## Dartmouth Police release statement about guys who send pictures of their "goodies" and those who extort them

"Though I can't believe that I have to put something out about this, I guess that as a 52 year old man, I have finally come to the realization that I have somehow morphed into my father, and that it is now my turn to say "What the h-e-double hockey sticks are these kids thinking!"

Recently, we have had a spike (pun intended) of teenagers and young adults reporting that they have been extorted by someone they just met on Instagram, Snapchat, etc., asking them to send money after said victim foolishly sent them a picture, or pictures, of their goodies.

Now, before I go on a diatribe about this topic, I have to ask, what the heck has happened to the courtship process??? Does anyone here remember the "good old days" when it took time and effort to develop a relationship to the point where the goodies finally came into play (pun intended again)? Nowadays, apparently all it takes is a dirtbag with a fake profile asking someone for a picture of their junk, and VOILA, there it is!!!!

Now with that being said, let's get to the matter at hand (and I hope that you parents out there share this with your kids)!

First, God bless anyone who reports this to us, because if this was my kid…well, let's just say we wouldn't make it to the police station.

Next, this foolish act now requires the investigator(s) to write detailed reports, you guessed it, on which your name

goes, and of which remains on file forever. Probably not the best thing when it comes to a background check later on in life by an employer who wants to see just how good your decision making skills are.

Next, with the drafting of search warrants, and downloading of phones, these investigations actually take a considerable amount of time and effort to conduct, thus consuming valuable resources that could be better applied to more demanding issues.

Also, as is the outcome in most of these cases, no useful information is ever obtained, as the goodie-seeking dirtbag with a fake profile is most likely the same IRS agent with a thick foreign accent who just called either you or your parents saying that they are going to arrest you if you don't pay a certain amount of money to them.

Lastly, as one of the investigators who actually has the displeasure of viewing the images of the goodies, let me be the first one to tell you that your junk, no matter how much you filter it, enlarge it, dress it up with a bowtie or bunny ears, IS NOT impressive, and has no business being sent out to people you know, much less some you don't know!!!!

PLEASE-PLEASE.PLEASE, I BEG YOU, use your head (the one on top of your shoulders) when it comes to sending anything personal out on social media. With the immeasurable amount of dirtbags constantly trolling the Interwebs, you are only setting yourself up for failure by giving them exactly what they need to make you, and your goodies, look foolish!

PLEASE SHARE"