Appendix H: Misrepresentation of Identity Data Analysis

The team read and analyzed all 259 cases sentenced pursuant to the sex crimes guidelines (§§2A3.1-2A3.4) in fiscal year 1998. The team looked for evidence that the defendant misrepresented himself to the victim as a basis for the analysis.

A. No cases in which the offender misrepresented himself to the victim with the intention of transporting the child.

B. 4 cases (1.5 percent) in which the offender misrepresented himself to the victim.

C. 3 cases (1.2 percent) in which the victim traveled across state lines to meet the offender.

D. 23 cases (8.9 percent) in which the offender traveled across state lines to meet the victim.

E. 3 of the 4 cases in which the offender misrepresented himself to the victim involved the offender traveling across state lines to meet the victim.

F. When the offender used a computer to misrepresent himself, the offender misrepresented his age on two occasions to the victim in order to entice the victim.