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# Florida Attorney General's Office News Release

## Attorney General James Uthmeier Files Complaints Against Pornography Websites for Violating Florida's Age-Verification Law, Allowing Children Access to Harmful Material

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General James Uthmeier announced the filing of two complaints against online platforms accused of openly violating Florida's age verification law, which requires pornographic websites to verify users' ages before granting access. The law, codified in Section 501.1737 and 501.1738, Florida State Statutes, makes clear that companies profiting from pornographic material must keep minors out.

"Florida is committed to being the best place to raise children. We passed strong legislation to keep kids from being exposed to harmful and toxic material, and instead of following it, these platforms ignored it," **said Attorney General James Uthmeier.** "We are taking them to court to make sure they cannot continue bypassing Florida's common sense safeguards."

The Office of the Attorney General filed a complaint against Gethins Limited, Toccata, Inc., Segpay Gateway LLC, Segregated Payments, Inc., and D/B/A Segpay. A second complaint was filed against Aylo Holdings USA Corp., Aylo Billings US Corp., Aylo Group Ltd, and Nutaku Entertainment Ltd. Both complaints allege that the defendants failed to implement the safeguards required to verify users' ages before granting access to pornographic material.

The Defendants of the first complaint distribute or publish the website xh.lustyheroes.com. This site not only distributes pornographic video game content on its website, but it does not have any age verification process compliant with Florida law to prevent children from accessing its content.

The Defendants of the second complaint operate a variety of websites with pornographic and sexually explicit material that is harmful to minors including, but not limited to, Nutaku.net, SpiceVids.com, PornHub.com, RedTube.com, Tube8.com, and YouPorn.com. SpiceVids, PornHub, RedTube, Tube8, and YouPorn provide pornographic content on their websites while Nutaku distributes pornographic video game content online. Neither SpiceVids nor Nutaku have any age verification process compliant with Florida law to prevent children from accessing its content.

The complaint states that each day these websites run unchecked and continue to violate Florida's age verification law, they rack up numerous violations and continue to build a vast and lucrative Florida user base that includes vulnerable children and teens.

Violations of Florida's age-verification law carry penalties of up to $50,000 fine per violation. The complaints ask the court to:

- Enter judgment in favor of the Attorney General and against the Defendants;
- Temporarily and permanently enjoin the Defendants to prevent future violations of Section 501.1737(a) and 501.2025, Florida Statutes, and the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act (FDUTPA);
- Require that Defendants comply with Florida's Age Verification laws and FDUTPA;
- Award civil penalties, attorney's fees, and costs as authorized by Sections 501.1737(5)(a) and 501.2075, Florida Statutes; and
- Grant such other and further legal or equitable relief as justice requires.

Attorney General Uthmeier is taking legal action against multiple online pornography websites acting in violation of Florida law by not requiring age verification before accessing adult content. Last year, Florida enacted HB 3, requiring commercial entities that distribute sexually explicit material online that is harmful to minors to verify that individuals attempting to access the material are at least 18 years of age.

Despite knowing that the websites must comply with age-verification laws, several companies have openly defied HB 3 since it took effect January 1, 2025.

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