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Dear Valued Partner,

For many years, we have concluded that the numerous stubbornly biased and malicious inquiries from IPVM.com did not deserve responses. Today, we believe we have no choice but to make an exception.

Below is the text of an email we received from Charles Rollet, a reporter at IPVM.com. It appears that IPVM.com is planning to publish a profoundly disturbing story to try to advance its own objectives at the expense of protecting vulnerable children. Hikvision has not attempted, nor will it attempt to verify the limited information IPVM.com provided to us given its moral depravity and the legal risk.

Hello,

This is Charles Rollet, reporter for [IPVM.com](https://ipvm.com), the world's leading source of video surveillance news.

IPVM is reporting next week, on Monday, that child pornography is being filmed and sold on the black market thanks to hacked/exposed Hikvision cameras.

*For example, the Telegram group **[REDACTED FOR LEGAL REASONS]** openly advertises this sort of content (note "CP" = Child Pornography).*

Of course, IPVM is not suggesting Hikvision supports or profits from this in any fashion.

Does Hikvision plan on reporting this to relevant authorities or take any other sorts of action? Any comment on how this highlights how even old vulnerabilities and poor cybersecurity practices from users and manufacturers can create very serious harms?

Any statement on this would be much appreciated.

Note, IPVM will be reporting the black market groups sharing/selling this highly illegal content to the FBI before publication.

We request comment before 5pm on Friday, Beijing, China time, July 7.

*Thank you very much,
Charles*

Hikvision does not know and has no way of knowing if any child has been harmed. It is our sincerest hope that IPVM.com has fallen for a phony solicitation and that none of its allegations are true. But if children are being abused and filmed and if IPVM.com reporters have been watching these videos and not reporting them to law enforcement *immediately*, we question their humanity.

To be clear – Hikvision will enthusiastically assist any law enforcement agency in bringing child predators to justice.

In fact, Hikvision is already trying to do so. Hikvision representatives, on receipt of Mr. Rollet's email, *immediately* contacted several law enforcement agencies, including but not limited to the U.S. Department of Justice's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section; the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. It was necessary to bring these allegations to the attention of law enforcement because it appears that others have not.

Hikvision will not issue further comment.

With deep concern,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name 'Jeffrey He' in a stylized cursive script.

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