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## Predators easily use Internet

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A Winnipeg woman who fights child exploitation around the world says the case of a British man who blackmailed then exploited a Manitoba teen -- a case very similar to that of an Ontario man arrested earlier this summer -- shows how much more work is needed to stop predators from finding young victims on the Internet.

Roz Prober, president of Beyond Borders, said kids need to be warned about cases like that of Adrian Ringland, who pleaded guilty 12 days ago to exploiting girls through the Internet, and Mark Bedford, a Kingston, Ont., who was charged in July with similar offences.

"Really what we're seeing is (the Internet) can be used as a tool to blackmail children," said Prober, who applauded the co-operation shown by law enforcement on both sides of the Atlantic in these cases. "It's totally insidious but it's totally a crime that the Internet facilitates."

Bedford, 21, was charged July 26 with child luring, extortion and making and distributing child pornography. Police fear he may have more than 100 victims in Canada and England.

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The man allegedly enticed girls to expose themselves on webcams posing as a girlfriend but when his victims discovered it was a man who had hacked into their e-mail accounts and gained access to private buddy accounts, they weren't allowed to quit, police said. They were threatened with rape, death or embarrassment if they refused to co-operate, police said.

Ringland pleaded guilty to similarly extorting nude photos of young victims and after his guilty plea, an international software security company called MicroWorld Technologies issued a press release explaining just how convincing technology can be in the hands of a determined blackmail artist.

"Trojan backdoors can be employed by remote attackers to take over a victim's computer and to execute programs, reboot the system, open files, open webpages, download files, launch and manage a proxy server on the victim's machine and so much more. It's as if the intruder is operating his own desktop at free will," said Arti Taru, a security expert at MicroWorld.

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