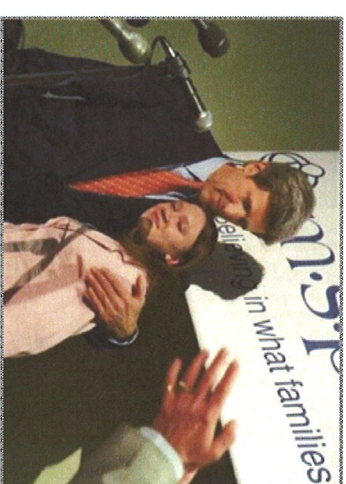


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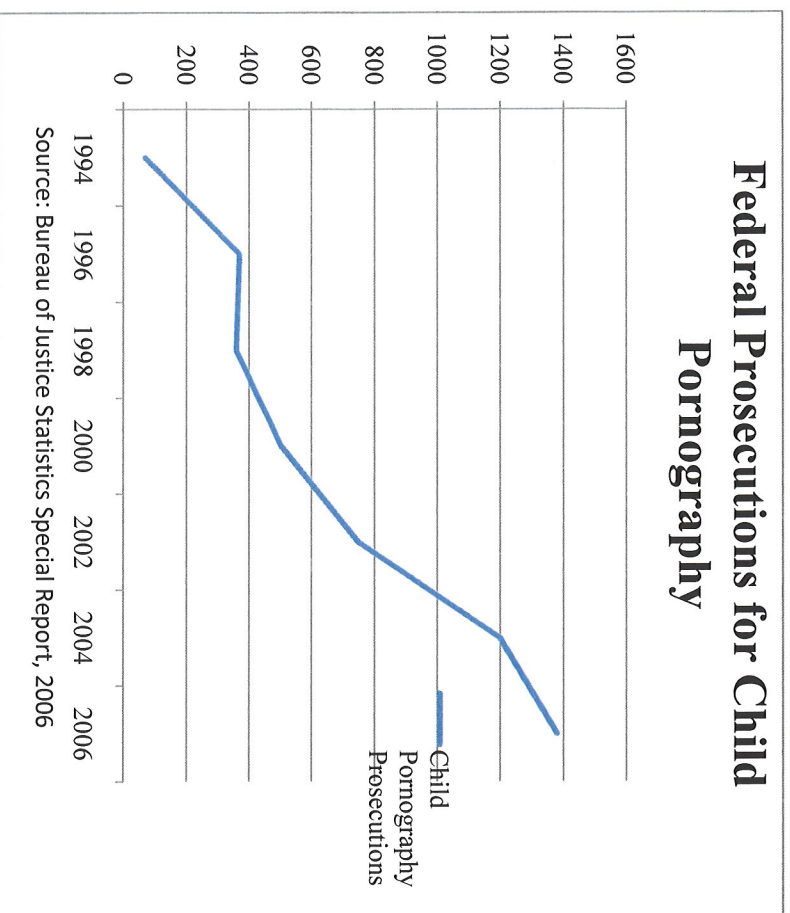
18 U.S.C. § 2255

*Enacted July 2006 to provide a civil remedy
for victims of child pornography*



Senator John Kerry (D-FL, Mass.) together with Masha Allen, introduces Masha's Law.

Federal Prosecutions for Child Pornography



18 U.S.C. § 2255. Civil remedy for personal injuries

(a) In General.— Any person who, while a minor, was a victim of a violation of section 2241(c), 2242, 2243, 2251, 2251A, 2252, 2252A, 2260, 2421, 2422, or 2423 of this title and who suffers personal injury as a result of such violation, regardless of whether the injury occurred while such person was a minor, may sue in any appropriate United States District Court and shall recover the actual damages such person sustains and the cost of the suit, including a reasonable attorney's fee. Any person as described in the preceding sentence shall be deemed to have sustained damages of no less than \$150,000 in value.

(b) Statute of Limitations.— Any action commenced under this section shall be barred unless the complaint is filed within six years after the right of action first accrues or in the case of a person under a legal disability, not later than three years after the disability.