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Crime and Craigslist: A sad tale of murders and more

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Craigslist: A site of murder and mayhem

Sadly, Craigslist has become a cesspool of crime.

Murders. Rapes. Robberies. Hitman-for-hire. Assault. Fraud. Rental rip-offs.

Unfortunately, these are everyday occurrences involving people who use Craigslist to buy or sell, or for worse.

And the old rules – “meet in public;” “always tell someone where you’re going;” “know who you’re dealing with” – often don’t work on Craigslist.

Commissioned by Oodle, a free-classified site launched in 2005, the AIM Group researched crime connected with Craigslist during the past year, and earlier.

The “Craigslist killer.” The “Craigslist serial killer.” The diamond-ring killing in Edgewood, Wash. Those are a few of the 20 slayings - 12 of them during the last year alone - that have been linked to Craigslist since it began in 1995 as an e-mail list among friends in San Francisco. Four of those were women whose bodies were found in December on Gilgo Beach near New York City. They’re believed to be victims of a serial killer who preyed on prostitutes who used Craigslist.

Robberies? Seventy-four during the last year.

Assaults? Thirty-one (at least).

All sorts of other crimes have been linked to Craigslist, too.

Our research counted 330 crimes in the United States linked by law enforcement to use of Craigslist from February, 2010, to February 2011. And we’ve probably missed more than a few.

That’s a staggering number. We follow Craigslist closely, and have done so for almost 10 years. Even so, we were shocked by the volume of crime and the number of killings linked in some way to Craigslist and reported in newspapers or on television.

To be absolutely fair, Craigslist as an entity can’t be blamed for the things that happen among its users. It’s merely a facilitator of commerce, after all. And we understand thousands or even tens of thousands of transactions happen safely between Craigslist aficionados. Long before Craigslist, even, robberies were linked to newspaper classifieds from time to time.

But that’s no longer an excuse that Craigslist can hide behind.

It’s not enough for the company to say it has eliminated “escort” and “adult” services ads - euphemisms for prostitution ads. And that it posts warnings on the categories like rentals and personals and ... (OK, we could go on and on) ... that are susceptible to crime, fraud and abuse.

The unfortunate fact is that Craigslist has become almost synonymous with crime.

There’s even a website, <http://craigscrimelist.org>, that follows crimes associated with Craigslist and some of the similar sites like backpage.com that offer anonymous and frequently dangerous free classifieds.

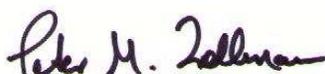
So what can a user do about it?

First and foremost, follow the old rules.

Better still, know who you’re dealing with. Buy and sell locally, with people you know. Rely on nearby markets, and media that verify who’s placing the ads. Connect with people you trust through Facebook Marketplace (powered by Oodle) or similar social network classifieds.

And remember: Anonymous classifieds can lead to fraud, abuse or worse.

Let’s be careful out there!



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Crime and Craigslist

Killings

- **Jonathan Clements**, a 19-year-old from Hazel Park, Mich., shot to death after arranging to buy a cellphone for \$95 from someone through Craigslist. (February 2011.)
<http://www.myfoxdetroit.com/dpp/news/local/hazel-park-teen-killed-during-craigslist-meeting-20110216-mr>
- **Four women** whose bodies were dumped along a desolate beachfront strip on Long Island were prostitutes who booked their clients via Craigslist and were probably the victims of a serial killer, police say. (January 2011)
<http://online.wsj.com/article/AP39c03bb0950a4be6964e13e038f18de9.html>
- **Youa Lor** killed after meeting someone via Craigslist in an attempt to sell his sports car in Lake Elmo, Minn. Two Minnesota National Guard soldiers were charged with the murder. (September 2010)
<http://www.myfoxtwincities.com/dpp/news/gun-in-craigslist-murder-not-military-issued-sept-14-2010>
- **Thai Lam** was trying to sell his Yamaha Ninja motorcycle in West Chatham, Ga., via Craigslist. He was shot fatally by a person posing as a prospective buyer who then stole the motorcycle. (August 2010)
<http://savannahnow.com/latest-news/2010-08-27/police-thursday-murder-involved-botched-craigslist-motorcycle-sale>
- **Tiara Poole**, 21, killed after posting a personal ad. After responding to the ad, the suspect drove to Jacksonville, Fla., to meet her. Investigators believe the two drove together to her apartment, where she was stabbed multiple times. (July 2010)
<http://jacksonville.com/news/metro/2010-07-26/story/craigslist-ad-led-jacksonville-slaying-and-southeast-georgia-suspect>
- **Sarah Weyrik** was found stabbed to death in her burning car in June 2010 at an apartment complex in southwest Houston. She had posted a need for extra cash on Craigslist. (June 2010)
<http://www.click2houston.com/news/23868667/detail.html>

- **Mary Jane Scanlon** stabbed to death by caretaker in her home in Pleasant Hill, Calif. The caretaker, Diane Warrick, had been hired through Craigslist to assist the elderly Scanlon. Warrick had a history of mental illness and the attack appears to have followed a minor dispute about where she parked her car. (June 2010)
http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=news/local/east_bay&id=7528358
- **Jim Sanders** killed by gunman during home invasion in Edgewood, Wash. Robbers were responding to an ad Sanders had posted for a diamond ring. His wife and two sons were tied up during the home invasion. (May 2010)
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2010/05/06/jim-sanders-craigslist-di_n_566124.html
- **Bob Tombo** shot and killed in Miami during robbery while attempting to sell a Rolex watch via Craigslist. In the early 1980s, Tombo was a popular disc jockey in Miami. (February 2010)
<http://www.wyvtv.com/content/news/local/story/Police-Confirm-Valley-Man-Killed-in-Craigslist/TAJdho1HJk2FfEWVQEvwGw.csp>
- **Heather M. Snivley** of Tigard, Ore., was killed and her unborn child cut from her womb after she met a woman to sell baby clothes. The suspect, who later pleaded guilty, had been posing as a pregnant woman. (June 2009)
http://portlandtribune.com/news/story.php?story_id=128639190676782300
- **Amy Elizabeth Dicky** was murdered in Austin, Texas, after meeting a prospective client via Craigslist. (May 2009)
<http://www.statesman.com/news/local/man-found-guilty-in-craigslist-slaying-1118249.html>
- **Julissa Brisman** murdered at a Boston hotel after meeting with “Craigslist Killer” Phillip Markoff. Markoff, a medical student in Boston, pleaded not guilty and later committed suicide in jail. (April 2009)
<http://abcnews.go.com/US/craigslist-killer-phillip-markoff-commits-suicide/US/story?id=7904950>
- **George Webber**, a radio newsman in New York City, was stabbed more than 50 times and killed after a sex romp with a teenager. (March 2009)
http://www.nydailynews.com/news/ny_crime/2010/10/13/2010-10-13_twisted_teen_trial_sadistLaughs_at_vid_of_confession.html

- **Christian Marton** shot to death while buying a car he found on Craigslist. Marton had gone to Dallas to buy a 1995 Chevy Caprice listed on the site and was shot, killed and robbed when he brought cash to make the purchase. (February 2009)
<http://www.kxxv.com/Global/story.asp?S=9788898>
- **Theodore Neff**, 66, a retiree from Vallejo, Calif., was strangled and his home set on fire after meeting a male escort he found via Craigslist. Several of Neff's possessions were stolen before the home was set ablaze. (February 2009)
<http://www.ontopmag.com/article.aspx?id=3170&MediaType=1&Category=1>
- **Matthew Hicks** and his wife posted an ad in Arlington, Va., for "erotic services" which was answered by ex-Marine Willie Donaldson. At some point, the men argued and Donaldson shot Hicks, claiming self-defense. (December 2008)
<http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/article.asp?article=323534&paper=60&cat=104>
- **Katherine Ann Olson**, 24, was killed in Savage, Minn., after she answered an ad for a nanny. "I can't recall a single case like it. This is the worst that I can recall," said Craigslist founder Craig Newmark. "This is a real tragedy." (October 2007)
<http://www.savagepacer.com/news/police/update-craigslist-murder-captivates-world-4956>

Robberies

February 2010

- Brooklyn, N.Y., man who had tires stolen off his car finds them for sale on Craigslist. Suspect caught and taken into custody.
http://gothamist.com/2010/02/09/brooklyn_man_loses_tires_finds_them.php
- Los Angeles detectives broke up a bicycle theft ring, arresting two men who stole bikes downtown and sold them on Craigslist.
<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2010/02/la-sees-big-jump-in-bike-thefts-prompting-some-vigilante-justice.html>
- 23-year-old man in Olympia, Wash., arrested after he reportedly attempted to sell a stolen wood stove worth more than \$1,000 to undercover detectives.
<http://www.theolympian.com/2010/02/11/1133552/olympia-police-believe-theyve.html#ixzz1DHtVnjne>

March 2010

- Man in Omaha, Neb., once charged with murder, went before a judge on new charges that he sold several stolen items on Craigslist.
<http://www.ketv.com/news/23057473/detail.html>
- Suspect in Laurel, Del., accused of using a Craigslist advertisement for a car to lure a would-be buyer to an apartment complex in order to rob him.
<http://www.wboc.com/Global/story.asp?S=12241633>
- Cincinnati man shot in the leg after he brought his 1986 Camaro to a meeting with potential buyer, but the sale was a set-up for a robbery.
<http://www.wdtn.com/dpp/news/craigslist-sale-ends-in-gun-fight>

April 2010

- Rhode Island State Police charged a man with trying to sell stolen scuba gear.
http://www.foxprovidence.com/dpps/news/local_news/warwick-man-caught-in-ri-selling-stolen-items-fernando-ramirez_3331770

- Man in Richmond, Va., who went to meet someone he thought was a potential buyer for his iPhone was beaten and had phone stolen.
<http://www.nbc12.com/Global/story.asp?S=12385349>
- A 29-year-old Akron, Ohio, man was sentenced to six years in prison after pleading guilty to robbing a man who responded to an ad on Craigslist.
http://blog.cleveland.com/metro/2010/04/man_sentenced_to_6_years_in_cr.html
- Austin, Texas, police investigated a series of four robberies of people trying to sell iPhones on Craigslist. The suspect arranged to meet the seller and then robbed them using weapons and physical force.
<http://www.myfoxaustin.com/dpp/news/local/41310-Police-Investigating-iPhone-Robberies>
- In Elkhart County, Ind., two suspects rob man of \$2,000 worth of electronics during meeting set up via Craigslist.
<http://www.fox28.com/global/story.asp?s=12307549>
- Pacifica, Nev., couple charged with robbing victims who were trying to sell iPhones or iPads.
<http://www.foxreno.com/news/23101213/detail.html>

May 2010

- Bella Vista, Ala., man said his boat disappeared after he posted an advertisement about it on Craigslist.
<http://www.4029tv.com/news/23741927/detail.html>
- Pacifica, Calif., couple accused of pepper-spraying and stealing iPads from two people who answered ads on Craigslist.
http://www.smdailyjournal.com/article_preview.php?type=news&title=Couple%20plead%20not%20guilty%20to%20IPad%20thefts&id=132417
- Lorain, Ohio, teen sent to juvenile court for theft after a diagnostic scanner went missing from the auto shop at Admiral King High School and turned up on Craigslist.
<http://chronicle.northcoastnow.com/2010/05/25/police-lorain-teen-took-auto-shop-scanner-listed-it-on-craigslist/>

- 19-year-old in Cincinnati in jail after attempting to rob someone attempting to sell a PlayStation 3.
<http://www.allvoices.com/news/5913869-police-craigslist-robbery-foiled>
- Sumner man charged with attempting to sell stolen property to an undercover Iowa State Patrol officer.
<http://www.kwwl.com/global/story.asp?s=12533212>
- Man held on a charge of felony burglary after Boise police say he stole two video game systems and several video games from an acquaintance and tried to sell them.
<http://www.idahostatesman.com/2010/05/21/1201758/boise-police-arrest-man-accused.html#ixzz1DOKBzk7c>
- 22-year-old man was arrested in Alachua County, Fla., after sheriff's deputies say he attempted to sell several stolen kayaks.
<http://www.gainesville.com/article/20100517/articles/100519448&tc=yahoo?tc=ar>
- Redding, Calif., woman and three Redding men arrested on suspicion of robbing a Redding man last month after luring him into a meeting through a personal ad.
http://www.redding.com/news/2010/may/07/four-arrested-robbery-redding-man-who-answered-cra/?partner=yahoo_feeds
- Man arrested after attempting to sell stolen \$3,000 buggy via Craigslist in Fresno, Calif.
<http://www.kmph.com/Global/story.asp?S=12417978>
- Gainesville, Fla., man looking for a companion on Craigslist was forced to remove his clothing along a dark country road at night, robbed at gunpoint and abandoned along the road.
<http://www.ocala.com/article/20100524/ARTICLES/100529893/1402/NEWS>

June 2010

- Two brothers in Miami were robbed of an expensive motorcycle at gunpoint after negotiating the terms of sale.
<http://www.nbcmiami.com/news/local-beat/Craigslist-Market-Place-for-Victims-97342624.html>

- Two people suspected of stealing several John Deere lawn mowers in Snohomish County, Wash., were arrested.
<http://www.kirotv.com/news/24048267/detail.html>
- Oregon Air National Guard senior master sergeant charged with stealing three motorcycles from the military and selling them on Craigslist.
<http://www.khq.com/global/story.asp?s=12685167>
- Madison, Wis., couple did their own sleuthing after their home was burglarized, finding their stuff on Craigslist - which led to police busting the advertiser.
http://host.madison.com/ct/news/local/crime_and_courts/article_e6078c24-6ff7-11df-92d9-001cc4c03286.html

July 2010

- San Diego man was arrested on suspicion of taking part in a crude scheme to steal iPads from people trying to sell them.
<http://www.10news.com/news/24427654/detail.html>
- Naples, Fla., woman who gave her laptop to a computer repairman she found via Craigslist told police he vanished with her machine.
<http://www.nbc-2.com/global/story.asp?s=12876172>
- 22-year-old man was shot twice in a robbery attempt in Lathrop, Calif., as he tried to buy two laptops from a seller who advertised on Craigslist.
<http://www.news10.net/news/local/story.aspx?storyid=86605>
- Two Fort Myers, Fla., men were in custody after attempting to steal a car stereo amplifier.
<http://www.abc-7.com/Global/story.asp?S=12813029>
- One adult and two juveniles faced multiple charges for posting an ad for an iPhone in Genesee County, Mich., and then robbing and carjacking those who responded.
<http://www.wnem.com/news/24256947/detail.html>
- Linden, N.J., man responding to ad to sell his iPhone was robbed at gunpoint when meeting the potential buyer.
http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2010/07/linden_man_robbed_at_gunpoint.html

- Sellers in Ohio robbed victims after posting ads for nonexistent items on Craigslist.
<http://www.toledoonthemove.com/news/story.aspx?id=482617>
- Quick-thinking 26-year-old Detroit man said he saved his own life by pretending to be an undercover police officer during a Craigslist exchange when gun was pulled on him.
<http://www.clickondetroit.com/news/24385927/detail.html>
- Three individuals robbed at gunpoint in Rhode Island while attempting to buy a TV.
<http://www1.whdh.com/news/articles/local/12001798147012/three-robbed-after-responding-to-craigslist-ad/>
- Car-theft suspect who used Craigslist to peddle stolen vehicles was jailed in Orlando, Fla.
http://articles.orlandosentinel.com/2010-07-28/business/os-craigslist-thief-20100728_1_craigslist-statewide-car-theft-ring-fake-title

August 2010

- Raleigh, N.C., man robbed at gunpoint by two sisters demanding cash after attempting to buy six smartphones via a Craigslist posting.
<http://www.newsobserver.com/2010/08/03/611948/raleigh-mans-craigslist-deal-no.html>
- Five women came forward to police after reading that a Brockton, Mass., man robbed two escorts at gunpoint.
<http://www.wickedlocal.com/bridgewater/news/x174074368/Brockton-police-fifth-woman-has-come-forward-in-Craigslist-case>
- Three young Stafford, Va., men charged with luring potential robbery victims through Craigslist are in custody.
<http://fredericksburg.com/News/FLS/2010/082010/08142010/568608>

October 2010

- Stolen motorcycle recovered after Mooresville, N.C., thief posts it for sale on Craigslist.
<http://www.wxii12.com/news/25356745/detail.html>

- Cincinnati police say a person pretending to be a buyer robbed a seller of a PlayStation 3 at gunpoint.
http://www.wcpo.com/dpp/news/region_central_cincinnati/roslawn/craigslist-deal-turns-violent
- Dozens of campaign signs of Wilmington, N.C.-area election candidates were stolen and an ad for a \$2 ransom for each was posted on Craigslist.
<http://www.starnewsonline.com/article/20101012/articles/101019888&tc=yahoo>
- Two San Fernando Valley, Calif., residents robbed of \$3,000 during meeting set up via Craigslist to buy a car.
http://www.dailynews.com/news/ci_16377387?source=rss
- Lexington, Ky., man robbed at gunpoint. iPad, iPhone, iPod, and victim's wallet were among the items stolen.
<http://www.kentucky.com/2010/10/22/1489416/man-robbed-after-advertising-items.html>

November 2010

- Jacksonville, Fla., pet-shop operator charged with swan-napping half a dozen of the birds from Lake Eola Park in Orlando and trying to sell two of them on Craigslist.
http://articles.orlandosentinel.com/2010-10-29/news/os-lake-eola-swan-theft-arrest-20101029_1_swan-roundup-craigslist-animal-cruelty
- Investigators used an undercover sting to nab two men who broke into a company in Sparta, N.J., to steal computer equipment before offering the items on Craigslist.
<http://www.njherald.com/story/news/02POLICESTING>
- Dallas man has gun shoved in his mouth and car stolen with beloved dog inside after meeting a Craigslist seller. The dog was later found and returned safely.
<http://www.wfaa.com/news/local/Dog-stolen-at-gunpoint-returned-in-friendship-107074713-107074718.html>
- University of Oklahoma football tickets stolen from woman's car. Thief then attempted to resell the tickets via Craigslist.

http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/article.aspx?subjectid=12&articleid=20101118_12_0_OKLAHO563849&rss_lnk=12

- Oklahoma man who said he was robbed at gunpoint after responding to an ad for a used car on Craigslist chased down the man and helped police take him into custody.
<http://www.koco.com/news/25856943/detail.html>
- Two Santa Clarita, Calif., residents responding to an ad for a camera were robbed in Hollywood by three suspects who blocked their vehicle and took all their personal belongings, including their cellphones and cash for the camera.
<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2010/12/two-busted-in-craigs-list-robbery-caper.html>

December 2010

- More than a half-dozen people victims in Northern California were robbed after arranging to meet people who offered cars for sale on Craigslist. The buyers were robbed at gunpoint and in at least two cases they were physically attacked.
http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_16953466?nclick_check=1
- A fake ad for free snowblower in St. Cloud, Minn., results in broken snowblower being stolen from homeowner's driveway.
http://www.wahpetondailynews.com/articles/2010/12/09/breaking_news/doc4d0149aacb3d4626045595.txt
- Police in Lawrenceville, Ga., sought a suspected motorcycle thief who was setting up victims via Craigslist.
<http://www.cbsatlanta.com/news/26143576/detail.html>
- Potential buyer of an iPhone listed on Craigslist instead became the victim of armed robbery in Ellenton, Fla.
<http://www.crestviewbulletin.com/news/gunpoint-12533-IPhone-robs.html>
- Victim robbed of iPhone at gunpoint in Lower Paxton Township, Pa., after posting online ad.
<http://www.whptv.com/news/local/story/UPDATE-Craigslist-robbery-at-gunpoint/znzPeOYCHEqXYOC-BRKpcQ.csp?rss=50>

- 17-year-old man arrested in Baton Rouge, La., on four counts of armed robbery. Two of the robberies involved victims who advertised goods on Craigslist.
http://arklatexhomepage.com/fulltext/?nxd_id=145276
- Bradenton, Fla., man was robbed New Year's Eve after agreeing to meet a would-be buyer to sell a pair of iPhones.
<http://www.bradenton.com/2011/01/01/2844488/victim-robbed-after-meeting-craigslist.html#ixzz1DINyizqE>
- Portland, Ore., man told police two men robbed him at gunpoint after he placed ad to sell three iPhones.
<http://www.kptv.com/news/26311367/detail.html>
- Two people robbed at gunpoint in separate incidents while trying to buy cell phones in Sacramento, Calif.
<http://sacramento.cbslocal.com/2010/12/30/robbed-buying-cell-phones-craigslist-sacramento/>
- Man robbed by two teens in a Milwaukee McDonald's parking lot after arranging to sell the man a smartphone.
<http://www.jsonline.com/news/milwaukee/112668364.html>
- Albuquerque, N.M., police identified more than dozen people involved in the theft of a tractor-trailer truck and at least 70 stolen televisions.
www.abqjournal.com/abqnews/abqnewseeker-mainmenu-39/26127-aps-employees-among-those-arrested-for-theft.html
- Thieves have been stealing pickup truck tailgates in Pasadena, Texas, and reselling them via Craigslist.
<http://www.khou.com/news/local/Pasadena-police-Teenagers-stole-tailgates-to-sell-on-Craigslist-112687499.html>
- Man shot in jaw while attempting to sell dirt bike in Trotwood, Ohio.
<http://www.daytondailynews.com/news/crime/craigslist-robbery-victim-recovering-from-bullet-in-jaw-1037209.html>

January 2011

- Man charged with three counts of theft of property in Alcoa, one count of theft in Maryville and for theft in Sevier County, all in Tennessee.
<http://www.wate.com/Global/story.asp?S=13985672>
- Buffalo, N.Y., man beaten up and robbed of his clothing and vehicle while answering an ad on Craigslist.
<http://www.buffalonews.com/city/communities/buffalo/article299940.ece>
- San Diego couple robbed of 1973 Chevelle when buyer took it for a test drive.
<http://www.fox5sandiego.com/news/kswb-craigslist-carjack,0,5568360.story?track=rss>
- Glendale, Calif., man found his stolen motorcycle, and the thieves who swiped it, after answering an ad on Craigslist.
http://www.nypost.com/p/news/weird_but_true/weird_but_true_r5t3lge8o4toj3goXKGdvJ#ixzz1DIHCGtbY
- N.Y. man convicted of robbery for macing and mugging a jilted salesman who'd posted an ad for his fiance's \$30,000 engagement ring.
http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/manhattan/thug_convicted_after_robbing_engagement_VJbbZLIHwyMkQz7OULNVBN#ixzz1DICWx8yh
- Nashua, N.H., man charged him with a felony count of receiving stolen property.
<http://www.nashuatelegraph.com/news/906360-196/fencing-sting-in-nashua-results-in-arrests.html>
- Lancaster County, Pa., police say a teenage robber held a man at gunpoint during a Craigslist deal.
http://www.whptv.com/news/local/story/Armed-Robbery-Craigslist-deal-gone-bad/T_vudelQX0amHxh13FLocg.csp?rss=50

Assaults

February 2010

- Casper, Wyo., man charged with raping a Casper woman he says he believed wanted to play out a lurid sexual fantasy.
http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/wyoming/article_a72cc9ca-1600-11df-a953-001cc4c002e0.html
- Portland, Ore., man who used Craigslist to meet a woman and sexually assault her was sentenced to 7.5 years in jail.
http://www.oregonlive.com/news/index.ssf/2010/02/man_sentenced_in_craigslist_se.html

March 2010

- Man in Las Vegas uses dead woman's car to attempt to run over transsexual he solicited via Craigslist for sex.
<http://www.lasvegassun.com/news/2010/apr/01/judge-brings-murder-attempted-murder-cases-together/>
- Denton, Texas, woman lured into a sexual predator's net through an ad for a Christian praise and worship band.
<http://www.videowired.com/video/86579774/>
- Rape suspect who found his victims via Craigslist disappeared before his trial and was apprehended by U.S. marshals in West Palm Beach, Fla.
<http://www.wpbfl.com/news/22816490/detail.html>

April 2010

- Couple in Philadelphia tied up in their home and pistol-whipped in home invasion after posting SUV for sale.
<http://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/local-beat/Craigslist-Ad-Leads-to-Home-Invasion-Sources-92224679.html>

- In two separate incidents, Toledo women were victimized attempting to sell Nintendo Wii gaming systems.
<http://www.wtol.com/global/story.asp?s=12332815>
- Man in Los Angeles charged with kidnapping, carjacking, and robbing a man he met using Craigslist.
http://www.advocate.com/News/Daily_News/2010/04/19/Suspect_Charged_in_Craigslist_Kidnapping/
- A man was arrested for sexually assaulting an 18-year-old woman in West Hartford, Conn., after responding to an ad on Craigslist for a group sex party.
<http://www.wtnh.com/dpp/news/crime/West-Hartford-craigslist-sex-ad-leads-to-2nd-arrest>

May 2010

- 26-year-old man arrested in Miami for sexual battery, lewd and lascivious molestation, and several other charges after police say he carried on a months-long Internet conversation with an underage boy.
<http://www.nbcmiami.com/news/local-beat/Cops-Man-Lured-Teen-Into-Sex-Assault-on-Craigslist-92407734.html>

June 2010

- Man who raped a woman in Casper, Wyo., after responding to an online ad was sentenced to 60 years in prison.
http://trib.com/news/local/article_4b04f85a-21a5-54b5-a3a0-798aa0b8f2bf.html

July 2010

- Craigslist exchange in Milton, Mass., turned violent after two men lured three others to a house with an ad for a TV, then hit the victims with a gun and stole their phones and cash.
<http://www.myfoxboston.com/dpp/news/local/craigslist-exchange-turns-violent-20100802>

- 26-year-old Washington, D. C., man pleaded guilty to using a knife in sexual attacks on women he met through Craigslist.
<http://washingtonexaminer.com/local/dc-man-guilty-craigslist-sex-assaults-near-dupont-circle#ixzz1DOpwJ0wC>
- Bachelor party organizers in Huntington Beach, Calif., used Craigslist to hire two women who showed up and accepted payment for their services, then used pepper spray on clients and escaped.
http://blogs.ocweekly.com/navelgazing/2010/07/craigslist_strippers_theft_pep.php
- Corvallis, Ore., woman arrested for attempting to hire two people on Craigslist to kidnap her estranged husband.
<http://www.kgw.com/news/local/Corvallis-woman-tried-to-hire-kidnapper-on-Craigslist-police-say-98852609.html>
- Woman selling a bicycle was pistol-whipped on the head at her house.
http://articles.oregister.com/2010-07-28/crime/24626987_1_pistol-victim-s-newport-beach

August 2010

- Indiana man awaiting sentencing on a rape charge tried to blackmail his ex-girlfriend into coming back to him by threatening to spread nude photos and video of her online, police in Pennsylvania said.
http://articles.cnn.com/2010-08-25/justice/pennsylvania.online.stalking_1_indiana-man-report-states-protective-orders?_s=PM:CRIME
- A 45-year-old man was stabbed multiple times in the head and neck after he was forced at knifepoint to drive from a gas station to wooded area in Battle Creek, Mich. The suspect fled with the victim's car after a witness heard screaming and interrupted the attack. An ad posted the next day on Craigslist alluded to the attack, insinuating it was a hate crime.
<http://lezgetreal.com/2010/08/michigan-carjacking-now-being-investigated-as-possible-hate-crime/>

September 2010

- Son of a former Philadelphia city councilman pleaded guilty to beating and slashing the throat of an 18-year-old woman he met through Craigslist.

http://articles.philly.com/2010-09-21/news/24977741_1_joseph-c-vignola-hotel-room-sentencing-guidelines

- Idaho man charged with knowingly attempting to transfer bodily fluids infected with HIV after having unprotected sex with as many as 20 men and one woman he met via Craigslist.

<http://www.idahostatesman.com/2010/09/14/1339706/sheriff-boise-man-sought-out-sex.html#ixzz1D0lH0Ea8>

October 2010

- New Jersey doctor lured women to his office under the pretense of interviewing for a job, and then touched them inappropriately.

http://www.northjersey.com/news/100710_Teaneck_doctor_accused_of_luring_women_touching_them.html

- Indiana man found guilty of misdemeanor battery after accusations of inappropriately touching 6-year-old boy.

http://www.chestertontribune.com/PoliceFireEmergency/1026109%20craigslist_ad_tutor_found_guilty.htm

- Pennsylvania State Police arrested a 37-year-old Carlisle man on charges of statutory sexual assault after he met five York County girls through Craigslist.

<http://www.allbusiness.com/crime-law-enforcement-corrections/criminal-offenses-sex/15250861-1.html>

- An 18-year-old woman responding to an ad told Osceola County, Fla., sheriff's deputies that a man sexually battered her during what was supposed to be a job interview.

http://articles.orlandosentinel.com/2010-09-27/news/os-sex-battery-arrest-craigslist-20100927_1_deputies-counts-of-sexual-battery-craigslist-job

November 2010

- 26-year-old Columbia, Mo., man was arrested on suspicion of raping a 25-year-old female college student.

<http://www.columbiamissourian.com/stories/2010/11/01/suspect-arrested-forceble-rape-female-college-student/>

December 2010

- 20-year-old St. Petersburg, Fla., man beaten and stabbed in a church parking lot after meeting with a man who offered to sell him an iPod.

<http://www.tampabay.com/news/publicsafety/crime/st-petersburg-man-beaten-after-trying-to-buy-iPod-police-say/1141080>

January 2011

- Hateful, racist postings on Craigslist prompted East Allen County, Ind., schools officials to hold a news conference today in the midst of parent-teacher conferences.

<http://www.indianasnewscenter.com/news/local/School-Officials-Concerned-Over-Racist-Remarks-Posted-To-Craigslist-114267054.html>

- Two young men were arrested in Corpus Christi, Texas, for robbing people who had posted electronics for sale.

<http://www.kristv.com/news/seller-beware-teens-use-craigslist-to-set-up-robberies/>

- Composer and film director Joseph Brooks indicted on more than 90 counts of assault in New York City for luring young women to his apartment through Craigslist and raping and sexually assaulting them.

http://gothamist.com/2011/01/28/oscar-winning_composer_lights_up_li.php

- Man robbed of \$250 in Clackamas, Ore. for PlayStation hangs onto car and is dragged.

http://www.clackamasreview.com/news/story.php?story_id=129616626428838100

Prostitution-related

February 2010

- Four Atlanta women arrested in a prostitution sting connected to Craigslist.
<http://www.wsbtv.com/news/22507540/detail.html>
- Queens, N.Y., pimp who "bought" a young woman for \$2,000 and advertised her sex services on Craigslist was sentenced to 25 years to life.
http://www.nydailynews.com/news/ny_crime/2010/02/10/2010-02-10_sexslave_pimp_gets_25_years.html#ixzz1DHuwNnL1
- Prostitute peddling her services on Craigslist and working out of a Boston hotel was busted by police in an online sting.
<http://www.bostonherald.com/news/regional/view.bg?articleid=1232093&src=rss>
- 15-year-old girl traded sexual favors for cab rides to meet johns in Eugene, Ore.
<http://www.kval.com/news/84069102.html>
- Portland, Ore., man posted help wanted ads for would-be prostitutes in attempt to lure out-of-work women.
<http://www.katu.com/news/specialreports/84206467.html>

March 2010

- Louisiana man accused of transporting two girls across state lines for prostitution.
http://blog.al.com/spotnews/2010/03/post_511.html
- Minnesota man arrested in Chicago for pimping out his wife via Craigslist and threatening to hurt their 3-year-old daughter if she didn't obey.
http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/2010/03/18/2010-03-18_husband_busted_for_pimping_wife_via_craigslist_allegedly_threatened_daughter_t_o_.html#ixzz1DHkei4LY
- Philadelphia Phillies fan convicted of attempted prostitution for offering sex in exchange for tickets to last year's World Series, sentenced to one year probation, 1,000 hours of community service and repayment of costs of prosecution.
<http://abclocal.go.com/wpvi/story?section=news/local&id=7489299>

April 2010

- Corpus Christi, Texas, police arrest several suspected prostitutes and their clients following a six-week undercover investigation.
<http://www.kristv.com/news/women-using-online-prostitution-as-a-career/>
- Chelmsford, Mass. priest arrested in a prostitution sting at a New Hampshire hotel after police say he responded to an ad on Craigslist; later pleads guilty and agrees to pay \$500 fine.
http://www.boston.com/news/local/new_hampshire/articles/2010/04/13/mass_priest_accepts_leave_after_nh_arrest/
- Two people in White County, Ark., arrested on prostitution charges after placing an ad on Craigslist.
<http://www.kait8.com/global/story.asp?s=12295516>
- Unemployed chef charged with posting a sexually oriented ad on Craigslist this week that said " West Hartford [Conn.] soccer mom ... looking for group sex."
http://articles.courant.com/2010-04-09/community/hc-craigslist-fake-ad-0409_1_philip-conran-sexually-west-hartford
- Mafia mobsters charged in New York City with pimping out young girls on Craigslist.
http://www.nydailynews.com/news/ny_crime/2010/04/20/2010-04-20_mafia_hits_new_low_reputed_gambino_mobsters_charged_with_running_craigslist_teen.html

May 2010

- Arlington, Va., police stung an alleged prostitute working out of an apartment building.
<http://www.wickedlocal.com/arlington/news/x1560859317/Craigslist-ad-leads-to-Arlington-arrest>
- Soldier formerly stationed at Fort Meade was sentenced to 17 1/2 years in federal prison for running a brothel out of his Millersville, Md., apartment.
<http://voices.washingtonpost.com/crime-scene/anne-arundel/17-12-years-for-former-ft-mead.html>

- Winlock, Wash., postmaster arrested on charges of patronizing a prostitute after using Craigslist to try to procure sex with women.
<http://www.king5.com/news/local/Winlock-man-arrested-for-using-Craigslist-to-arrange-for-sex-with-women-93293084.html>
- Two Phoenix, Ariz., teens accused of kidnapping, prostitution and possession of child pornography after pimping out a 14-year-old girl.
<http://www.azfamily.com/news/Female-teens-pimp-out-14-year-old-on-website-threaten-her-family-93737599.html>
- Easley, S.C., man arrested after using Craigslist to request sex acts at a local library.
<http://www.wyff4.com/news/23700392/detail.html#>

June 2010

- Framingham, Mass. man admitted he posted an online ad offering money for sex.
<http://www.wickedlocal.com/framingham/news/x1609334929/Cops-Framingham-man-admits-to-posting-craigslist-ad-offering-money-for-sex>
- Eight people indicted on charges they forced girls as young as 15 into prostitution in New York City.
<http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local-beat/8-Charged-with-Sex-Trafficking-Girls-Women-in--95410709.html>
- Lakewood man accused of knowingly exposing other men to HIV while working as a prostitute.
<http://www.komonews.com/news/local/95486034.html>
- A 15-year-old runaway from Ledyard, Conn., told police two men she knew convinced her to prostitute and advertised her services on Craigslist, then collected money from her after she had sexual encounters with strangers.
<http://www.theday.com/article/20100610/NWS02/306109321/1044>
- A Fresno, Calif., police officer faces charges of soliciting a prostitute after being busted in a sex sting.
<http://www.cbs47.tv/news/local/story/Fresno-Police-Officer-Arrested-in-Sex-Sting/opdi3qx51EqJYaA5gSxBuA.csp>

July 2010

- Police say 13 men and two women participated in an Ashland, Ore., prostitution ring that used Craigslist to solicit business.
<http://www.mailtribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20100731/NEWS/7310309>
- Richmond County, Ga., investigators arrested five people in a Craigslist prostitution sting.
<http://www.wrdw.com/home/headlines/99107219.html>
- Archdiocese of Miami suspended a veteran teacher after e-mails surfaced in which the teacher appeared to be soliciting sex for money on Craigslist.
- <http://www.miamiherald.com/2010/07/10/1723982/archdiocese-suspends-teacher-over.html#ixzz1DOfTnXH9>
- Six women accused of selling sex charged with prostitution in Henrico County, Va.
<http://www.wtvr.com/news/wtvr-henrico-prostitution-bust20100707,0,5189069.story>
- Two Bristol, Tenn., people arrested on prostitution charges via undercover operations, including one that occurred through an online advertisement.
<http://www.timesnews.net/article.php?id=9024719>
- Woman arrested after she posted an online ad offering sex for cash in Northborough, Mass.
http://www.metrowestdailynews.com/news/police_and_fire/x104355338/Craigslist-ad-leads-to-prostitution-arrest-in-Northborough

August 2010

- Twenty-seven-year-old Columbus, Ga., woman is facing prostitution and solicitation of sodomy charges after police say she agreed to meet an undercover officer.
<http://www.wtvm.com/Global/story.asp?S=12920170>
- An accused escort arrested told detectives a Henderson, Nev., police officer was a frequent customer, leading to the officer's arrest on charges of soliciting prostitution.
<http://www.fox5vegas.com/news/24777328/detail.html>
- Man admitted he acted as a pimp for underage girls and adult women in a prostitution ring he ran in the Atlantic City, N. J., area.

http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/communities/atlantic-city_pleasantville_brigantine/article_6b36a246-abfc-11df-b68b-001cc4c002e0.html

- 26 women in Polk County, Fla., arrested by deputies in Craigslist sting after the deputies responded to the women's ads on the popular classifieds site.

<http://www.tampabay.com/incoming/prostitution-sting-in-polk-county-focuses-on-craigslist/1036272>

September 2010

- Four defendants in Hawaii pleaded guilty to running prostitution ring via Craigslist.

http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/hawaii/news/20100921_Alleged_sex-traffic_ringleader_says_he_grew_up_with_victim.html

- Huntersville, N.C., man arrested after arranging to meet another man to have sex in the bathroom of a fast-food restaurant.

<http://www.wbtv.com/Global/story.asp?S=13165654>

- A 29-year-old Bridgeport, Conn., resident, who posted an ad for sex, was busted in a sting operation after arranging to trade sex for Ecstasy pills.

<http://www.westport-news.com/news/article/Man-seeking-sex-via-Craigslist-busted-on-649694.php>

October 2010

- Largo man sentenced in Tampa, Fla., to 20 years in federal prison for prostituting a 14-year-old girl via the erotic services section of Craigslist.

<http://www.tampabay.com/news/courts/criminal/largo-man-who-pimped-teenager-via-craigslist-is-sentenced-to-20-years-in/1127977>

- Two Denver, Colo., men were indicted on charges of pimping a 17-year-old girl and 18-year-old woman.

<http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/25504001/detail.html>

- A 27-year-old College Park, Ga., man was sentenced to 17 years in federal prison for selling underage girls as prostitutes.

<http://www.ajc.com/news/atlanta/craigslist-sex-trafficker-gets-641859.html>

November 2010

- Bronx, N.Y., pimp convicted after forcing two teens into prostitution at gunpoint and kidnapping a third.
http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/bronx/bronx_pimp_convicted_in_teen_prostitution_hgozSm8GPoiFUZuVNetgwJ?CMP=OTC-rss&FEEDNAME=

December 2010

- University of Montana student pleads guilty to two counts of pimping teenage prostitutes.
http://missoulian.com/news/state-and-regional/article_aad97e0c-0d3e-11e0-a712-001cc4c002e0.html

January 2011

- Defendant in New York preyed on troubled and needy teenage girls, used them for his sexual gratification and then as a commodity to be sold to others for cash which he then pocketed for himself. Sentenced to three to nine years in prison.
http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/man_sentenced_in_ny_first_sex_trafficking_00WFmlbBCPSHMwOJW5H0lN#ixzz1DNYNogmy
- Tolland, Conn., man and unnamed 17-year-old charged with prostitution.
<http://www.courant.com/community/coventry/hc-coventry-prostitution-arrest-0129-20110128,0,688450.story>
- A 32-year-old Seattle man was convicted of pimping out a teenage girl.
http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2014060415_runawaypimp28m.html
- Two Brooklyn men indicted on charges of forcing two underage girls into prostitution with the threats of violence against them if the girls did not cooperate.
http://www.nydailynews.com/news/ny_crime/2011/01/27/2011-01-27_2_men_busted_in_craigslist_hooker_ring.html
- Missoula, Mont., man pleaded guilty to felony conspiracy to commit aggravated promotion of prostitution and promoting prostitution.

<http://www.krtv.com/news/2nd-missoula-prostitution-ring-leader-pleads-guilty/>

- New Holstein, Wis., school administrator charged with using a computer to facilitate a child sex crime, a felony punishable by up to 25 years in prison, for soliciting sex from a 15-year-old boy after “men seeking men” posting.

<http://www.sheboyganpress.com/article/20110125/SHE0101/101250392/New-Holstein-administrator-charged-in-child-sex-crime-case>

- Montana man faces misdemeanor prostitution charges after having sex with a woman in exchange for an ounce of marijuana; faces a warrant for failure to appear in court.

http://missoulian.com/news/state-and-regional/article_d9ec44aa-2516-11e0-96c0-001cc4c002e0.html

- Suburban pediatrician charged with a felony count of attempted delivery of a controlled substance, and a misdemeanor count of solicitation of a sex act, after offering prescription drugs for sex in Chicago.

<http://www.wlsam.com/Article.asp?id=2079592&spid=>

- Two Mississippi men charged with sexual battery, statutory rape, indecent exposure and contributing to the delinquency of a minor after separately meeting with a 15-year-old boy following the 15-year-old’s Craigslist posting.

<http://www.wapt.com/news/26387052/detail.html>

Other

February 2010

- **Fraud:** Authorities in Riverside, Ohio, said someone posted an online ad on Craigslist, saying everything at a home was being given away for free.
<http://www.whiotv.com/news/22531437/detail.html>
- **Fraud:** Seattle detectives arrested a suspect at a home where they found more than 900 counterfeit NFL jerseys he was trying to sell.
<http://www.wenatcheeworld.com/news/2010/feb/05/seattle-police-discover-counterfeit-nfl-jerseys/>
- **Fraud:** Screen Actors Guild warns against casting scam for Jersey Shore that charges for processing services.
<http://gawker.com/#!5469742/a-public-service-announcement-for-anyone-looking-to-be-cast-on-jersey-shore>
- **Fraud:** Channel 4 reporter in Nashville nearly scammed when trying to purchase an RV from fraudulent seller via Craigslist.
<http://www.wsmv.com/money/22534376/detail.html>
- **Fraud:** Couple in Concord N.H., receive fraudulent cashier's check in exchange for Jeep they were trying to sell.
<http://www.concordmonitor.com/article/sellers-bought-scam>
- **Fraud:** Family in Onslow County, N.C., desperately trying to pay their mortgage says a con man used a counterfeit \$6,000 cashier's check to buy their home entertainment center that had been posted on Craigslist.
<http://www.jdnews.com/news/pay-72797-family-home.html>
- **Child pornography:** Brunswick, Md., man was held on \$250,000 bail on charges of second- and third-degree attempted sex offense, sexual solicitation of a minor and child pornography.
<http://www.fredericknewspost.com/sections/news/display.htm?StoryID=100813>

- **Probation violation:** Gainesville, Fla., man, a registered sexual offender, who posted Craigslist ad for model was arrested on charges of violating his probation.
<http://www.gainesville.com/article/20100212/ARTICLES/100219825/1008/WEATHER?p=1&tc=pg>
- **Animal cruelty:** NYPD investigated a threat posted on Craigslist to poison dogs in city parks.
<http://www.dnainfo.com/20100215/manhattan/craigslist-threat-poison-city-dogs-investigated-by-nypd-parks-dept>
- **Child molestation:** Former substitute teacher with a history of inappropriately touching children arrested on charges he molested a 5-year-old Portage, Ind., boy he was hired to tutor.
http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/porter/article_611df844-5195-5bb8-bebd-4a984e3feddc.html

March 2010

- **Fraud:** Man in Pensacola, Fla., arrested for selling counterfeit concert tickets.
http://www.wkrg.com/crime/article/man-selling-concert-tickets-hits-a-source-note/827513/Apr-01-2010_7-51-pm/
- **Fraud:** Fulton County, Ga., authorities announced the arrests of three people they say stole \$2 million worth of high-end appliances and sold much of their haul online.
<http://www.ajc.com/news/task-force-busts-3task-force-busts-3-339201.html>
- **Drugs:** Santa Barbara County, Calif., narcotics detectives arrested two suspects for trafficking marijuana through Craigslist.
<http://www.independent.com/news/2010/apr/02/two-arrested-selling-pot-plants-craigslist/>
- **Human sex trafficking:** Six arrested in Maryland in investigation of human trafficking.
http://www.gazette.net/stories/03022010/montnew161544_32602.php
- **Drugs:** Man who moved into a Phoenix home he found on Craigslist discovered four people removing large quantities of marijuana from the house attic.

<http://www.azcentral.com/community/phoenix/articles/2010/03/08/20100308phoenix-marijuana-abrk0308.html#ixzz1DHmPdeNs>

- **Child pornography:** Registered sex offender in Huntington Beach, Calif., contacted as 13-year-old girl through her Craigslist.org advertisement, and tried to arrange a meeting with her to have sex.
<http://blogs.ocweekly.com/navelgazing/a-clockwork-orange/david-bryan-lewd-acts-child/>
- **Child molestation:** 52-year-old Las Vegas man who posted an advertisement on Craigslist.org seeking a sexual encounter with a young boy convicted of coercion and enticement of a minor.
<http://www.lasvegassun.com/news/2010/mar/22/las-vegas-man-sentenced-10-years-pursuit-sex-10-ye/>
- **Child sex trafficking:** Five people in Honolulu, Hawaii, charged with forcing a runaway 16-year-old girl into prostitution and advertising her services on Craigslist.
<http://www.allvoices.com/news/5467510-aiea-man-pleads-guilty-to-prostituting-16yearold-girl>
- **Child pornography:** 22-year-old man working as a live-in nanny in Wheaton, Ill., charged with distributing thousands of child pornography files.
<http://archive.chicagobreakingnews.com/2010/03/live-in-nanny-charged-with-distributing-child-porn.html>
- **Child molestation:** Elementary school teacher in Prince William County, Va., charged with having a sexual relationship with a 15-year-old girl.
<http://www.myfoxdc.com/dpp/news/local/va-teacher-charged-teen-sex-case-032910>

April 2010

- **Fraud:** Con artists used a Dougherty County, Ga., family's home as bait in an Internet scam.
<http://www.walb.com/global/story.asp?s=12407084>

- **Fraud:** San Clemente, Calif., woman said someone had fraudulently posted information on Craigslist about her house being for lease and that people were looking through her windows.
<http://www.ocregister.com/news/woman-246271-looking-posted.html>
- **Fraud:** Los Angeles man accused of using stolen credit cards to rack up nearly \$18,000 for local theme parks tickets was busted by sheriff's deputies at a meeting in which he resold tickets to a buyer responding to a Craigslist listing.
http://www.dailynews.com/news/ci_14928625?source=rss
- **Fraud:** Three men holding German passports were arrested in Cook County, Ill., for conspiring to bilk customers who thought they would be buying cars and recreational trailers.
<http://archive.chicagobreakingnews.com/2010/04/3-charged-in-scheme-to-defraud-online-car-buyers.html>
- **Fraud:** Impostors in New Orleans, La., are listing properties that do not belong to them as rentals, as part of a scam.
<http://www.wdsu.com/news/23186834/detail.html>
- **Fraud:** 56-year-old man charged with unauthorized practice as a health professional after being accused of performing circumcisions on three adult males in a bedroom of his Sparta, Mich., home.
http://www.wzzm13.com/news/news_story.aspx?storyid=119118&catid=14
- **Fraud:** 40-year-old man indicted for fraud, identity theft, sexual abuse, and sexual assault charges, after posting ads offering thousands of dollars for sperm donation in Phoenix, Ariz.
<http://www.myfoxphoenix.com/dpp/health/fake-sperm-doctor-indicted-4-6-2010>
- **Child abuse:** Man in Brockport, N. Y., accused of trying to sell his two children saying they “could be used as slaves or foot stools.”
http://centralny.ynn.com/content/all_news/502714/man-accused-of-trying-to-sell-kids-on-craigslist/

- **Child endangerment:** Investigators in Spokane, Wash., are trying to determine if an ad offering a 4-year-old boy for sale was an actual effort to sell a child. Father arrested.
http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2010/04/13/Boy-offered-for-sale-on-Craigslist/UPI-46171271200356/
- **Harassment:** Craigslist page has attracted a slew of nasty comments aimed at the six teenagers in bullying tragedy in South Hadley, Mass.
<http://www.irishcentral.com/news/Phoebe-Prince-bullies-attacked-as-trash-on-Craigslist-forum-90247542.html>
- **Sex trafficking:** Baltimore, Md., man, age 23, of Chillicothe, Ohio, pleaded guilty to charges related to running a sex and drug trafficking business from his apartment in Millersville, Maryland.
http://www.justice.gov/usao/md/Public-Affairs/press_releases/press08/U.S.ArmySoldierPleadsGuiltytoOperatingaBrothelfromMillersvilleApartmentandtoDrugTrafficking.html
- **Child molestation:** Montgomery County, Ohio, former dispatch officer pleaded guilty to having an improper relationship with a child.
<http://www.whiotv.com/news/23066927/detail.html>
- **Child molestation:** 30-year-old Cincinnati man admitted in federal court that he sent sexually explicit emails and text messages to an undercover detective who he thought was a minor.
<http://www.wlwt.com/r/24071428/detail.html>
- **Drugs:** Brooklyn man was arrested for selling cocaine.
<http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local-beat/Craigslist-Cocaine-Bust--90348229.html>
- **Child molestation:** Man arrested for having sexual contact with 15-year-old boy in West Carrollton, Ohio, sentenced to prison.
<http://www.whiotv.com/news/23241436/detail.html>

May 2010

- **Fraud:** Man in Raleigh, N.C., charged with two misdemeanor counts of unauthorized practice of veterinary medicine.
<http://www.newsobserver.com/2010/05/31/509390/police-man-provided-veterinary.html#ixzz1DONVrAyl>
- **Fraud:** Two arrested for selling pirated software in Los Angeles.
<http://www.eweek.com/c/a/Security/Two-Arrested-for-Selling-Pirated-Software-on-Craigslist-706397/>
- **Fraud:** Impostors posted an advertisement on Craigslist to rent a home in Cape Coral, Fla., that did not belong to them.
<http://www.nbc-2.com/global/story.asp?s=12532866>
- **Fraud:** A Kirkland, Wash., man who pleaded guilty in 2009 to a Craigslist rental scam was under investigation for a similar crime by the Kings County sheriff's office.
http://www.pnwlocalnews.com/east_king/iss/news/92906429.html
- **Child molestation:** Children's-theater producer charged with groping a 14-year-old boy last summer is under investigation by the State Patrol after authorities say he recently posted an advertisement on Craigslist seeking a child to appear in a New York City play
http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/localnews/2012016609_abuse03m.html?syndication=rss
- **Drugs:** Monterey, Calif., Craigslist ad seeking medical marijuana card holders who are willing to distribute ounces of high-quality pot has gotten the attention of Monterey County prosecutors as marijuana sales are illegal.
<http://www.ksbw.com/news/23704973/detail.html>
- **Child abuse:** Auburn, Wash., babysitter is accused of shaking a 9-month-old baby boy in her care
<http://www.nwcn.com/news/Auburn-babysitter-arrested-accused-of-shaking-baby-94667339.html>

- **Drugs:** 29-year-old Corona, N. Y., man has been sentenced to 15 years in prison for selling cocaine to an undercover police detective, on school grounds, after arranging a series of sales through the Craigslist
http://www.timesnewsweekly.com/news/2010-05-13/Crime_%28and%29_Cases/Crash_In_On_Dealers_Craigslist_Operation.html
- **Child sex trafficking:** 17-year-old disabled Los Angeles high school senior kidnapped and sold for sex via Craigslist.
<http://www.ktla.com/news/extras/ktla-sex-slaves-sweeps,0,3561067.story>
- **Human trafficking:** Tacoma man was sentenced Monday in federal court to 13 years in prison for sex trafficking. He pleaded guilty to two counts of interstate transportation of a minor, one count of interstate transportation for prostitution and two counts of sex trafficking of a minor.
<http://www.thenewtribune.com/2010/05/12/1183163/tacoma-man-sentenced-for-pimping.html#ixzz1D1znEPxD>
- **Child molestation:** Hernando County, Fla., man has been arrested for trying to solicit a parent for sex with a child.
<http://www.wtsp.com/news/local/story.aspx?storyid=132473&catid=8>
- **Child pornography:** Sacramento, Calif., Middle School teacher, was indicted on one count of receipt and distribution of images of child pornography and one count of possession of child pornography.
<http://www.news10.net/news/story.aspx?storyid=82073&catid=2>

June 2010

- **Fraud:** Craigslist scammer targeting Grand Junction, Colo., homes with rental fraud postings.
<http://www.nbc11news.com/home/headlines/97348139.html>
- **Fraud:** Gift card scam involving fraudulent cards being sold via Craigslist was circulating in the metro Detroit area.
<http://www.clickondetroit.com/news/23909196/detail.html>

- **Fraud:** Unlicensed contractor in Reno, Nev., advertised his services on Craigslist. He was held in detention and faced deportation for operating with 16 identities, four Social Security numbers and six birth dates.
<http://www.mynews4.com/story.php?id=19881&n=122>
- **Fraud:** Wellesley, Mass. woman was turned away from a Taylor Swift concert after tickets she bought from a man she met on Craigslist turned out to be stolen.
<http://www.wickedlocal.com/wellesley/news/x669150972/Wellesley-woman-dismayed-after-buying-stolen-Taylor-Swift-tickets>
- **Fraud:** James Vincent Nix, a published book author, accused of renting out an in Oklahoma City to several families who each paid hundreds of dollars for a deposit. They told police when it was time to move in, they learned it was all a scam.
<http://www.newson6.com/global/story.asp?s=12617446>
- **Fraud:** Asheville, N.C., police charged an Asheville man with attempting to extort money from another man.
http://www.digtriad.com/news/local_state/article.aspx?storyid=143300
- **Fraud:** Man and woman advertised rental apartments in Fayetteville, N.C., that they did not own and took payments from victims. At least seven people reported being defrauded.
<http://www.wral.com/news/local/story/7729230/>
- **Fraud:** Hawaiian Airlines warned consumers about fraudulent vouchers being sold on Craigslist that were purchased using stolen credit cards.
<http://www.bizjournals.com/pacific/stories/2010/06/07/daily35.html>
- **Fraud:** California man arrested in Boston for selling counterfeit NBA finals tickets.
<http://www.thebostonchannel.com/news/23885516/detail.html>
- **Fraud:** A former police officer and unlicensed private investigator in Orange County, Calif., was charged with defrauding clients, threatening another investigator and attempting to commit sexual assault by posting Craigslist ads seeking women to engage in bestiality with his dog.
http://articles.ocregister.com/2010-06-25/cities/24632314_1_private-investigator-police-officer-prosecutors

- **Blackmail:** St. Louis man has pleaded guilty to blackmail. He admitted to threatening an unidentified man with exposure, over the man's use of a paid escort
http://ozarksfirst.com/fulltext/?nxd_id=286345
- **Harassment:** Woodland Hills, Calif., attorney sues man after he posts a series of insulting and egregious messages on Craigslist about the law firm.
http://www.dailynews.com/news/ci_15229877?source=rss
- **Drugs:** 20-year-old Gilbert, Ariz., man arrested after trying to trade marijuana and an iPod for an iPad via a Craigslist posting.
<http://www.azfamily.com/outbound-feeds/yahoo-news/Gilbert-man-posts-online-ad-to-trade-marijuana-for-iPad-96081839.html>
- **Child sex trafficking:** Portland man has sentenced to nearly 16 years in federal prison after he was convicted of sex trafficking involving a 15-year-old Seattle girl.
http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2012178557_aporsextraffickingsentence.html
- **Drugs:** Man arrested in Austin, Texas, for trying to sell high quality marijuana via Craigslist.
<http://www.myfoxaustin.com/dpp/news/texas/Cops-Bust-Man-Selling-Drugs-on-Craigslist-20100623-ktbcw>
- **Human trafficking:** Queens woman charged with running operation that farmed out young Korean immigrants to Long Island, N. Y., massage parlors.
http://www.nydailynews.com/ny_local/2010/06/29/2010-06-29_queens_madam_forced_young_korean_women_into_lives_of_sex_slavery_in_li_massage_p.html#ixzz1D1qilRhM

July 2010

- **Fraud:** Welding equipment that went missing from a company in Glastonbury, Conn., appeared on Craigslist, and the person selling it was arrested, police said.
http://articles.courant.com/2010-07-30/community/hc-glastonbury-welder-arrest-0731-20100730_1_welder-craigslist-private-investigator

- **Fraud:** Atlanta, Ga., rental ad for house is a fabrication using local real estate agent's sales ad as bait in attempt to scam people into sending security deposits.
<http://www.wsbtv.com/news/24202381/detail.html>
- **Fraud:** Man in East El Paso, Texas, became a scam victim after trying to selling a flute on Craigslist, receiving five forged money orders and having his bank account drained.
<http://www.ktsm.com/news/craigslist-scam-targeting-el-pasoans>
- **Fraud:** Pasco County, Calif., woman charged with giving away a trailer on Craigslist that wasn't hers to give.
<http://www.baynews9.com/article/news/2010/july/117802/Woman-sold-neighbors-trailer-on-craigslist>
- **Fraud:** Chico, Calif., man's for-sale house listed fraudulently on Craigslist for rent, unbeknownst to the homeowner.
<http://www.allbusiness.com/real-estate/commercial-residential-property/14769269-1.html>
- **Fraud:** Central Indiana real estate experts reported a surge in scams involving homes listed for rent on Craigslist.
<http://www.theindychannel.com/news/24161573/detail.html>
- **Fraud:** Nonexistent vehicles offered for sale at too-good-to-be-true pricing in Treasure Valley, Idaho.
<http://www.idahostatesman.com/2010/07/08/1259784/craigslist-used-car-scam-strikes.html>
- **Fraud:** Craigslist in cities all along the Florida Panhandle and Alabama gulf coasts overflowing with dozens of fraudulent offers for expensive training guaranteed to net jobs cleaning up the Gulf of Mexico oil spill.
<http://www.miamiherald.com/2010/07/07/1720431/out-of-the-gushing-oil-the-scammers.html>
- **Fraud:** Woman in Atlanta, Ga., went to see a rental house that she found on Craigslist and noticed a "for sale" sign outside. The house's real estate agent confirmed the rental ad was a fraud using his sales ad as bait.
<http://www.wsbtv.com/news/24202381/detail.html>

- **Fraud:** Nebraska State Patrol auto fraud division received several complaints from residents who lost money after paying for vehicles only to find out the vehicles did not exist.
<http://www.kcautv.com/Global/story.asp?S=12812086>
- **Fraud:** A 36-year-old Portland, Ore., man arrested for misrepresenting the value on store gift cards he sold to victims via Craigslist.
<http://www.kptv.com/news/24285877/detail.html#>
- **Fraud:** Woman nearly scammed out of rental deposit in Concord, N. H., and identity after responding to fraudulent for-rent ad.
<http://www.concordmonitor.com/article/craigslist-rental-ads-part-of-scam>
- **Fraud:** Realtors in Amarillo, Texas, warn home buyers to beware of Craigslist scams where homes are fraudulently offered for lease.
<http://www.newschannel10.com/Global/story.asp?S=12833180>
- **Fraud:** Authorities in Stafford, Va., sought a group of young men who at least twice tried to rob people who'd been expecting to purchase electronics.
<http://fredericksburg.com/News/FLS/2010/072010/07202010/562816?rss=local#axzz0uJHJNPPV>
- **Fraud:** 25-year-old Boiling Springs, S.C., woman scammed out of \$1,700 after cashing fraudulent check in the sale of a microwave.
<http://www.wyff4.com/news/24338126/detail.html>
- **Fraud:** A Shepherdsville, Ky., man is charged with taking advantage of the hot weather to scam senior citizens out of money with fake air conditioning repair services.
<http://www.examiner.com/crime-in-louisville/shepherdsville-man-charged-with-craigslist-air-conditioner-repair-scam-targeting-the-elderly#ixzz1D1ZFkHAF>
- **Fraud:** Burlington, Vt., mother and daughter charged with defrauding or trying to defraud a dozen vendors on Craigslist.
<http://www.wptz.com/news/24365283/detail.html>

- **Fraud:** Check-cashing scam tried on couple trying to sell dog kennel in Vero Beach, Fla.
<http://www.tcpalm.com/news/2010/jul/26/vero-beach-man-avoids-doghouse-by-passing-on/>
- **Fraud:** University of Toledo students scammed out apartment deposit after responding to a rental ad on Craigslist.
<http://abclocal.go.com/wtv/story?section=news/local&id=7578077>
- **Fraud:** Central New York residents searching for a rental home or apartment via Craigslist had their identity stolen by what they believed were prospective landlords.
http://www.9wsyr.com/content/news/real_deal/story/Online-rental-scammers-The-Real-Deal/zGkqXEzlcEWec2UWR5-VRQ.csp
- **Fraud:** Police in Overland Park, Kan., issued an alert after at least seven incidents in which fraudulently obtained vehicles were resold on Craigslist.
<http://www.kctv5.com/news/24427189/detail.html>
- **Fraud:** Criminals claiming to be a deploying Illinois Army National Guard soldier defrauded numerous people out of hundreds, perhaps thousands, of dollars. The scam artist tries to get the potential buyers to purchase items ranging from vehicles to an iPad.
<http://www.wifr.com/news/headlines/99634749.html>
- **Fraud:** A San Francisco woman was charged with bilking would-be apartment renters of thousands of dollars each by accepting deposits and then spinning a tale that they couldn't move in.
<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2010/07/29/BAR51ELOR0.DTL#ixzz1D13T7dSL>
- **Child sex trafficking:** Seattle-based U. S. Army Sergeant is charged with sex trafficking of a child and attempted sex trafficking of a child.
<http://www.kirotv.com/news/24374462/detail.html>

- **Child sex trafficking:** A Milwaukee man who admitted prostituting at least a half-dozen teenage girls in Wisconsin and other states. He is the first person convicted in Wisconsin under a tough federal law aimed at the sex trafficking of children.
<http://www.jsonline.com/news/crime/97622774.html>
- **Drugs:** Man arrested in Denver, Colo., after selling medical marijuana cards on Craigslist.
<http://denver.cbslocal.com/crime/marijuana.medical.police.2.1796512.html>
<http://webcache.googleusercontent.com/search?q=cache:q1SlaN4eE6wJ:cbs4denver.com/crime/marijuana.medical.police.2.1796512.html+Loophole+Used+To+Sell+Medical+Marijuana+Cards:&cd=1&hl=en&ct=clnk&gl=us&client=firefox-a&source=www.google.com>
- **Explosives:** Madison, Wis., man arrested after he placed an ad seeking an explosive device to send to a friend of his estranged wife.
<http://www.jsonline.com/news/wisconsin/98342074.html>
- **Selling alcohol to a minor:** High school student in Marblehead, Mass., arrested for offering to sell fake ID and alcohol to minors.
<http://marblehead.patch.com/articles/police-log-craigslist-ad-for-for-booze>
- **Child sex trafficking:** Two men arrested in Tampa for attempting to pay for sex with underage girls.
<http://www2.tbo.com/content/2010/jul/29/2-men-be-sentenced-child-sex-trafficking/>
- **Extortion:** Woman who met a man on Craigslist in Eugene, Ore., faced a charge of theft by extortion after police say she threatened to expose the relationship to the man's spouse if he didn't give her money.
<http://www.kval.com/news/local/98560909.html>

August 2010

- **Fraud:** Dog stolen from Brighton, Colo., woman after she receives bad check in exchange for 11-week-old puppy.
<http://www.kdvr.com/news/kdvr-craigslist-puppy-txt,0,1102849.story>

- **Fraud:** Bakersfield, Calif., woman defrauded at least four victims who paid rent and rental deposits for a foreclosed home she didn't own.
<http://www.bakersfieldnow.com/news/100079589.html>
- **Fraud:** Anchorage, Alaska, man, hired by a person in Nigeria to print counterfeit checks and mail them to various recipients in the U.S., indicted on federal counterfeiting charges.
http://www.juneauempire.com/stories/080510/reg_691228206.shtml
- **Fraud:** Arizona contractor scams woman out of \$700 after agreeing to install bed, not doing work as agreed, and keeping deposit.
<http://www.azcentral.com/12news/consumer/articles/2010/03/25/20100325Ross-Emmick-Ameco-03252010-CR.html>
- **Fraud:** Bryan-College Station Assembly of God pastor accused of coercing sexual acts from men he met under false pretenses on the Internet in Texas.
http://blogs.houstonpress.com/hairballs/2010/08/the_reverend_randy_scott_more.php
- **Child molestation:** Houston, Texas man is charged with three counts of online solicitation of a minor.
<http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=news/local&id=7594709&rss=rss-ktrk-article-7594709>
- **Harassment:** 29-year-old man posts fake online sex solicitation ad featuring nude and uniformed Kent County, Mich., Sheriff's Deputy.
http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2010/08/man_pleads_guilty_to_posting_f.html
- **Child molestation:** A New York City man for using a Craigslist ad to seek sex with a boy has been found guilty by a jury in Cedarburg, Wis., of using a computer to facilitate a child sex crime.
<http://www.jsonline.com/news/ozwash/101163599.html>
- **Child molestation:** A 43-year-old man in Asheville, N. C., who offered to pay the parents of a 14-year-old girl to have sex with the girl was arrested after an undercover sting.
<http://www.wyff4.com/news/24729014/detail.html#>

- **Child molestation:** Fifteen men from Orlando, Lake Mary, Maitland, Orange City, St. Cloud, Kissimmee and elsewhere in Florida were accused of trying to have sex with girls.

http://articles.orlandosentinel.com/2010-08-16/news/os-orlando-area-sex-sting-craigslist-20100816_1_craigslist-sting-condoms-undercover-detectives

September 2010

- **Fraud:** Two people in Nashville, Tenn., robbed in separate incidents in restaurant parking lots after offering an iPhone for sale.

<http://www.police.nashville.org/docs/newsletter/2010/1001.pdf>

- **Child molestation:** A 33-year-old Brown County, Texas, man arrested on a charge of online solicitation of a minor under 14 after he arranged to meet a 13-year-old girl.

<http://www.reporternews.com/news/2010/sep/24/man-accused-of-online-solicitation-is-arrested/>

October 2010

- **Fraud:** Hundreds of fake tickets for University of Michigan vs. Michigan State game sold on Craigslist.
- <http://www.annarbor.com/news/buying-scalped-tickets-for-this-weekends-game-its-buyer-beware-authorities-say/>
- **Fraud:** Texas man arrested after selling hundreds of fake tickets to an NFL game.
- <http://www.ktxs.com/news/25356232/detail.html>
- **Fraud:** Greenwich, Conn., man charged with third-degree forgery and fourth-degree larceny for arranging to buy a computer and giving a fake check.
- <http://www.greenwichtime.com/local/article/Man-charged-in-Craigslist-scam-697981.php>
- **Fraud:** A Panama City, Fla., woman was scammed out of more than \$2,000 when she paid for a mobile home that was listed fraudulently.
- http://www.wjhg.com/home/headlines/Scammed_on_craigslist_104989164.html

- **Fraud:** Homeowner in Salinas, Calif., said someone posted her house as a rental on Craigslist as a scam to steal money from people.
<http://www.kionrightnow.com/Global/story.asp?S=13334048>
- **Fraud:** More than 50 people were turned away at a game between the New England Patriots and Baltimore Ravens after buying counterfeit tickets that cost as much as \$400.
http://www.boston.com/sports/football/patriots/articles/2010/10/17/pats_fans_scammed_with_fake_tickets_on_craigslist/
- **Fraud:** Ocean City, Md., police advised people of an employment scam involving the use of Craigslist.
<http://www.wboc.com/Global/story.asp?S=13350047>
- **Child abuse:** 24-year-old man was charged with injury to a child in Corpus Christi, Texas, after the child's mother came home to find her 9-month-old baby boy badly bruised. Turns out the child also had a broken rib.
<http://www.kristv.com/news/babysitter-hired-off-craigslist-charged-with-injury-to-a-child/>
- **Child molestation:** Retired Cleveland police officer accused of attempting to meet with a 12 year old girl with the intent of having sex.
http://www.newsnet5.com/dpp/news/local_news/cleveland_metro/retired-cleveland-police-officer-accused-of-traveling-to-have-sex-with-12-year-old-girl
- **Child molestation:** A 54-year-old Stanton, Calif., man was arrested on Tuesday for engaging in sexual conduct with a 14-year-old boy he met on Craigslist.
http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/local/orange_county&id=7694427

November 2010

- **Fraud:** Fayetteville, N.C., woman charged with running a mail fraud scam for items bought over the Internet.
<http://abclocal.go.com/wtvd/story?section=news/local&id=7760198&rss=rss-wtvd-article-7760198>

- **Fraud:** California man attempting to buy car for 19-year-old son scammed out of \$1,700 after an individual posing as a soldier shipping out offered to sell a nonexistent car.
<http://www.turto23.com/news/25847317/detail.html>
- **Fraud:** Greece, N.Y., man convicted of mail fraud after he collected payments from 25 individuals across the country for items he did not own or possess.
<http://www.greecepost.com/latestnews/x96441957/Greece-man-sentenced-in-online-fraud-case>
- **Fraud:** Queens, N.Y., man accused of posing as a cop and threatening arrest if women didn't have sex with him.
http://www.nydailynews.com/news/ny_crime/2010/11/16/2010-11-16_queens_sex_fiend_suraj_persaud_told_women_he_was_cop_before_raping_them.html
- **Assassination threat:** Texas man who threatened U.S. President Barack Obama on Craigslist has been sentenced to 27 months behind bars.
<http://cnews.canoe.ca/CNEWS/World/2010/11/02/15917906.html>
- **Assassination threat:** Pittsburg man being investigated for possible threats against the President and Speaker of the House.
<http://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2010/11/17/suspected-threat-against-president-posted-on-craigslist/>
- **Child molestation:** Rhode Island man charged with child molestation after inappropriate contact with 9 year old boy he was hired to babysit.
<http://www2.turto10.com/news/2010/nov/23/tiverton-man-faces-child-molestation-charges-ar-300683/>
- **Child pornography:** Westchester, N. Y., man arraigned on child pornography charges after attempting to sell photographs to undercover detectives during a sting.
<http://harrison.patch.com/articles/rye-brook-man-arraigned-on-child-porn-charges-2>
- **Child molestation:** Brunswick, Md., man pleaded guilty after arranging to have sex with a 14 year old boy via Craigslist.

http://7thspace.com/headlines/362040/maryland_man_pleads_guilty_to_posting_ads_on_craigslist_to_entice_a_minor_to_have_sex.html

- **Child molestation:** Central lowan man arrested after advertising in sexually explicit services and attempting to meet with a child for sex.

<http://www.kcci.com/r/25558587/detail.html>

December 2010

- **Fraud:** Man sells fake tickets to an ABBA tribute band in Seattle, Wash.
http://www.seattlepi.com/local/435010_abba08.html
- **Fraud:** A 26-year-old man arrested in Clay County, Fla., after selling “factory sealed” iPhone boxes which contained a weight instead of the phone.
<http://www.firstcoastnews.com/news/local/news-article.aspx?storyid=180976>
- **Fraud:** Craigslist ad for wheels off a stolen car led a police task force to an Adams County, Colo., towing company implicated in a chop-shop operation.
http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_16867754?source=rss#ixzz1DJ7SeT52
- **Fraud:** Victim in New Holland, Pa., scammed out of \$2,000 after he wired money for an apartment and the keys never arrived.
<http://www.whptv.com/news/local/story/Man-scammed-for-apartment-on-Craigslist/fnyjy1cUQUWIDrii7z-7Wg.cspcx?rss=50>
- **Fraud:** Oregon Ducks football fan is victimized after he tried to purchase tickets to the BCS national championship for \$900.
http://www.localnewscomesfirst.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2808:bcs-ticket-scam-cost-man-over-900&catid=1:local-headlines&Itemid=275
- **Fraud:** Oklahoma City man poses as autistic man to fool babysitters hired through Craigslist into changing his diapers.
<http://newsok.com/oklahoma-city-man-admits-conning-baby-sitters-by-posing-as-autistic-and-wearing-diapers/article/3522781#ixzz17qc9bYCI>
- **Harassment:** After falling-out with former co-worker, woman alleges that he posted a sexually explicit ad on Craigslist in Quincy, Mass., that included her cellular telephone number. She received 54 calls within an hour after the ad was placed, police said.

<http://www.wickedlocal.com/cohasset/news/x1921993540/Quincy-man-faces-charges-over-Craigslist-ad>

- **Bootlegging:** Des Moines, Iowa, authorities report that the sales of hard-to-get bottles of Templeton Rye whiskey being sold online are a violation of Iowa bootlegging laws.
http://www.democraticunderground.com/discuss/duboard.php?az=view_all&address=105x9576485
- **Bootlegging:** Banned caffeinated alcoholic beverages being sold online via Craigslist in N.Y.
<http://www.theepochtimes.com/n2/content/view/47582/>
- **Drugs:** Nevada City, Calif., man arrested for trying to sell 5 pounds of marijuana.
<http://www.theunion.com/article/20101217/NEWS/101219768/1001&parentprofile=1>
- **Extortion:** Five people in Denver are under investigation for alleged criminal extortion involving a man who answered a Craigslist ad for an in-home massage service.
[5 held in Craigslist extortion plot. - The Denver Post](http://www.denverpost.com/news/cj_16934526?source=rss#ixzz1DIPG3Fwa)
http://www.denverpost.com/news/cj_16934526?source=rss#ixzz1DIPG3Fwa
- **Child molestation:** Baltimore man pleads guilty to trying to entice a minor to have sex with him via the internet after attempting to set up a meeting with a 12 year old boy.
http://www.abc2news.com/dpp/news/crime_checker/baltimore_city_crime/man-pleads-guilty-to-trying-to-have-sex-with-young-boys

January 2011

- **Fraud:** Palm Bay, Fla., woman and her family of seven, including five children, living a legal nightmare after police determined they fell prey to a fake rental agreement involving foreclosed homes.
<http://www.freep.com/article/20110208/BUSINESS04/110208014/Family-duped-into-renting-foreclosed-house-police-say>
- **Fraud:** Seller, accused of offering deals that were too good to be true, was arrested days after a television investigation in Houston into thieves using Craigslist.
<http://www.khou.com/news/investigative/115540604.html>
- **Fraud:** Egg donor recipient in Boise, Idaho, charged with running a scheme that stole eggs from would-be donors.

<http://www.14wfie.com/story/13983892/con-artist-uses-craigslist-to-rip-off-egg-donors>

- **Fraud:** Omaha, Neb., woman who listed a diamond ring was robbed of \$8,500 after being paid with a phony check.
<http://www.ketv.com/news/26471758/detail.html>
- **Fraud:** Authorities in Albuquerque, N.M., arrested a man and a woman and accused them of scamming a family into renting a foreclosed home.
<http://www.koat.com/news/26581346/detail.html>
- **Fraud:** Hundreds of metro Detroit residents may have bought bogus tickets on Craigslist to Kid Rock's 40th birthday concert bash.
<http://www.app.com/article/20110117/ENT/110117009&source=rss>
- **Fraud:** Brunswick County, N.C., man accused of posing as a sheriff's deputy caught after posing as a woman on Craigslist.
<http://www.wwaytv3.com/video/2011/02/only-3-man-charged-impersonating-officer-after-posing-woman-craigslist>
- **Fraud:** A 28-year-old former sandwich maker charged with forgery and larceny in Salem and Dedham, Mass., accused of pretending to be a U.S. Marshal to impress women, stealing checks from them and cashing them.
<http://www.bostonherald.com/news/regional/view.bg?articleid=1312749&srvc=rss>
- **Fraud:** Charleston, S.C., woman charged with obtaining goods by false pretenses after scamming at least 20 victims around the country in "Nigerian 419" scam via Craigslist.
<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2011/jan/12/woman-arrested-in-fraud-scheme/>
- **Child molestation:** Mission Viejo, Calif., man caught in a Craigslist sting soliciting a 13-year-old girl for sex pleaded guilty this week to four felony charges.
<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2011/01/man-who-used-craiglist-to-solicit-13-year-old-for-sex-sentenced-pleads-guilty.html>
- **Child abuse:** Annadale, Va., couple being investigated for attempting to sell 2-month-old girl via Craigslist.
http://uticadailynews.com/odd_news/18790-Baby-Listed-for-Sale-Craigslist.html

- **Drugs:** Three women in Mahwah, N. J., were busted Tuesday for trafficking the banned caffeinated alcoholic beverage Four Loko.
<http://www.wpix.com/news/wpix-four-loko-craigslist,0,6734333.story?track=rss>
- **Bomb threat:** West Allis, Wis., man accused of making threats against Mayfair Mall has been jailed.
<http://www.cbs58.com/index.php?aid=15727>
- **Harassment:** Long Island woman has admitted she posted a suggestive Craigslist ad about a 9-year-old girl.
<http://www.wetmtv.com/news/state/story/NY-woman-admits-posting-Craigslist-ad-about-child/-Q3dSH6-qEWiZerZ4KQNAA.csp?rss=128>
- **Child molestation:** Central Iowan man was arrested after admitting to planning to have sex with what he thought was a 14 year old girl in the back of his pickup truck.
<http://www.kcci.com/news/26374704/detail.html>
- **Drugs:** Paradise, Calif., man was arrested for attempting to sell two ounces of marijuana in exchange for drug paraphernalia and an Xbox game system via Craigslist.
http://www.paradisepost.com/news/ci_17186695
- **Human trafficking:** A registered sex offender charged with pandering and human trafficking in Bellevue, Neb., after online ad posting.
<http://www.ketv.com/r/26599097/detail.html>
- **Harassment:** Woman in Hauppauge, N. Y., faced aggravated harassment charges and endangering the welfare of a child for retaliating against a 9-year-old girl. Convicted and sentenced to probation, community service and counseling.
<http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2011/01/23/mother-sentenced-in-craigslist-retaliation-post/>
- **Stalking:** Cyber stalker requests lewd photos of children from Seattle, Wash., mother, trying to sell her daughter's clothes via Craigslist.
<http://www.woai.com/news/local/story/Online-pervert-offers-money-to-take-little-girls/2vmt-3PQ3Um7FeTEwc8hvw.csp?rss=68>
- **Drugs:** Austin, Texas, woman arrested for delivery of marijuana after offering it for sale via Craigslist.
<http://www.kxan.com/dpp/news/crime/craigslist-pot-bust>

- **Drugs:** Stripper-turned-medical student in Park Slope, N.Y., arrested for trafficking of the prescription medication Adderall, used to treat attention-related disorders.
http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/brooklyn/klyn_yuppie_pills_ring_nailed_55lECWQ1lB45pFPnJVXemO
- **Animal cruelty:** Louisville, Ky., man was arraigned on four counts of torturing a cat after killing and mutilating four animals acquired via Craigslist.
<http://www.wave3.com/story/13766462/man-accused-of-torturing-cats-got-the-animals-on-craigslist>
- **Child molestation:** Retired Cleveland police officer pleaded guilty to 25 charges of trying to have sex with a 12 year old girl he met via Craigslist.
http://www.newsnet5.com/dpp/news/local_news/cleveland_metro/retired-cleveland-officer-pleads-guilty-to-sex-charges

[Related articles \(a small sample\)](#)

- **The Onion satirizes Craigslist and Craig Newmark:** “While the money piled up for other people, I quietly nurtured a vision of my own: Craigslist, a revolutionary online classifieds site that allows people who wish to buy or sell goods and services online to be raped or murdered by total strangers”
<http://www.theonion.com/articles/and-to-think-no-one-believed-a-website-that-puts-p,19193/>
- **Craigslist 'robberies by appointment' turn violent,** MSNBC Red Tape article.
<http://redtape.msnbc.com/2011/01/craigslist-robberies-by-appointment-turn-violent.html>
- **Stolen Torah scroll recovered undamaged after Phoenix, Ariz., synagogue posts** “Reward: Torah Scroll, Hebrew - \$500” in the Craigslist “wanted” section.
http://www.stljewishlight.com/news/nation/article_78b645ac-edb0-11df-a67d-001cc4c03286.html

Methodology

The AIM Group was commissioned by Oodle Inc. to catalog crimes of all types linked by law enforcement to Craigslist that were reported in the United States from Feb. 1, 2010, through Jan. 31 of this year. All of them were covered in the news - either in newspapers or on television.

We started with “primary research” on Google and Yahoo, and then used secondary research methods including phone calls, e-mails and other techniques.

One killing was related to Craigslist after our one-year period ended. We included that killing in this report, but did not count it in the total number of crimes reported during the year.

Each incident we incorporated had to be verified and linked to a URL from a news website or other source. Those links are included in the data section of the report.

While we compiled a large number of reported crimes, we do not believe or maintain that this is a complete list. In fact, we’re confident other crimes were reported to police that we didn’t enumerate. And there were probably many more crimes committed that were linked to Craigslist in some way that weren’t reported to authorities.

It’s important to emphasize that Craigslist has no control over the actions of its users. It’s just a website that provides a platform for commerce. Even so, the numbers, volume and scope of the incidents speak for themselves.

About the Advanced Interactive Media Group

The **AIM Group**, formally known as the Advanced Interactive Media Group, is a global team of consultants in interactive and traditional media, founded by internationally known industry consultant and speaker Peter M. Zollman.

It is the parent company of Classified Intelligence, which publishes “the bible of the classified advertising industry,” **Classified Intelligence Report**.

We work with newspapers, dot-coms, broadcasters, ASPs, software vendors and corporate clients to help develop successful interactive-media services. Our focus is the intersection of interactive media and traditional media like newspapers, broadcasting, yellow pages and magazines. We work with our clients to develop successful, real-world businesses, and spend our time on practical issues and immediate concerns. But we also keep long-term concerns in mind, carefully balancing the present and the future.

Our areas of expertise include:

- Classified advertising - print and online
- Increasing revenue at traditional media Web sites
- Sales training for Web and traditional-media sales representatives
- Audience development strategies and tactics
- Strategic workshops and interactive-media coaching for senior executives
- Advertiser presentations - local media, real estate, automotive, recruitment
- Call center optimization for traditional and interactive-media publishers
- New advertising models, including pay-per-click and pay-for-performance advertising
- Local search and its implications for retail and classified advertising, and publishers
- The growing need for video content on media Web sites
- The increasing use of mobile applications for content and advertising
- Using e-mail as a marketing tool, traffic builder and advertising delivery vehicle

The **AIM Group** and **Classified Intelligence** consultants are leaders in our industries. All of us have practical, real-world experience operating and managing traditional and interactive-media businesses.

What sets us apart?

Unlike many consultants, the **AIM Group** never presents “canned” or “off-the-shelf” presentations, or unsupported revenue numbers and projections that are based on flimsy or undisclosed methodology. We work closely with our clients to provide specific, detailed, actionable strategies and tactics that deliver **higher revenue**, sales reps who are **trained in real-world interactive media issues**, and more effective interactive media tools for publishers.

About Classified Intelligence

Classified Intelligence, a division of the AIM Group, is the world's leading classified advertising consulting group.

CI works with dot-coms, newspapers, print classified publishers, yellow page publishers, broadcasters and technology vendors in the U.S., Canada and internationally to help develop, launch and grow revenue-generating services.

We are first and foremost "consultants who publish" - not "publishers who do a little consulting on the side." Most of our consulting work is performed on a proprietary basis - so our clients often see only a small fraction of our work-product.

Classified Intelligence Report - known as "the bible of the classified industry" - delivers "must-have" information and analysis of the \$100 billion annual global classified advertising.

We divide the industry into four key vertical categories:

- Cars (automotive), including most forms of transportation
- Homes, including sub-verticals like "new homes," "resale homes," "apartments / flats for rent or lease," and others
- Jobs (recruitment / employment)
- "Stuff" - merchandise / auctions

In addition, we focus on a wide range of classified-related topics and services, like social networking, professional networking, mobile advertising, video advertising on PCs and mobile devices, and other media and publishing opportunities.

We offer solutions for companies planning their strategies, increasing revenue, market share, and in developing products and packing strategies to grow their business.

Our team includes long-time senior executives, so we can work with senior executives to help them understand where their classified services need to evolve.

Our team includes people who have been sales reps and sales managers, so we can help sales teams grow and develop traditional and interactive media services.

We help **build** interactive products and services; *we don't just talk about them based on flimsy research*. Our analysts and consultants are well known and respected, with years of experience in the field

We work with clients globally, and have a team of more than 25 people throughout the world following the changes in classified advertising **more closely than anyone else**.

About our consultants



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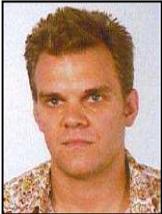
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About our clients

The AIM Group and Classified Intelligence work with some of the biggest names in the media and corporate worlds. Our current and recent clients include:

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 - Hearst Newspapers
 - Workopolis, Canada
 - Microsoft
 - EBay / Kijiji
 - Daily Mail and General Trust, London
 - Finn.no (Norway)
 - CareerBuilder
 - Naukri.com (India)
 - Seek.com (Australia)
 - Cars.com (U.S. / Classified Ventures)
 - TotalJobs (U.K. / Europe)
 - Schibsted ASA (Norway, 21 countries)
 - Adicio
 - Matchwork Worldwide ASA
 - Madgex Ltd.
 - Suburban Newspapers of America
 - The New York Times Co.
 - StepStone (Norway / Belgium)
 - Yellow Pages Group / Trader Media (Canada)
 - CanWest Global Media (Canada)
 - Trader Media East (Europe / Russia)
 - Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (Germany)
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 - WashingtonPost.Newsweek Interactive
 - Vorarlberger Medienhaus (Austria)
 - S3G (France)
 - Eniro AB (Sweden)
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