be protected. They made a decision to publish this kind of misogyny and they saw no reason to hide their identities then so why should they be protected now? Girls in Castlegar have a right to know who is targeting them and to be protected."

Legal expert on pornography and sexual assault, UBC law Professor Janine Benedet argues that despite the authors' disclaimer charges should be laid: "Detailed descriptions of how to sexually exploit girls who are not legally able to consent because of age or intoxication, or advice to coerce sex by threatening girls with the release of nude photos, are examples of child pornography prohibited by the *Criminal Code*. They should not be immunized from prosecution by tacking on a claim that it was only a joke."

Justice for Girls is a federally funded non-profit organization that was established in 1999 to promote support, justice, and equality for teenage girls. Justice for Girls has engaged law and policy makers at local, provincial, federal, and international levels and has appeared before numerous human rights bodies domestically and internationally to address violence against teenage girls.

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