

Advocacy Needs and Sex Trafficking

***From survivor of Sexual
Exploitation to Forensic
Nurse***

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Objectives

- Understanding a lived experience of a human trafficking survivor
- Identify various indicators of human trafficking
- Learn about the journey into the forensic nursing field
- Identify strategies to build rapport with victims
- Discuss survivor informed interview techniques
- Formulate proper partnerships with a multidisciplinary team
- Learn how to implement survivor informed practice
- Understand street language used in human trafficking

Story



Biker Gang
Background



Foster Care



Sex Trafficking

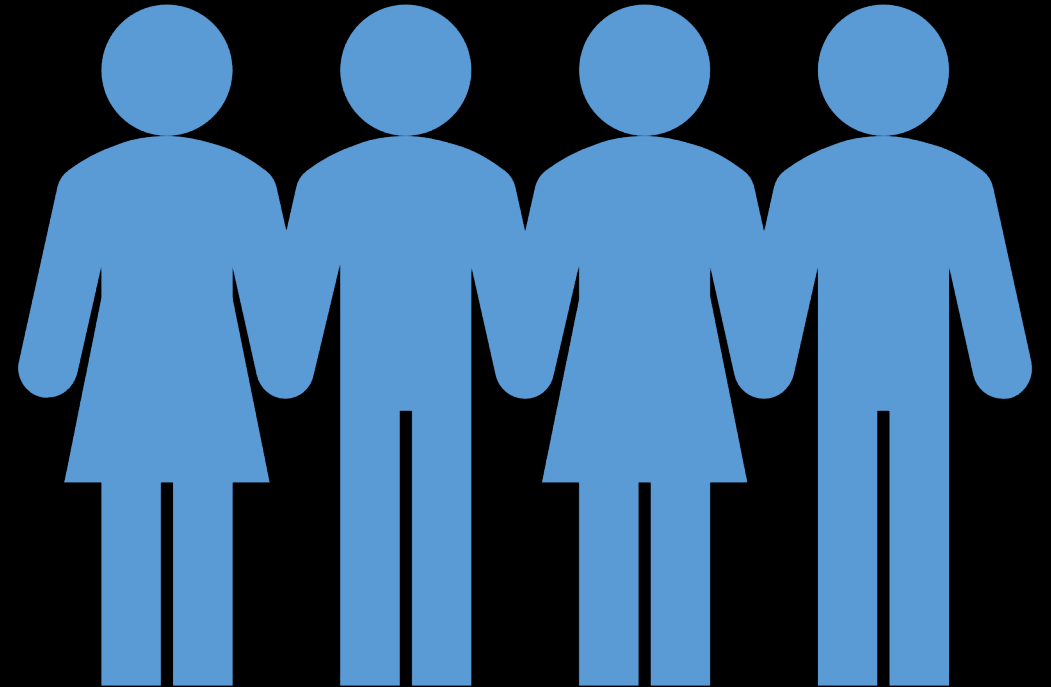


Nursing



Outreach

Human Trafficking Current Situation

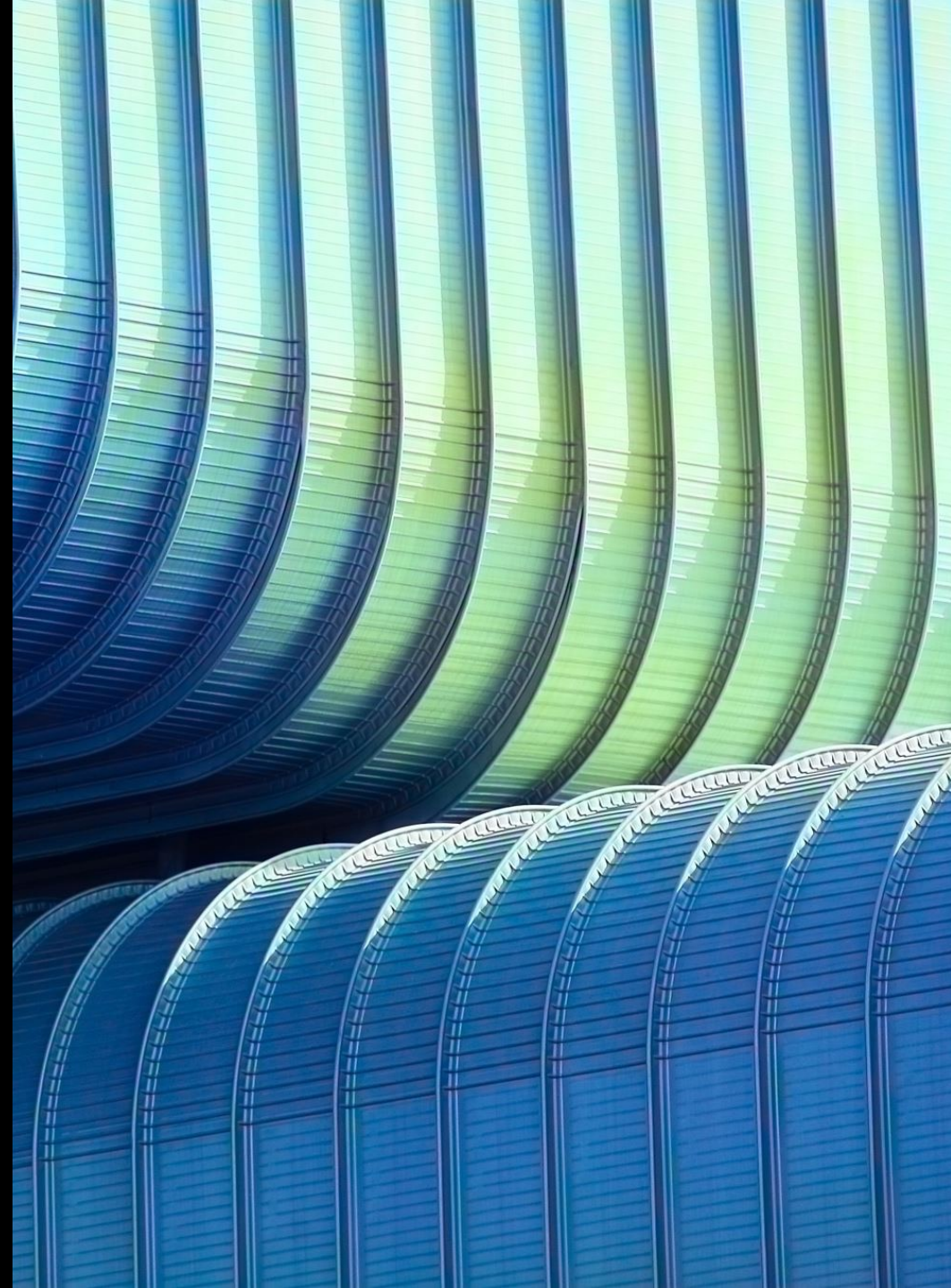


Sex Trafficking Defined

The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision or obtaining a commercial sex act that is induced by force, fraud or coercion.

*****Average age of entry 12-14 years old *****

Pediatric- Under the age of 18- The elements of force fraud or coercion are not necessary



The Economics of Sex Trafficking Today

- 40.3 million slaves worldwide
 - 28.6 million women/girls (71%)
 - 11.7 million men/boys (29%)
- 2nd only to illegal drug dealing
 - \$150 billion industry
 - Profits greater than Apple, Google, Samsung, IBM, & Microsoft **combined**

Smuggling vs. Trafficking

Smuggling is Transportation

- Crime against a nation
- Deliberate evasion of immigration laws

Trafficking is Exploitation

- Deliberate deprivation of an individual's human rights
- Crime against a person

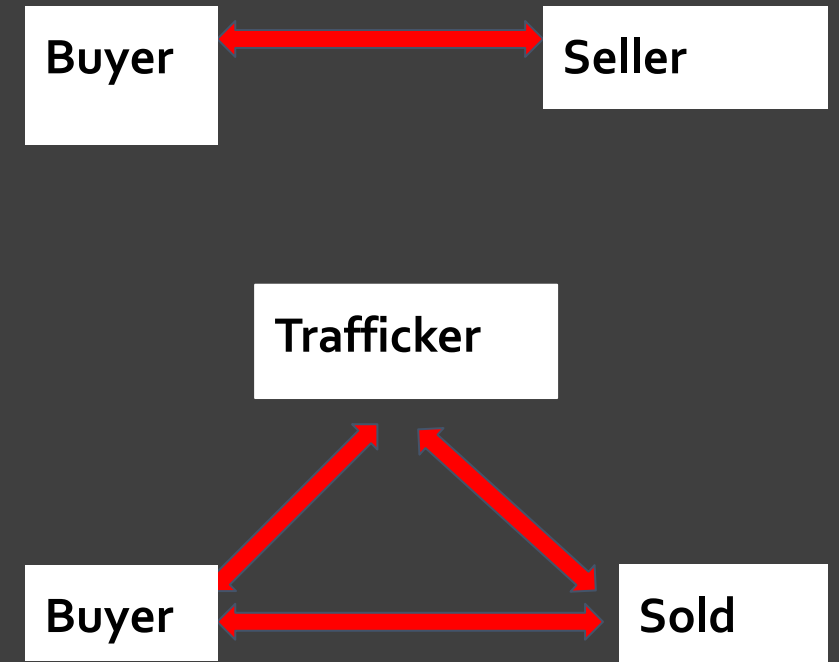
Commercial Sex Work vs. Sex Trafficking

Consensual Commercial Sex Work

- Money or something of monetary value (drugs, shelter, food, clothes, etc.) is exchanged for a sex act
- Work can be legal or illegal

Sex Trafficking

- When a human is controlled and compelled to sell their body sexually for another person's benefits
- Only illegal



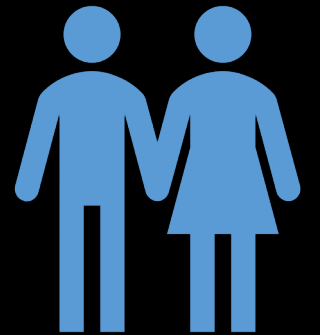
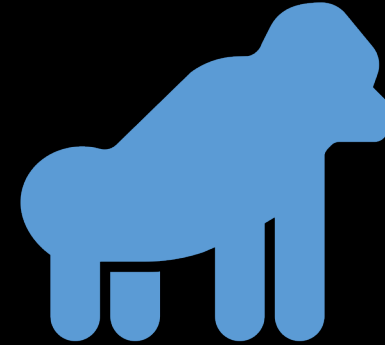
Types of Sex Trafficking

- Commercial sexual exploitation
- Forced prostitution
 - Street walking
 - Hotels
 - Truck stops
 - Massage Parlors
 - Cantinas (Taco trucks)
 - On-line (Craigslist, Eros, Sipsap)
 - Phone apps (Plenty of Fish, Kik, Facebook)
 - Websites (Skip the games, list crawler, Cityxguide, Adultsearch, Escort Index)
- Strip clubs
- Pornography



“Spa”

How People Get Into That Situation

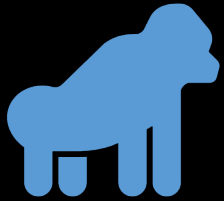


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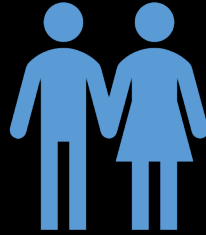
How it is Done

- **Force** - Starvation, rape, drugs, and confinement, physical and sexual abuse
- **Fraud** - False romantic relationships, false promises, lying. Debt bondage. Deceitful employment (placed in a job other than what was promised). Preying on those at risk.
- **Coercion** - Deportation threats, blackmail, confiscation of ID, threats against family members. Intimidation and fear.

Pimp Types



Guerilla Pimp

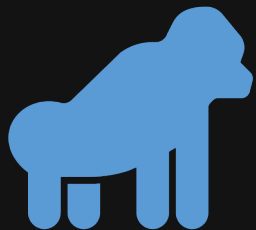


Romeo Pimp



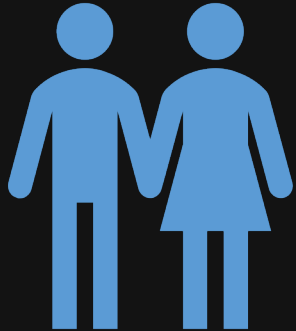
CEO Pimp

Guerilla Pimp



- Uses **force**- Kidnapping, violence, drugs and blackmail to overpower victim
 - Target prey- Teens at the party, the mall, social media & anywhere lacking supervision
 - Appeals to survival needs
 - Watch for older teenagers and men over 18 who hang with younger girls. Also overly friendly girls (recruiters) who invite younger girls to party with them and drug them

Romeo Pimp “Finesse Pimp”



- Use charm, gifts & flattery to romance victims
- Sell the dream
- Target – Girls looking for love and acceptance. I.e. Runaways, naive young men and women
- Pimpin from the neck up- Target the mind
- Happy Pimpin Happy Ho'in"

“I love you”

“Nobody else understands me”

“ I’ll give you everything you deserve”

“I can’t live without you”

“Dream with me”

- Watch for –Guys or girls (recruiters) who encourage teens to run away from home promising a happier life.

CEO Pimp



- Uses money and business strategies to swindle victim
 - Target- Aspiring models and entertainers, especially naïve young women away from home
 - “ I’m an agent. You have what it takes to make it in the industry. Trust me” “This is strictly business” “I can make you rich” Fill out this form (Personal Information)
 - Watch for men who flash cards and promise stardom. Agents who are too pushy. Agents who want bikini or artistically nude photos.



Why don't they just "Leave"

- **Stockholm Syndrome**
- Trauma bonding
- Lies
- Fear
- Stigma
- Permanent Health Consequences
- Hopelessness
- Shame
- Blackmail/sextortion

Pimping Business

- Provide Protection to the Girls
- Provide Security
- Meet needs instead of giving money
 - Create dependence
- Digital stroll vs hoe stroll

Who is at Risk

- Anyone can become a victim
- Women, children and men of all ethnicities, gender and socioeconomic status
 - Teens
 - Runaways
 - Foster care
 - Youth homes
 - College students
 - Immigrants
- Desperate, victim and impoverished



Foster Care Pipeline

- The national Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) found that

“Of the 11,800 endangered runaways reported to NMEC in 2015, 1 in 5 were likely victims of sex trafficking. Of those 74% were in the care of social services (CPS) when they went missing.”

Why Do They Run?

FROM something
and not **TO**
something

- Situation at home may be worse
- Be the true **hero**

How often do you
ask what they are
running **FROM**?

They are **NOT** a
delinquent that
needs to be arrested

- They are hurting and need to be rescued



Bias- Acknowledge and Remove

- Sometimes even though we think what they are doing is bad... They may have come from worse.
- *“Somebody once asked me why I always insist on taking the hard road..... What makes you assume I see two roads?”*

Mindset of a victim

Don't forget to separate before interviewing



**Supply and
Demand-** We
need better
prosecution to
get the pimps off
the street

“We don’t
chase em we
replace em”

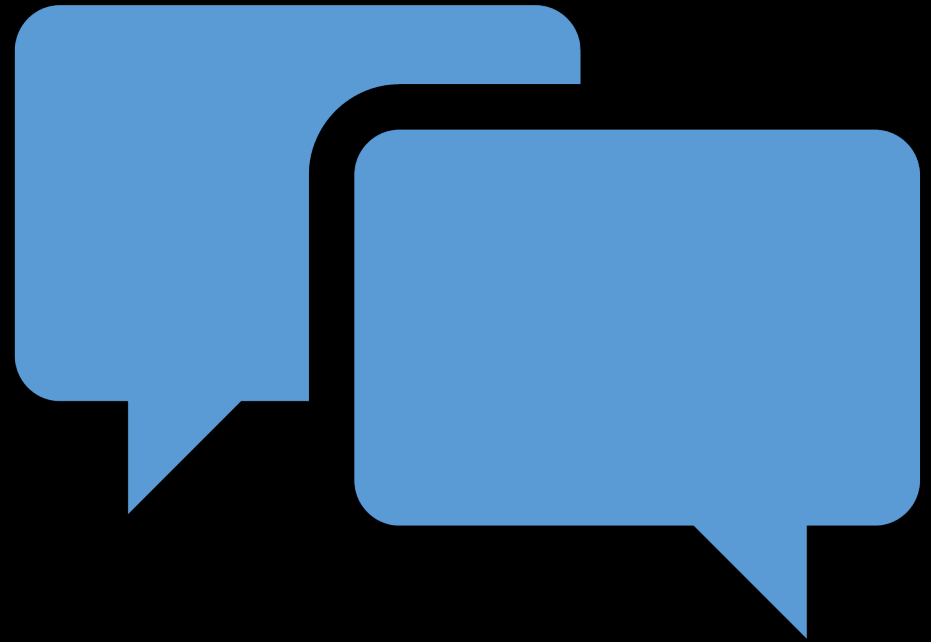
Supply and Demand: BUYERS

High Priority Needs

- Safety
- Shelter
- Basic physiological needs
- Psychological needs / Counseling
- **Substance abuse treatment**

Using Their Language is Key

Developing a Literacy
for the Language and
Terminology is KEY





Terminology

- **Track/Blade** - Street/Area of prostitution
- **Out of Pocket** - Out of line
 - Get punished
- **Hit licks** - Sexual favors for money
 - “ I was hittin licks”
- **Trap** - Daily quota of money to make
- **Choosing Up**- Eye contact (10 toes down)
- **Stable** – Number of girls pimps keep
- **The Store** - Strip club
- **Males**- Rent Boys, House Boys, Chickens Baldies

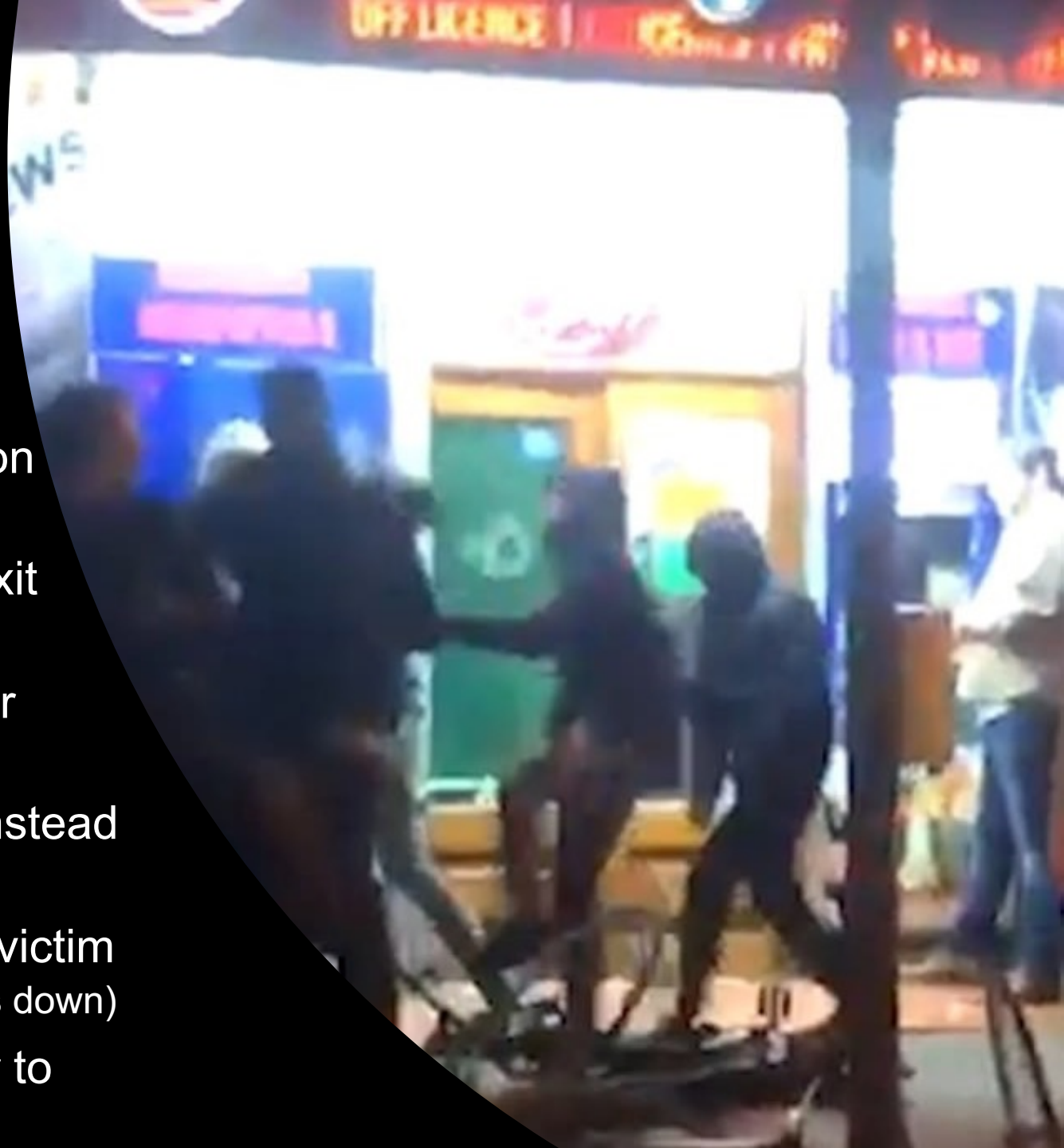
Terminology

- **Lot Lizard** – Truck stop prostitution
Back Row ,Party Row , Pickle Park, Bunk Bunny,
Highway Hostess
- **Kiddie Stroll** – Area of prostitution for younger victims
- **Folks / Family** – Fulfills the family need
- **Circuit** – Cities victims are moved between
- **Automatic** –Trained routine when pimp is in jail or out of town- Maintain business in loyalty or love. Money made on automatic turned over to the pimp
- **Chopped-** Getting a beating
- **Hoe partners-** Girls controlled by other pimps



Terminology

- **Renegade** – Person involved in prostitution without a pimp
- **Squaring up** – Attempting to escape or exit prostitution
- **Turn out** – To be forced into prostitution or someone new to prostitution
- **Reckless eyeballing** – Looking around instead of ground or choosing up by mistake
- **Pimp circle** – Several pimps encircling a victim to intimidate / threaten victim (Pimps up Ho's down)
- **Wifey or Wife in-law-** What the girls refer to each other as





Terminology

- **Pimps**- In charge of selling victims at local level
- **Traffickers**- CEO's international buyers/sellers.
- **Madame**- Female pimp or “bottom bitch” - Trafficked victim who's been in the life for so long she's in charge and is the “mother” figure showing them the ropes
- **Johns** – The purchasers
- **Daddy**- What victims refer to their pimp as
 - FAMILY STRUCTURE
- **The Life/The Game** - Prostitution process/lifestyle

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Terminology

- **Knock her-** Steal a girl from another pimp
- **Breaking bread-** Turning over the money to the pimp
- **Pimp Code-** Giving a courtesy call when choosing up
- **The shed-** If they don't make quota they go to the "shed" and make a porn video
- **King-** Common name for a pimp (look for daddy or king in contact list)
- **Finsta or Spam-** Secret online social media accounts



Terminology

- **Inside-** Escort services, internet and other in-call services
- **Outside-** Traditional track, blade or stroll
- **Carpet-** Casinos, bars, night clubs, strip clubs
- **Rack** - \$1000 cash
- **304** - Hoe (letters to Numbers)
- **Exit Fee** – high amount the pimp will charge a victim who wants to leave



Healthcare Implications and Partnership with LEO and Prosecutors



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The Healthcare Response

- Recognize victims upon assessment
- Provide immediate assessment & treatment
 - Assess physical health needs and safety
 - Assess for mental health emergencies
 - Treat acute/chronic conditions
 - Document injuries/overall health & nutrition
- Forensic Exam – **SANE**
 - Refer for evidence collection- **Even if a non-report**



Forensic Nursing Services



SANE / SAFE
(Sexual Assault
Nurse Examiners)



Evidence
Collection



Expert Witness
Testimony



Medical Hearsay
exemption



Children
Mandatory



Adult Optional

Forensic Nurse Examiner

- A registered nurse who has been specially educated to provide **comprehensive care** to trauma patients and demonstrates a competency in conducting a forensic exam with the ability to be an expert witness.



Medical Hearsay Exemption

- Diagnosis and Treatment



Undercover work focusing on the demand

Civilian

Probable
Cause

Search
Warrants



Undercover Case Study:

- 2 apartments near Hobby airport
 - One upper, one lower
- LEO from different beats
 - Small brief
 - Didn't know details
 - Poor planning, poor prep, poor direction, first meeting in person
- 2 undercover females downstairs
 - Room staged
- 2 of us upstairs posting Backpage & Craigslist ads
 - Booking area
- Sergeant warned neighbors what we were doing
- Neighbors yelled across yard

Undercover Case Study:

- Wine and Cheetos

One Eye on the Case – One Eye in the Courtroom



Lessons Learned Raid Prep

- Before you kick in the door know where to take them and what beds are available
 - Give them a heads up of sting/raid
- Advocacy present during sting/raid
- This is a stolen person, not a stolen car
- Restoration professionals are critical
- Cases are open and closed, but with trafficking there is so much aftercare

Chain of Custody



**Preservation of Evidence
is Key during Raid or
Sting**



Date, Time and Initials



**If the defense gets your
evidence removed- what do
you have?**



**Successful prosecution is the
ultimate goal of targeting demand**

Collaborative Approach

- Cooperation between Local, State, Federal and Tribal law enforcement is essential
- Community resources and end support for victims should occur on the onset
- Advocates ready ahead of time
- Tailor to their needs

Collaboration vs. Competition



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Resources for Victims



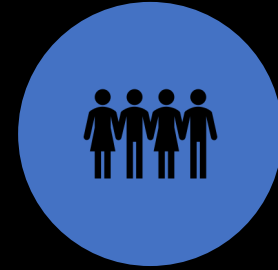
STATE AND
GOVERNMENTAL
RESOURCES



FAITH BASED
ORGANIZATIONS



NGOS



COMMUNITY
PARTNERSHIPS

Implementing Use of Survivors

- Survivor informed is key to successful outcomes
- Survivor Advisory Councils
- What can we do to improve



GRANTS

- Write in survivor advisors as a line item
 - Employment opportunities
 - Increased fundability
 - Sustainable results

Create Barcode Labels



RESCUE
America



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Self Care is not Selfish, its Necessary.



- **Self Care!**
- **Self Care!!**
- **Self Care!!!**

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