

# KEY TERMS

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**Buyer:** Someone who gives or agrees to give something of value in return for sex or sexual content.

**Community policing agents:** The term that describes the individuals and agencies responsible for enforcing laws and maintaining public order and public safety. This includes the prevention, detection, and investigation of crime and the apprehension and detection of individuals suspected of law violation.

**Coercion:** The practice of persuading someone to do something by using force or threats.

**Domestic trafficking:** Human trafficking within the borders of the victim's own country. It happens in all countries and is a big and booming business in the United States.

**Emotional intelligence:** The capacity to be aware of, control, and express one's emotions, and to handle interpersonal relationships judiciously and empathetically.

**Fraud:** Wrongful or criminal deception intended to result in financial or personal gain.

**Grooming:** Actions deliberately undertaken with the aim of befriending and establishing an emotional connection with a person, in order to lower the person's inhibitions.

**Human trafficking:** Modern day slavery. It involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to enslave men, women, and children for the purpose of commercial sex, debt bondage, or forced labor.

**International Trafficking:** Occurs when people are moved across borders, with or without their consent. They are subsequently forced to engage in labor, sex or some other form of servitude. They are denied the right to self-determination. They often cannot escape.

**Labor trafficking:** Recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision or obtaining of a person for labor or services through the use of force, fraud or coercion.

**Nonprofit:** An organization or an association that conducts business for the benefit of the general public without shareholders and without a profit motive. The biggest difference is that nonprofit corporations cannot operate for profit and they cannot distribute corporate income to shareholders.

**Pimp (noun):** A person who controls prostitutes and arranges clients for them, taking a part or all of their earnings in return.

**Pimp (verb):** To make something more showy or impressive.

**Pornography:** Advertising for trafficking, not just in general but also in the sense that traffickers and pimps use pornographic images of victims as specific advertising for their products.

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**Recruiter:** Person whose job is to solicit, beseech and/or lure people, they may use a variety of tactics including force, fraud or coercion.

**Restitution:** The restoration of something lost or stolen to its proper owner; compensation for injury or loss.

**Solicitation:** The act of asking for or trying to obtain something from someone.

**Self-esteem:** Confidence in one's own worth or abilities; self-respect.

**Self-worth:** Our evaluation of our self as being a worthwhile person.

**Servitude:** The state of a person who is subject, voluntarily or involuntarily, to another person as a servant.

**Sex trafficking:** Commercial sex act induced by force, fraud or coercion OR when the person to perform such an act who has not attained the age of 18.

**Sextortion:** The practice of extorting money or sexual favors from someone by threatening to reveal evidence of their sexual activity.

**Social Trafficking:** The utilization of social media platforms to seek out victims, recruiters and buyers to participate involuntary or voluntary in human trafficking. Social trafficking also encompasses the physical meetings between recruiters, buyers and victims.

**Survivor:** A person who endures a traumatic event or situation; a person who copes well and overcomes difficulties in their life.

**Trafficker:** A person who is engaged in the illegal transportation of people from one country or geographical region or city to another, typically for the purposes of forced labor or sexual exploitation. Traffickers use force, fraud, or coercion to lure their victims.

**Trauma Informed Aftercare:** A strengths-based framework that is grounded in an understanding of and responsiveness to the impact of trauma, that emphasizes physical, psychological, and emotional safety for both providers and survivors, and that creates opportunities for survivors to rebuild a sense of control and empowerment. \*Trauma Informed Oregon

**Values:** A strongly held belief about what is valuable, important, or acceptable; a person's standards of behavior; one's judgement of what is important in life.

**Victim:** A person harmed, injured, or killed as a result of a crime, accident, or other event or action.

**Willing victim:** A person who participates in their exploitation.

# COMMON STREET LINGO

## USED BY TRAFFICKERS

**Bottom or Bottom B\*tch:** A female appointed by the trafficker/pimp to supervise the others and report rule violations. Operating as his "right hand," the Bottom may help instruct victims, collect money, book hotel rooms, post ads, or inflict punishments on other girls.

**Branded:** A tattoo or marking on a victim indicating ownership by a trafficker/pimp.

**Car Play/Date/In Call/Out call:** The appointment set up to exchange sex for money.

**Caught a case:** A term that refers to when a pimp or victim has been arrested and charged with a crime.

**Choose Up:** The process by which a different pimp takes "ownership" of a victim.

**Choosing fee:** The fee a victim will pay to enter the stable or group of individuals working or held victim by one pimp.

**Daddy:** What a pimp will require their victim to call them.

**Eyeballing:** Victims are instructed to avoid eye contact and asked to keep their eyes on the ground at all times. If a victim makes eye contact with another pimp (accidentally or on purpose), they are choosing them to be their pimp. If the original pimp wants the victim back, he must pay a fee to the new pimp. If this occurs, he will force the victim to work harder to replace the money lost in the transaction.

**Folks:** A group of victims under the control of a trafficker/pimp.

**The Game/The Life:** The games refers to the subculture of prostitution, complete with rules, a hierarchy of authority, and language. Referring to the act of pimping as 'the game' gives the illusion that it can be a fun and easy way to make money, when the reality is much harsher. Victims will say they've been "in the life" if they've been involved in prostitution for a while.

**Kiddie Track/Runaway track:** Area known for prostitution that features younger victims or runaways.

**Knock:** Convincing a girl to go home with a trafficker- before the turning out phase.

**Lot Lizard:** Derogatory term for a person who is being prostituted at truck stops.

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**Quota:** A set amount of money that a trafficking victim must make each night before she can come "home." These can vary in amount between \$300 and \$2000. If the victim returns without meeting the quota, she is typically beaten and sent back out on the street to earn the rest. They vary according to geographic region, local events, etc.

**PI:** A term for pimp.

### **PIMPS**

**Gorilla Pimp:** A pimp who controls his victims almost entirely through physical violence and force.

**Romeo/Finesse Pimp:** One who prides himself on controlling others primarily through psychological manipulation. Although he may shower his victims with affection and gifts (especially during the recruitment phase), the threat of violence is always present.

**Seasoning:** A tactic utilized to break down a victim's resistance and ensure compliance through a combination of psychological manipulation, intimidation, gang rape, sodomy, beatings, deprivation of food or sleep, isolation from family and other sources of support, and/or threatening or holding hostage of a victim's children.

**Sister:** A term for the other females in the stable.

**Square:** A person who is living a normal/uncontrolled lifestyle.

**Stable:** A group of victims who are under the control of a single pimp.

**Stack:** To put money aside- either in order for traffickers to make a move or a victim stacks money without permission from their pimp.

**The Track/The Blade:** The area in which a girl walks to try to catch a buyer or a date.

**Trade Up/Trade Down:** To move a victim like merchandise between pimps. A pimp may trade one girl for another or trade with some exchange of money.

**Turn out:** To be forced into prostitution (verb) or a person newly involved in prostitution (noun).

**Wifey:** The term women and girls under the control of the same pimp call one other.

**Working:** Performing sexual acts for money.