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New York State licensed psychologist and certified forensic consultant, Dr. Michael Nuccitelli, is the author of new technological predator constructs he has termed, iPredator & iPredator Bridge. His constructs explore the dynamics of people who engage in criminal, deviant, nefarious and malevolent activities using Information and Communications Technology (ICT). <u>Robert O'Block</u>, CEO & founder of the American College of Forensic Examiners International (ACFEI) announces his commitment to technological predator forensic education to members and the community. As the largest forensic sciences professional education organization in the world, Dr. O'Block and ACFEI are introducing information to members relevant to Information Age forensic sciences.

Technological predators and their victims are new dynamics causing devastation across all elements of society. As stated by <u>Dr. O'Block</u>, "Many people may not know why I started the American College of Forensic Examiners International. The reason is my belief in justice. Justice for all and the safety of Americans. And now that we live in the Information Age, ACFEI will help educate Americans in the forensic sciences, justice and cyber justice." As part of Dr. O'Block's educational model, he will be introducing ACFEI member, Dr. Michael Nuccitelli's, two theoretical constructs, iPredator and iPredator Bridge. iPredator was published in the 2011 winter issue of the Forensic Examiner with iPredator Bridge being published in their 2012 winter issue. A brief definition of each is as follows.

iPredator: A child, adult or group who, directly or indirectly, engages in exploitation, victimization, stalking, theft or disparagement of others using Information and Communications Technology (ICT.) iPredators are driven by deviant fantasies, desires for power and control, retribution, religious fanaticism, political reprisal, psychiatric illness, perceptual distortions, peer acceptance or personal and financial gain. iPredators can be any age, either gender and not bound by economic status, race or national heritage. Whether the offender is a cyberbully, cyberstalker, cyber harasser, cyber-criminal, online sexual predator, internet troll or cyber terrorist, they fall within the scope of iPredator.

iPredator Bridge: iPredator Bridge is a theoretical tenet of iPredator representing the psychological, perceptual & behavioral trajectory of people who use Information and Communications Technology (ICT) to harm others. Similar to the iPredator, they are motivated by personal convictions, greed, power, control, narcissism or psychopathology. Different from the iPredator, they have yet to fully engage in

criminal/deviant activities using ICT or use complex perceptual distortions to validate the harm they cause. iPredator Bridge investigates why some people draw near to this nefarious and malevolent realm and either proceed in their maladaptive trajectory or cease and desist.

The iPredator Bridge is a symbolic representation of the approach, route and initial crossing into the realm of the iPredator. In a rudimentary and abstract way, it is posited that cyberspace, ICT and all future technological advancements, related to information technology, is an extension of the mind and the instinctual drives of the collective brain to replicate itself outside a human organism.

Dr. Nuccitelli is honored to have Dr. <u>Robert O'Block</u> and ACFEI support his mission to bring to light the widespread growth of nefarious, criminal and malevolent activities in cyberspace. Vital to understanding the theoretical core of iPredator is Dr. Nuccitelli's staunch belief that iPredators are variants of classical criminals, deviants and nefarious entities. ICT and the Information Age have created a new dimension leading to an entirely new population of humanity engaged in malevolent, harmful and deceptive practices. ICT and cyberspace are not tools used by the sociopath, deviant, narcissist or classic criminal, but part of a new generation that will be permanent fixtures to humanity for centuries to follow.

"The study, exploration and understanding of iPredator is the first step in the humanization of global Information and Communications Technology. By understanding iPredator, humanity walks safely in cyerspace." Michael Nuccitelli Psy.D., C.F.C. (2012)

About iPredator

<u>iPredator</u> was founded in 2012 to provide education, investigation and consultation to consumers and organizations on cyber bullying, cyber harassment, cyber stalking, online sexual predation, cybercrime, cyber terrorism, internet safety and digital reputation. Created by a New York State licensed psychologist and certified forensic consultant, Dr. Michael Nuccitelli, iPredator's goal is to reduce victimization, theft and disparagement from online assailants. In June 2012, Dr. Nuccitelli & iPredator launched their Tech Predator Awareness website offering visitors an enormous amount of free information. Dr. Nuccitelli is thankful to have Dr. <u>Robert O'Block</u> and the American College of Forensic Examiners International supporting his mission to thwart iPredators. Dr. Nuccitelli has extensive media experience and truly enjoys educating the public on Cyberbullying, iPredator Awareness, Internet Safety, Internet Culture & regional/national criminal news.

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