

Parents group urges recall of video game 'GTA'

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A media watchdog group said on Tuesday it has demanded Take-Two Interactive Software Inc. unit Rockstar Games recall "Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas," the blockbuster title at the center of a swarm over a hack that helps players unlock a sexually explicit mini-game.

The move added the Parents Television Council's voice to a growing chorus of critics of the game -- one of the most popular ever sold and one of the most controversial for what critics see as its gratuitous violence.

For the past few weeks, the video game industry has been buzzing over a software modification for the game that allows players to have their characters engage in sex acts at the house of a "girlfriend."

The game modification, dubbed "hot coffee," can be downloaded from the Internet.

Critics have called for a change in the game's rating, from "M" (Mature 17+) to "AO" (Adult Only). Such a move could crimp sales at large retail outlets.

"Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas" got its "M" rating for blood and gore, intense violence, strong language, strong sexual content and drug use.

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