

Mission Investigate: The Hunt



In “The Hunt”, the filmmakers gain close access to the police’s work. Photo: Kalle Segerbäck/SVT

They are proud pedophiles – and very ordinary men.

Across Sweden, men are watching children being subjected to sexual abuse. A small group of police officers is working to track them down and stop them. For over a year, *Mission Investigate* has been granted rare inside access to this work. The result is a documentary that exposes a reality most of us would rather turn away from.

It all begins with a phone call from a police officer. He previously worked on gang crime but recently changed roles. What he encounters now is, in many ways, far worse, he says.

The filmmakers follow officers from ISÖB – the unit for Internet-related child sexual abuse in Stockholm – over a period of eighteen months.

In the documentary *The Hunt*, viewers gain unique access to dramatic dawn raids and arrests. The programme also follows the small investigative team back at the office, where report after report of abuse continues to arrive.

“It’s a fire we cannot extinguish. No matter how hard we try, no matter how many raids we carry out, new cases appear every single day,” says police officer Fernando Valencia.

Two teachers. A parent of young children. And then: leads that point directly to an international network that calls itself “proud pedophiles”.

The documentary also travels to Norway to follow the police's counterparts there, who are developing entirely new methods to combat online child sexual abuse. Their approach is being described as revolutionary.

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