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## Tumblr Refuses to Take Down Illegal Public Restroom Photos



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Former police officer David Cerna was recently arrested for placing a hidden camera in a Mobile gas station bathroom in Chesterfield, Missouri, and then posting the videos on a porn site. Now, after the site has been taken down, stills remain searchable on Tumblr. Yet Tumblr refuses to take down the photos—what gives?

Apparently, Tumblr is loathe to honor potential victims' requests, until they can prove that they are indeed the people in those stills. There's more believe on the frustrating process, as described by one such victim to Fox KTVI's Chris Hayes in St. Louis:

*I talked to one man who thinks he may be a victim, but has no way to be sure. He told me, 'In the time frame (the suspect `s) been doing this, I was in that bathroom. I know for a fact, because I used it a few times a week, at least. Then when I saw on the news when you broke the investigation I was just in complete awe. I can understand how people would feel violated. This isn `t consensual.'*

*Tumblr `s explanation? The site responded to the concerned citizen, stating '... we need to hear directly from someone who is being featured...' Tumblr and its parent company Yahoo won `t even respond to FOX 2.*

The story has been picked up by the Daily Dot, who weren't able to find the photos due to limited search functionality for, um, creepshots. Whether readily searchable or not, though, their presence on the site is still disturbing. To Tumblr: How about taking down the photos because they're clearly a violation of people's privacy? Why do you have to hear from someone who can prove they're in the photos? What does the social media site have to lose?

According to Hayes, people are also asking questions like this on twitter, using hashtags like #hiddencamera.

*Image via KTVI.*



cassiebearRAWR ▶ Phoenix Tso  
7/16/14 7:05pm

**JUST TAKE THEM ALL DOWN YOU SHITFUCKS**



Ari Schwartz: Dark Lord of the Snark ▶ cassiebearRAWR  
7/16/14 7:17pm

Tech companies love to subscribe to this weird notion of "OMG WE LOVE TEH FREEDOMS" but they don't get that sometimes it's okay do limit freedom for the sake of human dignity. Our society doesn't collapse by censoring a handful of carefully selected acts of malfeasance.



Gemmabeta ▸ Ari Schwartz: Dark Lord of the Snark  
And then the companies promptly drop trou when the NSA comes a-callin'.  
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Ari Schwartz: Dark Lord of the Snark ▸ Gemmabeta  
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I sorta lulzed when Apple said, "COME AT ME BRO" to the NSA. It made me feel a bit better using iMessage.



The Nightmare Before Pizza ▸ Ari Schwartz: Dark Lord of the Snark  
7/17/14 5:51am

The cognitive dissonance required to believe that posting non-consensual, sexualized photos of people is OK, but that posting your own lady nipples is not ... it's just mind boggling.



Butters Taking a Break ▸ Phoenix Tso  
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perhaps Tumblr fancies itself as the successor to that most offensive millennial website :

ratemypoo .

\* the horror. the horror \*



Butters Taking a Break ▸ ghostofsiriusblack  
7/16/14 7:13pm

so you grew up then .

me, not so much .

poop = funny to Butters



ghostofsiriusblack ▸ Butters Taking a Break  
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eh, only to some extent.



ohyarr ▸ Butters Taking a Break  
7/17/14 3:14am

I'm not sure why I had to look it up. What was I expecting? Urgh.



**Butters Taking a Break** ▶ ohyarr

7/17/14 9:52am

i shoulda posted a warning ?

its yucky !

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**brightersideoflife** ▶ Phoenix Tso

7/16/14 7:59pm

Obviously Tumblr should take these down. That's a given. Their hem-hawing douchebaggery is incredibly myopic.

This happened at a gas station. How can Tumblr be sure there aren't any pictures of minors that have been uploaded? Are they really willing to risk distributing child pornography?

Ugh, I guess they are. Fuckwads.

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**atinyblueowl** ▶ Phoenix Tso

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Maybe they could offer the people in the photographs an extra hour in the ball pit?



**FreakyFriendFiction** ▶ atinyblueowl

7/16/14 10:53pm

DAMMIT I WAS GONNA SAY THAT >:(

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**bowsercrushes** ▶ Phoenix Tso

7/16/14 7:16pm

Tumblr is great for porn, but not so awesome if you're there for social justice.



**4gotmypwagain** ▶ bowsercrushes

7/16/14 7:22pm

This is a microaggression at me about my love for Tumblr.



**xhr1s** ▶ OrtizDupri

7/17/14 11:56am

Long story short, it's because so much of the 'social justice' stuff on tumblr isn't about encouraging equality or helping minorities, or anything to do with actual social justice. It's about so-called 'social justice warriors' attacking anything, everything, and everybody for some perceived slight against whatever group the sjw claims to be defending. It's about attacking other people for not being as socialjusticey as you are, in order to paint yourself as being better than them.

There certainly are a few real blogs dedicated to actual social justice on tumblr, but so many of them are this middle school bully-like bullshit that there's a well-justified reputation.



OrtizDupri ▶ xhrts  
7/17/14 12:11pm

OK, that makes sense and I can definitely understand that (and see lots of examples of such).



bowsercrushes ▶ OrtizDupri  
7/17/14 6:14pm

Basically that was a joke about otherkin and transracial (as in some American with the soul of whatever exotic race is in vogue, like native American or Japanese or indian) people.



JoelnLA ▶ Phoenix Tso  
7/16/14 7:10pm

Unless someone can identify themselves in the photos and is willing to do so (which I'm pretty sure no one is going to do because then everyone would know what that person's dick looks like), there is no way to prove the pics aren't selfies (of which there are hundreds of thousands on Tumblr). So good luck with that. Meanwhile I'm off to search Tumblr for said pics. Laterz.

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