

Office of the eSafety Commissioner

9 July 2020

Vidaenigmatica.org administrator

By email: info@lesliedeanbrown.com

Our reference: INV-2020-13996

Notice of abhorrent violent material on your service

Dear Mr Leslie Dean Brown

The attached notice requires your immediate attention.

In April 2019, the Australian Government amended the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (the Act) to introduce new offences for the sharing of 'abhorrent violent material'. More information can be found at the <u>Australian Parliament website</u>.

Abhorrent violent material is offensive material that records or streams certain types of conduct such as terrorist acts, murder, attempted murder, torture, rape or kidnapping—and is produced by someone who engaged in or is otherwise connected with the conduct.

The eSafety Commissioner is satisfied on reasonable grounds that abhorrent violent material (the material) can be accessed on Vidaenigmatica.org. The material is available at

https://www.vidaenigmatica.org/brenton-tarrant-live-stream-full-video/

https://www.vidaenigmatica.org/

https://www.vidaenigmatica.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Brenton-Tarrant-NZ-Christchurchmosque-attack-live-stream-full-video.mp4? =1

Details of the material are provided in Schedule A.

As a result, I have issued a notice under section 474.35 of the Act. I attach a copy of the notice. The effect is to place you on notice of the material. It is a serious offence for a provider of a content service to fail to expeditiously remove this material. The notice creates a presumption that the provider is reckless from the time this notice is issued.

Please let us know once you have removed the material. If you have any questions about the notice or the basis for it, please contact <u>online@esafety.gov.au</u>.

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Criminal Code Act 1995 (Cth)

Section 474.35

NOTICE OF ABHORRENT VIOLENT MATERIAL ON A CONTENT SERVICE

Mr Leslie Dean Brown

To:

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This notice is issued on 9 July 2020 at 12:09pm under section 474.35 of the *Criminal Code Act* 1995 (Cth) (the Act). At the time of this notice, Vidaenigmatica.org, a content service, could be used to access the material specified in **Schedule A** ('material'). The material is abhorrent violent material within the meaning of section 474.31 of the Act.

Under section 474.34 of the Act, it is an offence for a person who provides a content service that can be used to access abhorrent violent material to fail to expeditiously remove the material. This offence is punishable by up to 3 years imprisonment and/or a fine of up to \$2,100,000 AUD for an individual. For a body corporate, the offence is punishable by a fine of up to \$10,500,000 AUD or 10% of the annual turnover for the previous 12 months, whichever is greater.

If you fail to expeditiously remove the specified material, the effect of this notice is to create a presumption for the purpose of any future prosecution that you were reckless from the time of this notice as to whether the material was abhorrent violent material that could be accessed on Vidaenigmatica.org.



SCHEDULE A

Type of material under subsection 474.31(1)(a):	Audio-visual material.
Producer of material under subsection 474.31(1)(c)	A person who engaged in the abhorrent violent conduct.
Location of material:	https://www.vidaenigmatica.org/brenton-tarrant-live- stream-full-video/
	https://www.vidaenigmatica.org/
	https://www.vidaenigmatica.org/wp- content/uploads/2019/07/Brenton-Tarrant-NZ- Christchurch-mosque-attack-live-stream-full- video.mp4? =1
Description of material:	The material consists of a video 16 minutes and 55 seconds in length showing the 15 March 2019 terror attack on the Al Noor Mosque in Christchurch, New Zealand. The footage is recorded by the perpetrator via a video camera. The material depicts the perpetrator entering a mosque and shooting at individuals at close range. The deaths of numerous people and the infliction of their serious injuries are depicted.
Type of abhorrent violent conduct involved under subsection 474.32(1):	A terrorist act that causes a person's death or serious physical harm to a person.

