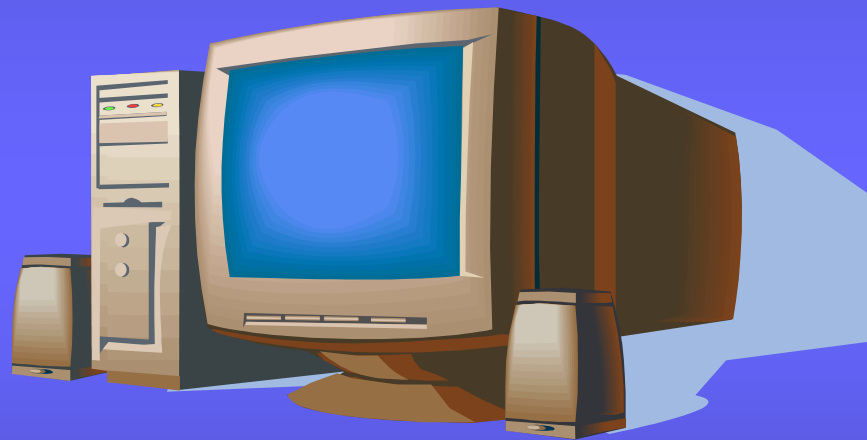


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Computer Crimes Overview





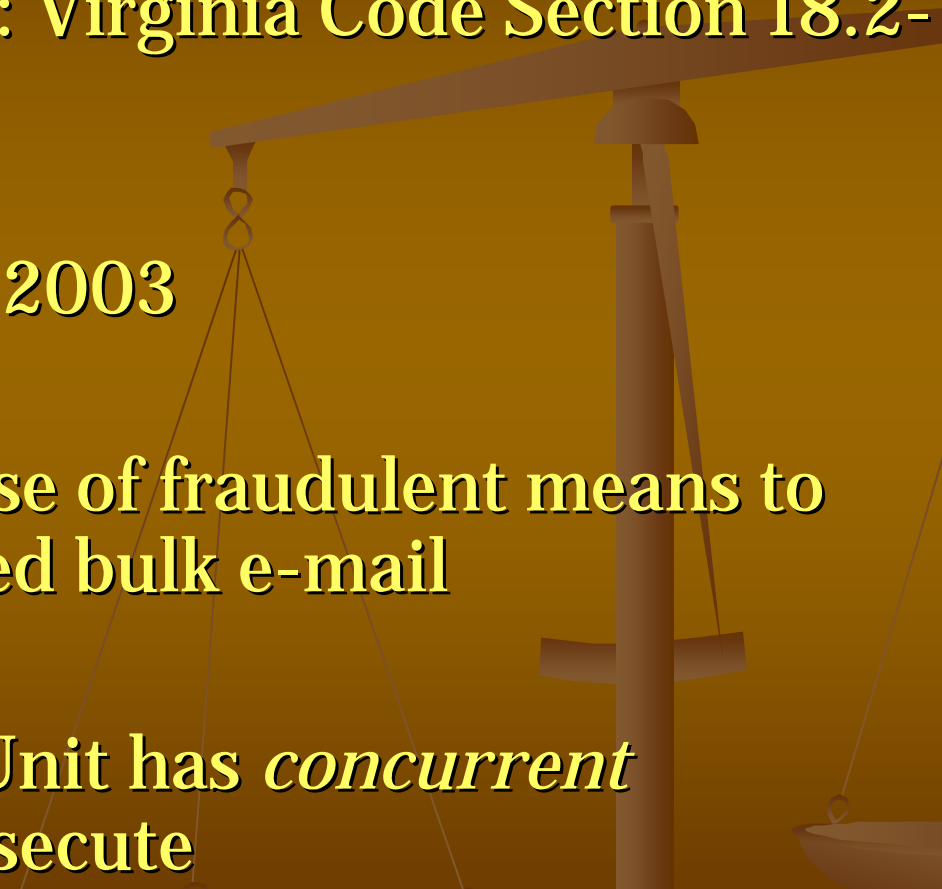
Office of the Attorney General's Computer Crime Unit

- Formed in July 1999
- Investigate & prosecute under VA Computer Crimes Act 18.2-(152.1-152.16)
- Prosecute illegal spamming (First law of its kind in the U.S.)
- Prosecute child porn/exploitation cases
- Investigate & prosecute Identity Theft
- Assist Law Enforcement Officers & Commonwealth's Attorneys and coordinate VA's Internet crime fighting
- *Over half of world's Internet traffic passes through Virginia*

CHILD EXPLOITATION

- VA Code Section 18.2-374.3: Production and distribution of child pornography
- VA Code Section 18.2-374.1:1 – Possession of child pornography
- VA Code Section 18.2-374.1: Online enticement of children
- Online solicitation and computer trafficked child porn increases at an alarming rate, particularly among pedophiles
- The Attorney General's Computer Crime Unit has *original* jurisdiction to prosecute these crimes (VA Code Section 2.2-511)

SPAM

- Anti-Spam statute: Virginia Code Section 18.2-152.3:1
 - Took effect July 1, 2003
 - Criminalizes the use of fraudulent means to transmit unsolicited bulk e-mail
 - Computer Crime Unit has *concurrent* jurisdiction to prosecute
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IDENTITY THEFT

- Code of Virginia, Sections 2.2-3800, 17.1-227, 18.2-186.3, 18.2-204.1 and 42.1-82
(Passed in 2003)
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Additional Issues

- Helped form Virginia Cybercrime Strike Force with US Attorney's Office, FBI, Virginia State Police, and Bedford County Sheriff's Office
- Testified before VA General Assembly and U.S. Congress on Computer Crime Laws