



FOUR SEASONS INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

Report: Thomas Keeley – Investigation, Charges, and Conviction

Overview: In one of its most noteworthy investigations, the Four Seasons Investigations Unit has reported the conviction of Thomas Keeley—a case that underscores both the evolving methods of online exploitation and the persistence of law enforcement in pursuing offenders. Keeley, from Cleobury Mortimer in the Kidderminster area of Shropshire, UK, infamously claimed that the unit would never catch him. Ironically, after nearly a year of relentless investigation, that claim was proven disastrously wrong.

Background and Investigation

Beginning in April 2022, Thomas Keeley was placed under close scrutiny by an independent investigator working in tandem with the Four Seasons Investigations Unit. According to the report, Keeley engaged in extensive online chats with individuals he believed to be minors. In one disturbing chat log, he explicitly proposed sexually inappropriate actions toward a 15-year-old—remarking that he would cover the boy's private parts with cream and have him dance naked in a garden. Over the course of the investigation, authorities accumulated more than 4,000 pages of digital evidence, including extensive chat logs and images, which have now been made publicly available.

Evidence of Offences

The collected evidence paints a deeply unsettling picture of Keeley's conduct. Records show that he persistently engaged in sexually explicit conversation, this time with individuals he believed to be 13- and 14-year-olds, even arranging to meet one of the alleged minors at a local hotel in Cleobury Mortimer. In additional incriminating material, Keeley sent photos of himself in sexually explicit states. Although one such image—depicting him in an aroused condition—was deleted from the chat by Keeley himself, both it and the remaining materials are on file with the police. This body of evidence was critical in building the case against him.

Arrests and Court Proceedings

Keeley was first arrested on 15 September 2022. Despite being released on bail during the subsequent investigation, he continued to engage in highly inappropriate online communications with a 14-year-old. His actions led to a second arrest on 25 January 2023, after which the court determined that further bail was not appropriate, resulting in his remand in custody.

On 23 February 2023, Keeley appeared at Shrewsbury Crown Court (Case Number 22FA1020923) where he pleaded guilty to three counts of making indecent photographs of children, in contravention of section (1)(A) of the Protection of Children Act 1978. Notably, while the police' evidence includes over 4,000 pages of chat logs, it emerged that the Crown Prosecution Service decided not to prosecute Keeley on the basis of these screenshots—citing that they did not meet the required legal

threshold for additional charges. Both police sources and the Four Seasons Investigations Unit expressed their surprise at this decision.

Ultimately, on 19 May 2023, Keeley returned to Shrewsbury Crown Court and was convicted based on the weight of the physical evidence and his admissions.

Conclusion and Reflections

The Keeley case stands as a stark reminder of the challenges inherent in prosecuting crimes committed online and the persistent determination of investigative units to protect vulnerable individuals. Despite Keeley's brazen assertions that he would outwit his pursuers, the meticulous work of the Four Seasons Investigations Unit—and the cooperation of law enforcement—resulted in the conviction of an offender who exploited technology to harm minors.

While the decision not to press charges regarding the extensive chat log evidence has raised concerns and left some questions unanswered, this case firmly establishes that no offender will escape accountability simply by taunting investigators. It reinforces the need for robust digital evidence protocols and serves as an urgent call to continually refine legal standards to better protect at-risk populations.

Additional Reflections

The Keeley investigation illustrates the complexities of modern digital investigations where voluminous evidence, even when overwhelming in quantity, must meet precise legal standards to secure additional charges. In reviewing this case, one might ask how future legislative or prosecutorial frameworks could evolve to ensure that every piece of evidence—no matter how damning—receives the scrutiny it warrants. Moreover, this case invites further discussion on the balance between protecting the privacy rights of individuals and ensuring that explicit digital records of criminal behaviour lead to comprehensive justice.

This detailed report, originally posted by the Four Seasons Investigations Unit, is not only a chronicle of one man's downfall but also a broader call for vigilance, reform, and unwavering advocacy for the safety and dignity of all minors.

Additional information as of 26 Jan 2026

Report: Four Seasons Investigations Unit – Case Ref-160422-1 (Thomas Keeley)

1. Introduction

This report summarises the investigation, evidence, legal proceedings, and outcomes relating to **Thomas Keeley**, referenced under **Ref-160422-1** by the Four Seasons Investigations Unit (FSIU). The case concerns online sexual communication with individuals believed to be minors, the creation of indecent images of children, and attempts to arrange in-person meetings for sexual purposes. The FSIU collaborated with an independent investigator and liaised with police authorities throughout the case.

2. Background

- **Subject:** Thomas Keeley

- **Location:** Cleobury Mortimer, Kidderminster, Shropshire, UK
- **Initial FSIU Awareness:** April 2022
- **Investigating Body:** Independent investigator working with the Four Seasons Investigations Unit.
- **Nature of Investigation:** Online child-protection investigation involving decoy profiles representing minors aged 13–15.

The subject openly claimed that the FSIU would “never get him,” which became a notable point in the Unit’s narrative of the case.

3. Summary of Evidence

The investigation produced a substantial body of evidence:

3.1. Chat Logs and Communications

- Keeley engaged in explicit sexual conversations with individuals he believed to be 13–15-year-old boys.
- He described sexual fantasies involving minors, including:
- Applying cream to a boy’s genitals.
- Having the boy dance naked in a garden.
- He arranged to meet a supposed 13/14-year-old boy at a local hotel.

3.2. Images Sent

- Keeley sent two explicit photographs of himself:
- One showing him naked with an erection.
- Another showing him immediately after ejaculation.
- One image was deleted by Keeley but retained by investigators and police.

3.3. Volume of Evidence

- The evidence file exceeded 4,000 pages of screenshots and logs.
- This material was later made public due to CPS decisions (see Section 5).

4. Arrests and Police Action

4.1. First Arrest

- Date: 15 September 2022
- Keeley was arrested and later released on bail.

4.2. Continued Offending While on Bail

- Despite being under investigation, Keeley continued sexual communication with a decoy minor.

4.3. Second Arrest

- **Date:** 25 January 2023
- Due to repeated offending, Keeley was remanded in custody and brought before Shrewsbury Crown Court.

5. Charges and CPS Decisions

5.1. Charges Brought

- Keeley pleaded guilty to:
- Three counts of making indecent photographs of children, contrary to Section 1(1)(a) of the Protection of Children Act 1978.

5.2. CPS Decision Not to Prosecute Chat-Based Offences

- Despite the extensive chat logs, the Crown Prosecution Service determined that the communications did not meet the threshold for prosecution.
- Police officers reportedly expressed surprise at this decision.
- As a result, the FSIU published the full chat logs online to ensure transparency.

6. Court Proceedings and Outcome

- Court: Shrewsbury Crown Court
- Case Number: 22FA1020923

6.1. Key Hearing Dates

- Plea hearing: 23 February 2023
- Conviction: 19 May 2023

6.2. Outcome

- Keeley was **convicted** on the three counts relating to indecent images.

- The FSIU emphasised that although the CPS did not pursue charges for the sexual communications, the conviction still represented a successful outcome for the investigation.

7. FSIU Commentary and Reflections

The Four Seasons Investigations Unit highlighted several points:

- The case demonstrates the persistence required in long-term online investigations.
- Keeley's belief that he could evade accountability was disproven.
- The Unit expressed concern about CPS thresholds for prosecuting online grooming-related chat offences.
- The publication of evidence was framed as a measure to protect the public and maintain transparency.

8. Conclusion

Case Ref-160422-1 represents a significant investigation by the Four Seasons Investigations Unit, involving extensive evidence gathering, collaboration with independent investigators, and coordination with police authorities. Despite limitations in CPS prosecution scope, the case resulted in a conviction for child-related image offences and demonstrated the Unit's commitment to safeguarding and public accountability.

