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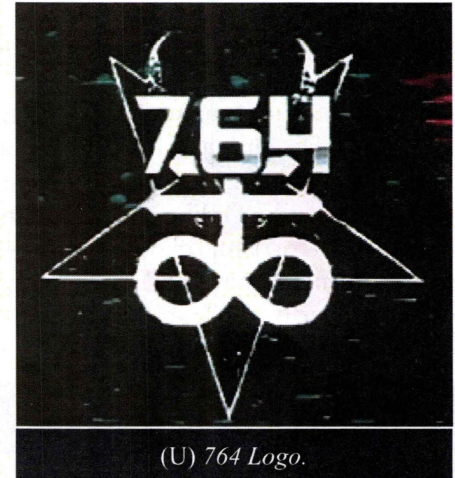
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### (U) 764 Network Targets Vulnerable Juveniles Online

(U) *The 764 network, which adheres to nihilistic violent extremism's (NVE) hatred of humanity and desire for societal collapse, consists of transnational threat actors who target juveniles online with self-harm and sexual exploitation. Decentralized 764 tactics include befriending vulnerable minors on social media, gaming platforms, and smart phone applications to manipulate and blackmail them to produce child sexual abuse material (CSAM) and other harmful violent content.*

(U) *There are many NVE subgroups with differing extremist ideologies that employ similar threat tactics to target juveniles, including CVLT (pronounced "cult") and 764 Inferno. Some of these groups are adherents to white racially motivated extremist (WRME) ideology, neo-Nazism, accelerationism, satanic rituals, and other cult-like subcultures.*



#### (U) Recent National Cases:

- (U) In April, authorities arrested Jose Henry Ayala Casmiro, of San Fernando Valley, California, for his alleged involvement in the 764 network. Among the examples from the criminal complaint is a photograph showing a victim cutting the name "Henry" into their right forearm while videos allegedly depict Ayala directing minors to engage in specific sexual acts. The complaint also alleges that Ayala participated in creating an online server to target underage victims.
- (U) In April, authorities arrested Leonidas Varagiannis, a U.S. citizen residing in Greece, and Prasan Nepal, of High Point, North Carolina, for crimes related to the 764 network. These two individuals led 764 Inferno and allegedly instructed members in grooming tactics and content production expectations for new recruits. They frequently threatened and coerced victims into engaging in various disturbing activities, including "self-mutilation, online and in-person sexual acts, harm to animals, sexual exploitation of siblings and others, acts of violence, threats of violence, suicide, and murder." Varagiannis and Nepal exploited at least eight underage victims across multiple jurisdictions, including children as young as 13 years old.

(U) **New Jersey Nexus:** The 764 network has increased activity within New Jersey, specifically targeting and manipulating juveniles in online forums. In addition, New Jersey-based perpetrators are utilizing known 764 and CVLT tactics to coerce victims. In 2025, there has been continuous reporting of 764-related incidents to New Jersey Suspicious Activity Reports (NJSARS).

- (U) In January, authorities arrested Colin Walker, of Bridgeton (Cumberland County), for his participation as a member in the online group CVLT. According to the indictment, Walker joined CVLT in early 2020 and used six online usernames. Walker allegedly acted as a leader and administrator of the group, hosting and running online servers and controlling membership for the group. Members sought to entice and coerce vulnerable juveniles to self-produce CSAM, encourage them to partake in dehumanizing acts, expose them to extremist and violent content, and pressure victims to kill themselves on a video livestream. CVLT members

threatened to blackmail victims if they hesitated, resisted, or threatened to tell their parents or authorities about what was occurring in the group.

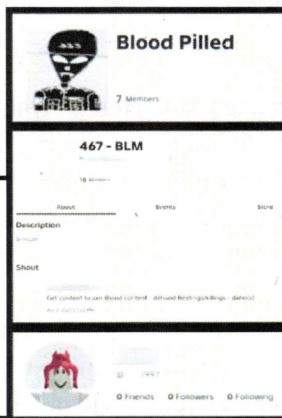
- (U//FOUO) In February, a juvenile reported cyber harassment from two different Discord users. The juvenile was prompted to cut their wrists, take a picture of them, and send it to the users. She was threatened with violence, including rape, if she did not do so. The juvenile proceeded to use make-up to make it appear that she had cut her wrists and sent photos of her wrists to the suspects.
- (U//FOUO) In September, it was reported that an identified juvenile was in possession of a phone provided by an unidentified adult subject they met on Roblox, an online virtual universe platform, several months ago. The subject and juvenile continued to communicate through Discord and DoorDash until the juvenile suspended all communication. After this, the subject threatened to show up at the juvenile's house and manipulated the juvenile to send CSAM and self-harm material. This continued with additional adults joining the chat and coercing the juvenile for similar material as well.

(U) **Presence on Social Media:** NVE content is seen across platforms but is especially prevalent on sites like Telegram, Discord, and Roblox, that allow groups to target minors with limited moderation. These groups typically post black and white graphics, violent memes, and edits of gore, animal abuse, suicide, or sexual violence in a meme-like style. Online users adhering to NVE ideology often have a fixation on violent, extremist, or nihilistic topics (neo-Nazism, school shootings, serial killers, occultism, and conspiracy theories). Posts referring to NVE content can also have coded language or hashtags, such as "Cheese Pizza" or "Cash Pay," that can refer to CSAM without overtly highlighting it to avoid automated content moderation from online platforms.

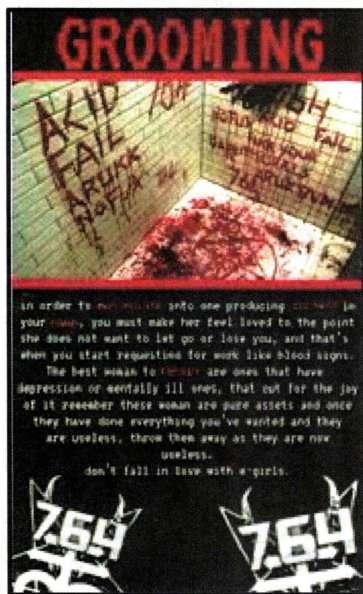
(U) *Common Online Imagery*



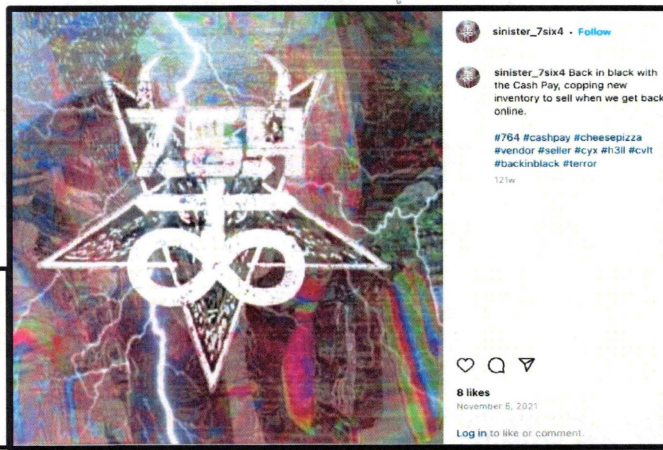
(left) September 2024 joint manifesto published by 764 and No Lives Matter.



(right) Examples of 764-affiliated accounts identified on Roblox, a popular gaming platform for juveniles.



(left) Online instructions telling NVE members how to groom minor female victims for self-harm.



(right) Instagram account promoting 764 content, using coded language in caption.







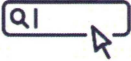

### (U) Indicators of 764

*Below is a list of possible indicators that someone is a victim of online child exploitation and extortion by extremist groups such as 764. Showing one or more of these signs does not mean someone is a victim and should be examined in the context of the event.*

#### Possible Signs of Online Child Exploitation or Involvement with Extremist Groups (e.g., “764”)

Behavioral and emotional changes, such as mood swings or irritability	Neglecting appearance, changes in daily habits	Loss of interest in usual activities, isolation	Talking about death, suicide, or self-harm
<b>Physical Indicators</b>			
Unexplained cuts, burns, scars, carvings, or wounds	Wearing long clothes in hot weather to hide injuries	Writing or drawing with blood	
<b>Social Media Indicators</b>			
Black and white graphics and violent memes	Fixation on violent, extremist, or nihilistic topics	Use of coded language, such as “Cheese Pizza,” in hashtags or content to refer to CSAM	
<b>Other Red Flags</b>			
Harm to family pets or animals under suspicious circumstances	Swatting, doxxing, or other targeted harassment incidents	Writing strange names, numbers, or codes in notebooks	

### (U) Safety Guidance for Parents and the Public

 <b>Monitor</b> children’s online activity	 <b>Discuss</b> risks of sharing personal or explicit content	 <b>Never pay or comply</b> with online extortion demands	 <b>Secure accounts</b> with strong passwords and multi-factor authentication
 <b>Limit exposure</b> keep profiles private and avoid posting identifiable details or child images	 <b>Be cautious</b> of new online contacts, even if they seem friendly or familiar	 <b>Search regularly</b> for your or your child’s info online; use reverse image tools	 <b>Research</b> privacy and data-sharing policies of apps and platforms before posting

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