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Undercover Investigation Into Deep/Dark Web

Think that you know the web? Think again

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USPA NEWS - Think you know everything about the web? Think again. Besides the web (Twitter, Facebook, etc.), there are two more darker webs: the "Deep Web," and the "Dark Web." The following is graphic, and viewer digression is advised.

As our investigation showed, the Deep Web and the Dark Web, as disturbing as it may be, has hidden websites that revolve around things such as illegal drug trafficking sites, prescription drug trafficking sites, child pornography sites, illegal weapon sales, hacking sites, human trafficking rings, counterfeit currency sales (both U.S. and Europe currency), counterfeit U.S. and U.K. passport sale sites, and even a website that acts like Craigslist, except the user can hire a hitman (contract killers).

The following images are courtesy of our informant, whom we named "John." Please note that some images may be disturbing, so, be advised.

The reason why my informant "John" began this investigation, was that as a white-hat hacker (A white hat hacker is a computer security specialist who breaks into protected systems and networks to test and asses their security. White hat hackers use their skills to improve security by exposing vulnerabilities before malicious hackers (known as black hat hackers) can detect and exploit them), we both have heard of the Deep/Dark Web, but never ventured towards it, until we got a tip.

My view point of this investigation: both U.S. and international authorities need to take action against these websites.

For USPA News, I'm Jacob Huffman. Thanks for reading.

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