

Arrests Made for Cases Related to "Dating Sites" in 2002

1. Number of Arrests Related to "Dating Sites"

Considered are cases which were reported to the National Police Agency as those related to the so-called "Dating Sites," or electronic bulletin boards, chat rooms, etc. that make possible meetings of sexual partners.

	2000	2001	2002	Increase from Previous Year
Violation of Child Prostitution and Child Pornography Law	41	387	813	210%
Violation of Youth Development and Protection Ordinances	20	221	435	200%
Serious Crime (Murder, Theft, Rape, etc.)	15	73	100	140%
Violent Crime (Assault, Injury Infliction, Intimidation, Blackmail)	7	66	128	190%
Others (Child Welfare Law Violation)	21	141	255	180%
Total	104	888	1,731	190%

2. Characteristics

- The number of arrests in cases related to "Dating Sites" increased by 190% from the previous year.
- Violations of Child Prostitution and Child Pornography Law numbered 813 (about 47% of the total), a 210% increase from the previous year; violations of Youth Development and Protection Ordinances numbered 435 (about 25% of the total), an increase from the previous year by about 200%. The above violations make up about 72% of the total.
- Cases which involved the use of cellular telephones numbered 59 (about 57% of the

total) in 2000; in 2001 the number was 714 (about 80% of the total); in 2002, the number was 1,672 (about 97% of the total), indicating a yearly increase.

- Of the 1,517 crime victims, children under the age of 18 made up the majority by totaling 1,273 (84% of the total).
- The ratio of juveniles in the number of arrested suspects numbered 10 (about 11% of the total) in 2000; in 2001 the number was 110 (about 13%) and 297 (about 20%) in 2002, indicating a yearly increase.