# The Pedophiles of Scrap.tf

An exposure, and a danger to the youths of the Team Fortress 2

Community

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# **Disclaimer:**

This document was created not to witch-hunt Jesse Cardone nor his affiliates, but to bring awareness to the Team Fortress 2 community and its player/fan base. There may be some content that is extremely sensitive, and not meant for the eyes of some viewers. The main objective of this exposure is to discuss and highlight important facts that contribute and back up the accusations against Cardone. This is important because it is likely that there are many adolescents which are being preyed upon by individuals in power such as Jesse, and are being groomed to have sexual favors and relations normalized. Furthermore, this document disproves the claims that Cardone was making while he analyzed prior evidence against him, and provided no context in his defense. Such manipulative behavior to try and discredit the validity of victims, and minors online is not acceptable. It is also not acceptable behavior for a community member, leader, and owner, let alone one in such a position as a staff member on a website frequently used by minors.

## [Introduction]

As the Team Fortress 2 community eagerly waits for any form of update, whether it be against cheaters, the current MG)T spam bots, or the well-deserved heavy update, there are some undisclosed issues impacting the community as we speak (but are not highlighted). The underlying issue in the Team Fortress 2 community is the fact that there are individuals (either bottom-tier to those in power) who prey on our younger player base (or trader), and normalize sexual fantasies and desires onto them online.

Araji and Finkelhor (1985) discuss the reasons as to why such predation is focused specifically on minors in their theoretical analysis and framework <sup>1</sup>, and we can definitely apply their supported theories into the modern societies both online and offline. The following are some of the suggested reasonings that pedophiles prey on minors:

- They have low self-esteem and are emotionally immature and stunted.
  - Getting off to minors allows such disgusting people to feel dominant and in-control.
- They endured a childhood trauma (which also is noted to reverse the victimization they endured, allowing themselves to compensate for powerlessness by becoming the victimizer).
- Their narcissistic personalities may be fueled by the emotional deprivation (or over-stimulation of protection) that has been deprived/overstimulated during childhood.
- They find children / adolescents materials or objects for their own means of sexual superiority (Pg.20).

Sexual deviance and exploitation of youths and minors online regardless of the country is a severe issue that should be addressed, especially since we as a community should not tolerate such predation on our newer generations of players. They should also not be given sympathy nor should they be tolerated in the community.

As we have seen them with Mechawreck, Marxman, and others who have actively manipulated, groomed, and normalized such sexual degeneracy onto minors and other victims, this case is no different; However, we do not want these individuals to get away. Furthermore, the behavior of over-sexualized and predation on innocent players of the community for their greed and selfish degeneracy.

Now, applying these concepts and explanations to the severity at hand: Jesse is hiding many things from the public eye and his attempts to have his followers (whether they be misled and misguided or not) the enticement of "innocence" for what he did. The following sections

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://scholars.unh.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1210&context=soc\_facpub

discuss and give insight to many things he is hiding, debunking his claims of innocence, and highlighting the severity of the issue.

#### Historical concepts:

#### **Prior History**

Many years ago, **The footrest image** was leaked by 4channers on /tf2g/, a popular Team Fortress 2 thread that Geel frequented. In a poor attempt at damage control, Geel proposed a poorly-executed internal validity check via a honeypot raffle which was posted to the thread in an attempt to ban the users of /tf2g/ for talking about it. Many innocent /tf2g/ users who didn't even know about the footrest incident were banned as well, causing significant backlash.

The following has also been recovered: https://pastebin.com/2Fv3APfS

Archived partial 4chan post pertaining to this: https://yuki.la/vg/104035172#p104102929

#### The deal with "banning" the proposed 'witch-hunters'

This controversy is a textbook example of the <u>Streisand effect</u>. Trying to sweep this event under the rug is one thing, but banning everyone who knows about the footrest incident outside of scrap, <u>locking ban appeals</u> and <u>falsely accusing banned members of "sexual harassment"</u>, makes users of scrap.tf want to dig even further to see what they can potentially find; and spread the information to make more people aware. This controversy would not be nearly as talked about today if this was addressed when it happened years ago.

## [Important details]

#### *The attempt to cover-up*

Jesse originally created a raffle, offering 1 scrap to obtain the attention of every user in the site with intent to dismiss the backlash and revival of interest in the footrest incident. It is important to note that in the first sentence he wouldn't acknowledge the accusations, and didn't want people to post it in the comments section in an attempt to mislead his audience into not looking at the opposing argument while only listening to him. Next, he goes on to use ad hominems to discredit the accusur, stating that they are part of a hate group (despite not being on any "hate group" server.) accuse them of being anti-LGBT (showed no evidence of this, and is a known tactic used to hide within those afformentioned communities in hopes of comfort and sympathies) and says that they hold a grudge (for critizising a moderator) based on the evidence. After this Jesse says that the claims made against him are baseless accusations without stating how or why (making that by itself, a baseless accusation.) and refuses to go into further details for 'personal reasons.'<sup>2</sup>

Next, after the reveal of a video uploaded by Killerjester questioning the behaviors of Jesse, an immediate discussion post was created, and the immediate ban of Killjester from the site. Any community owner/leader who understands their reputation on the line, the common sense course of action to properly contact the person regarding the accusations and initially dealing with this situation when it first came out. Unfortunately, the action of banning him off the site was done out of retaliation and a flex of power, a silent message to silence the accusations made against himself despite much evidence.

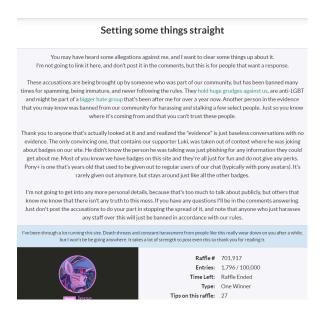


Figure 1: Attempting to cover-up (see footnote 1 for citation)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Citation to the original 1st attempt post: https://scrap.tf/raffles/OIWNF5

#### https://forum.scrap.tf/topic/22799-my-response-to-all-allegations-against-me-and-scraptf/

#### A 'private' site:

<u>Feen.us</u> is a private image hosting website created by Jesse Cardone. This website requires an invite from registered users in order to create an account and use its services. This website has been accused of hosting child pornography by pillzman fox, which is certainly plausible, since it's confirmed that other pornography is also hosted using the site.

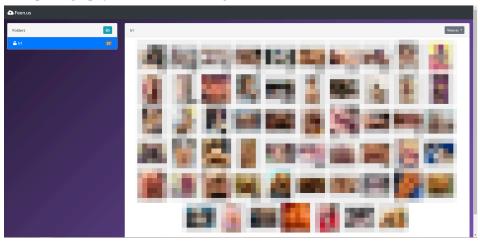


Figure 2: Pornography that was stored in the site.

#### Silencing on sites:

A twitter post that was initially created to bring awareness to the community was promptly reported and removed, alongside the creator's twitter account as well (initial post will also be mentioned later in this document).

#### Further posts, and some 'interesting' reactive discussion by Cardone<sup>3</sup>

For those who are new to the thread, there are immediate thoughts of unease and caution as Jesse provides no evidence to prove his innocence in the manner, and only targets the small number of evidence at the time against him. Another individual in that forum also brings out the issues of concern on the 2nd response made on the note of the video exposed to the light:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://forum.scrap.tf/topic/22799-my-response-to-all-allegations-against-me-and-scraptf/



Posted June 7

I have some problems with what I've read here

- 1. You have put up a curtain of "harassment hurts my feelings", "they were sexist/homophobes/muhsoggyknee/etc." numerous times, yet the topic at hand involves abuse of a minor (possibly multiple minors.) If you have nothing to hide, you should have made a thread like this earlier and provided some kind of concrete evidence the accusations were false. Instead this thread only appeared after things began to blow up, which looks like half-assed damage control, and prior to now you put up a half-assed raffle. Both of these apologies have appeared on websites you control where you can wipe, edit or ban anyone you please at any time. I'm also not seeing much in the way of evidence that proves you didn't commit these crimes, instead I'm seeing attacks on the accusers that aren't convincing.
- 2. You say there were a lot of "lewd jokes" in the Discord, while at the same time admitting there was no 18 or older disclaimer. That's really bad. Even people with no experience running or designing websites know you need that age disclaimer or there will be issues. How exactly did you fail to put up a disclaimer on the Discord, find out users were underage and then continue to discuss/share inappropriate things anyway? Were you negligent, are you lying or is your story just not entirely transparent? This doesn't add up
- 3. You, a man accused of pedophilia, host an invite-only file hosting service with a precedent for storing your friends' porn, I don't really need to explain this one further.
- 4. You claim the "Jesse's Footrest" photograph is of Luna, who you claim was 18 at the time, while later admitting you began some sort of relationship when she was 16 and you were 19. The timestamp in the photo reinforces this very specific age disparity, which would make the photo (that you apparently solicited) child porn, which is illegal. We need proof that she was older than 18 at the time.
- 5. The primary whistleblower on this entire debacle, LemonSaviour, was banned from Twitter within hours of dropping the various screengrabs and making these claims. That makes it seem like you (or someone associated with you) dogpiled his account to get it suspended in an effort to hide all evidence. You also continue to ban users who discuss the topic here, claiming it's "harassment" when the actual accusation is far more serious. More than that, people like Geel have targeted users of 4chan, known for anonymous posts and whistleblowing, because... he wanted to pull a prank? That's really convenient.

I get the feeling you will just delete this reply and ban me (you and Geel share that habit), but this thread is a disaster regardless. You really need to provide contrary evidence now that other individuals have provided their own evidence supporting the claims. Otherwise this comes off like shameless (but as always half-assed) damage control.

*Figure 3* (Page 3 of the aforementioned site link).

#### People involved:

Below is a list of involved individuals (victims, those who understand the severity of the issue and partook in warning the TF2 community), you may contact them if they feel comfortable enough to talk about the situation.

Quilt#2658: Created the <u>twitter thread</u> bringing modern attention to the footrest scandal, but unfortunately due to falsified mass-reporting, the account and post were taken down. Since this was his first time attempting to expose a pedophile, of course they did not know where to start and so they began to show the evidence through a twitter post in an attempt to obtain the attention of those individuals who protect and are very cautious about individuals such as pedophiles, manipulators, etc in the community. Fortunately enough, screenshots were taken in the case this did happen:





A while back I made tweets talking about the owner of the #TF2 #TeamFortress2 trading site scrap.tf (Jesse Cardone) being a pedophile, since then more evidence has arised and I have recieved more reliable screenshots, So read this thread.

12:59 PM - 25 May 2020

77 Retweets 189 Likes



Killjester: Made a youtube video discussing the controversy and questioning valid evidence alongside behaviors produced by Jesse; However, as a result of the Video, a swift ban from scrap.tf as well as being harassed by users defending Jesse, seemed to have caused a serious blow to this youtuber's mental health (the ban seems to be retaliation for being questioned), the video has recently been deleted.

Pillzman's Fox#0335: Former spy used by Jesse to actively look for users talking about the footrest incident on several discord servers so that Jesse could ban them. Responsible for a mass ban wave on january 2019. After accusing scrap.tf member Lilith of having pornography involving minors on feen.us, Pillzman was permanently banned for stalking and harassing Lilith. Since then Pillzman fox has helped Lemonsaviour call out the scrap.tf moderation team.

## [Evidence block]:

#### Evidence that Sandwhip (Ex-Scraptf staff member) was a minor at the time:

- 1.) Sandwhip confirming his age and confirming the staff knowing
- 2.) Sandwhip confirming (On his old Telegram Account) that he was underage at the time
- 3.) Sandwhip confirming he was solicited as a Minor
- 4. Sandwip confirming his age and explaining that he deleted his telegram account.

#### Evidence against Jesse Cardone:

- 1.) <u>Screenshot of Jesse soliciting pictures from a Minor</u>
- 2.) Jesse further requesting from Sandwhip (This was taken in the custom scraptf chat available on the site)
- 3.) The Telegram Group where this mainly took place in (Jesse also references Batty/Tyler)
- 4.) Proof of Jesse's ownership of the account
- 5.) Jesse later on hiding his username and account information

#### Evidence against Ben (Ex-Scraptf staff team member, Friend of Jesse)

- 1.) Older screenshot where Ben requests a video of Sandwhip showering (before Ben deleted his account)
- 2.) Proof of Ben's ownership of the account, and proof of its deletion
- 3.) Ben's acknowledgement of Sandwhip being Underage/Illegal (according to him)
- 4.) Ben acknowledging Sandwhip's age again and saving its "Thrilling"
- 5.) Sandwhip confirming the "DA" individual is Ben

#### Evidence against Batty/Allure (Tyler, Ex-Scraptf staff team member, Friend of Jesse)

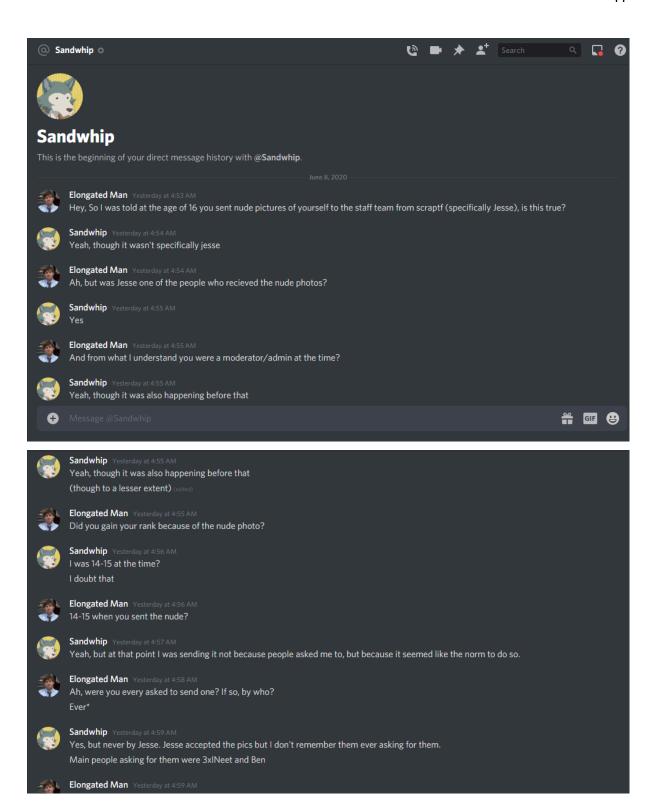
- 1.) Evidence of Tyler's ownership of the account
- 2.) Tyler admitting to possessing a video of Sandwhip in the shower, and sending him Furry porn.
- 3.) Tyler requesting and accepting nude pictures of Sandwhip (A Minor at the time), and complimenting him to solicit more.

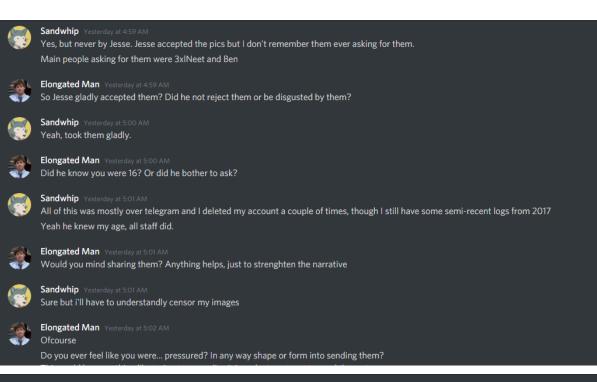
Evidence against 3xlneet (Marc, now Ex-Scraptf staff team member, friend of Jesse)

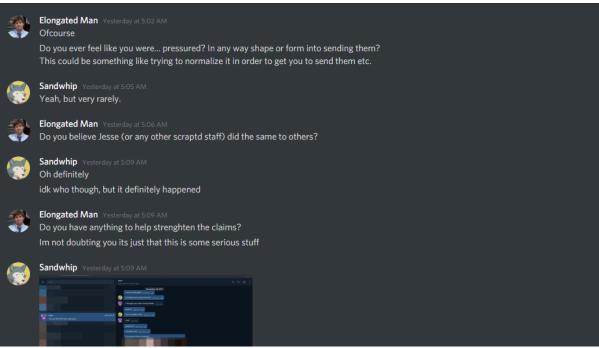
- 1.) <u>Proof of 3xlneet's ownership of the account.</u> (Showcasing his username which is unchangeable on Telegram)
- 2.) 3xlneet soliciting Sandwhip for nude photos, and referencing past occasions where he did the same
- 3.) 3xlneet threatening Sandwhip into sending more
- 4.) 3xlneet soliciting Sandwhip and making requests
- 5.) 3xlneet acknowledging his Telegram messages and deleting them (this was done on 09/06/2020, and this message was sent to Sandwhip)

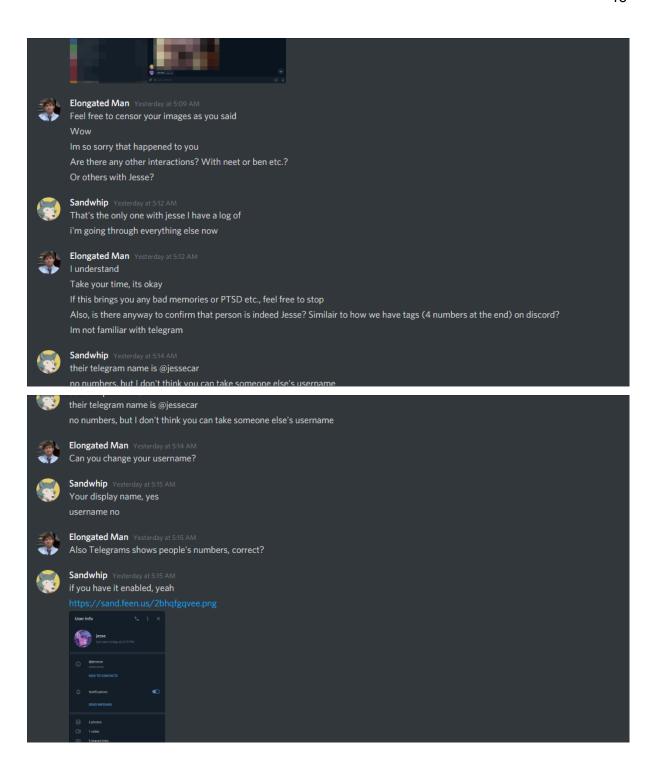
It appears that Jesse has responded to such claims and others are willing to dismiss them and subside them as if nothing ever happened. However, a few people have come out with their stories on Jesse, providing evidence with such claims. These will be shared down below, with potential context on what was going on.

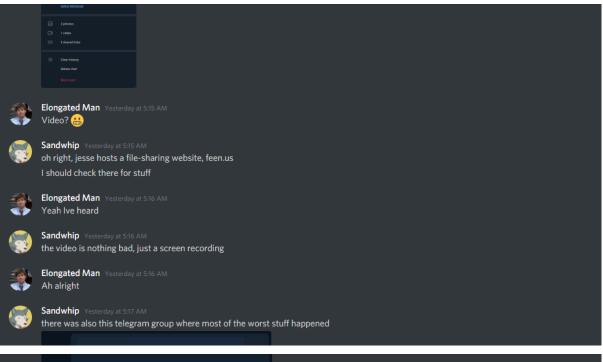
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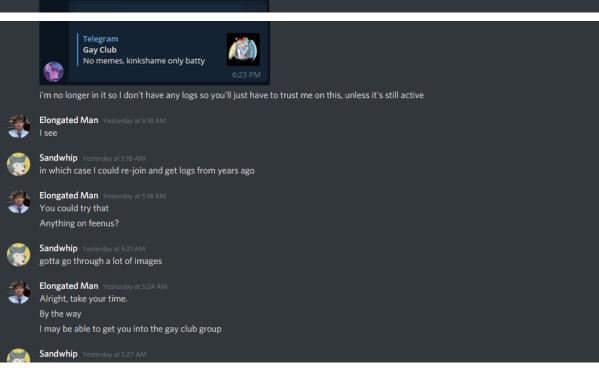


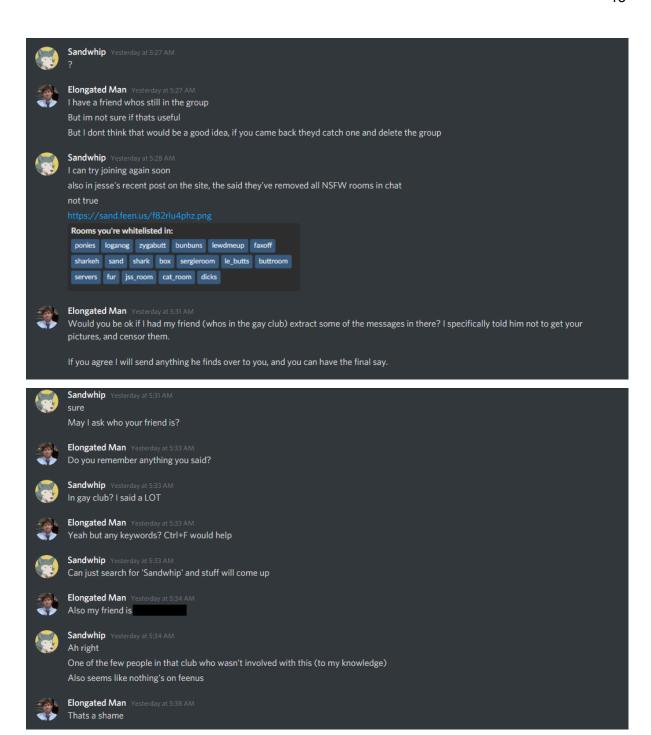


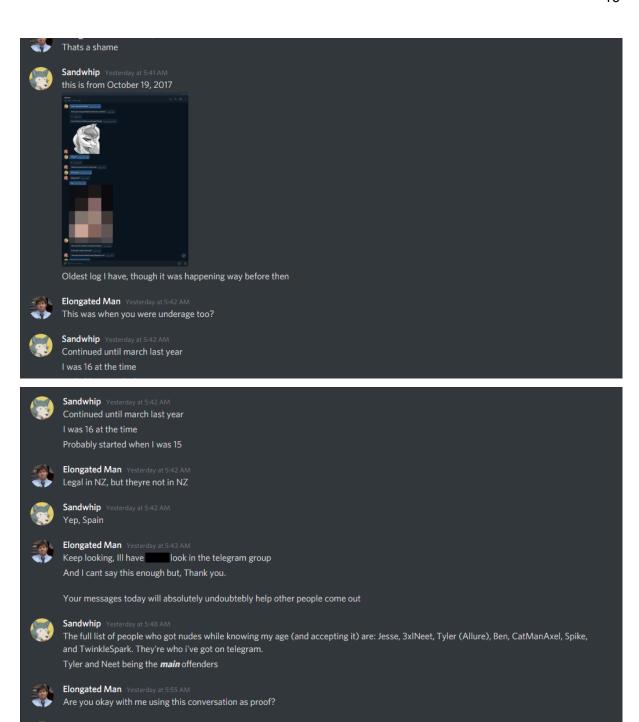


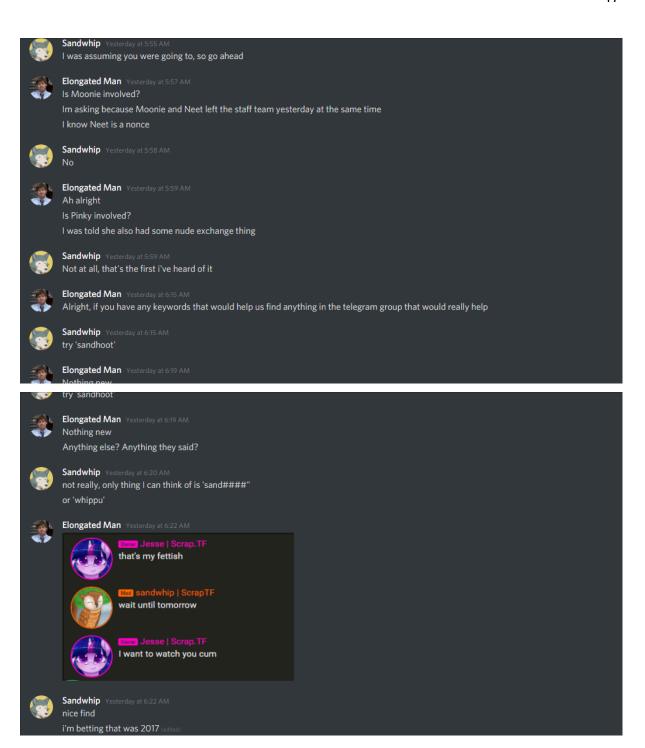














#### Final remarks:

The attempt to silence the whistleblowers that provide efficient contextual evidence against Jesse Cardone was not limited to having the twitter posts removed and account deleted, but have also gone to the extent to mass-report the individuals.

Based on the unsupported claims on behalf of Cardone's side, it is clear that there are important details that he is leaving out for his own convenience. Is it to protect his and the rest of his sex cult's skins at their convenience, or is there something darker he hasn't tried to debunk? Based on this evidence, you be the judge.

#### **Proposed Results:**

It is encouraged that Jesse and those involved in the unprofessional ring be removed from scrap.tf staff. This is for the best efficient solution to encourage trust in the site's reputation. We do not want minors to be introduced nor preyed on for the selfish sexual fantasies of people who are clearly untrustworthy and unfit for duties. As a TF2 community, we must also report this to the proper authorities.

We also encourage the tf2 community to boycott scraptf and its affiliates (backpacktf and marketplacetf) and that scraptf (and its affiliates) are pulled out from the tip of the hats charity (a charity for children mind you), and other partnerships (such as NHBL, youtubers, and Esport events) that scraptf or its affiliates are associated with.

Finally, we encourage you to spread the word and spread this google doc, so as to stop any future incidents like this from ever happening again.

### Amid the light of exposure, here are some alternative sites for trading:

https://mannco.trade/ https://www.trade.tf/ https://www.tradeit.gg/ https://stntrading.eu/ https://tf2mart.net/

More importantly, we <u>urge</u> the Team Fortress 2 community to report Jesse Cardone and his co-conspirators to the <u>appropriate authorities</u>.