SEXTORTION THREATS TO EXPOSE A SEXUAL IMAGE IN ORDER TO MAKE A PERSON DO SOMETHING

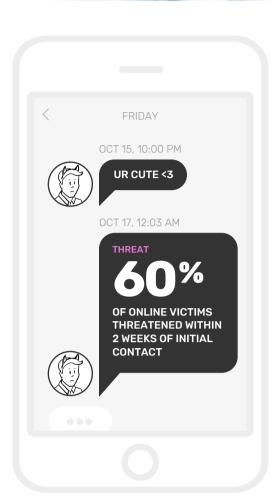
Sextortion is happening to kids and teens.



or younger when threatened.



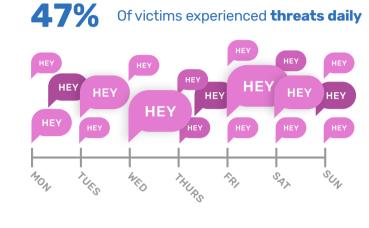
Victims were girls threatened before the age of 16.



Threats happen sooner for online victims.



First contact is typically by phone via a social media friend request. Victims are targeted on platforms they frequent.



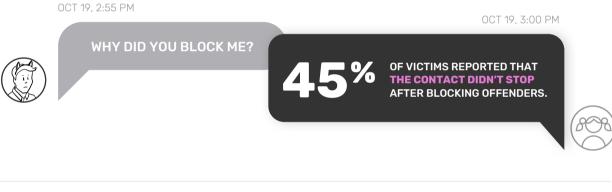
Victims are attempting to address the threats themselves.

Some victims took steps to prevent contact...

...but threats continued.

OF VICTIMS BLOCKED OFFENDERS FROM CONTACTING THEM IN HOPES OF GETTING AWAY.

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Victims are staying silent.



largely because of shame or

embarrassment.

Society continues to dismiss the fact that people are forced into situations (like sending nudes) and that they should be shamed if they are. - FEMALE / ONLINE / AGE 13

Victims are less likely to report outside of their



PLATFORM / WEBSITE

ENFORCEMENT

Thorn conducted an online survey in 2017 with 2,097 victims of sextortion from ages 13 to 25.