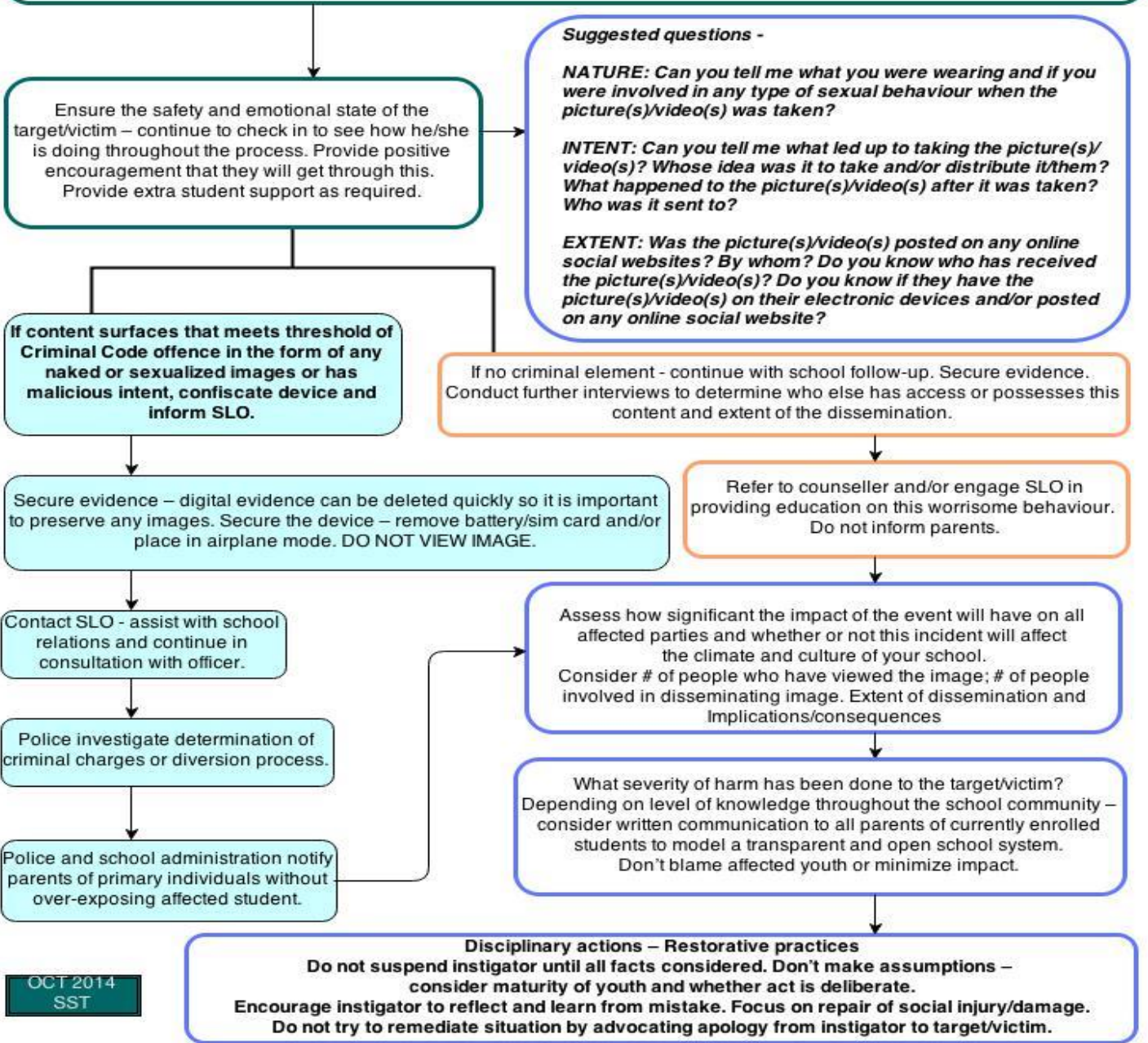


## DEALING WITH A REPORT OF "SEXTING" A Guide for School Administrators in California

"Sexting is defined as the sending or receiving of sexually explicit or sexually suggestive images or video via cell phone, social networking, instant messaging or email. It is important that any adult who is made aware of naked or semi-naked images of minors act quickly to limit the extent of harm that may result.

Section 311.1 of the California Penal Code defines the Distribution of Child Pornography as a "Every person who knowingly sends or causes to be sent, or brings or causes to be brought, into this state for sale or distribution, or in this state possesses, prepares, publishes, produces, develops, duplicates, or prints any representation of information, data, or image.. any obscene matter, knowing that the matter depicts a person under the age of 18 years personally engaging in personally simulating sexual conduct shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for up to one year.

**INITIAL REPORT:** Collect all relevant data and gather any evidence to determine its contents. Identify relationship between parties. Remain objective and focus on the facts. Is this non-consensual picture sharing? Confirm if involved parties are within legal age of consent. Only involve people on a need-to-know basis and encourage confidentiality with all parties. Consider if extortion, sextortion or threat related behaviour is involved and whether to activate a Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA). Consider seriousness of sexual explicitness, intent (impulsive or malicious), and range of distribution to determine whether formal police involvement is required. Police consultation recommended on all incidents. Note: **DO NOT VIEW IMAGE**



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