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Trafficking Terminology for Adults:

Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking (DMST)- DMST is the commercial sexual exploitation of American children within U.S. borders. It is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act where the person is a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident under the age of 18 years.

The Game/The Life- 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. Women and girls will say they've been "in the life" if they've been involved in prostitution for a while.

Trafficker/Pimp- Anyone who receives money or something of value for the sexual exploitation of another person.

Facilitator- Any business or person allowing or assisting a trafficker to carry out his/her business. These facilitators (taxi drivers, hotel or property owners, etc.) benefit from the proceeds earned through the commercial sexual exploitation of children.

Buyer (or John)- An individual who pays for or trades something of value for sexual acts. This can be anyone — a family member, teacher, coach, or member of the clergy. They can be male or female, young and old.

Survival Sex- A term referring to a situation that involves a minor providing sexual favors to an adult in exchange for basic needs such as shelter, food, or security. Minors engaged in survival sex are often homeless or runaway youth. While this act is often perceived as a choice by both the youth and the community, it is still a form of trafficking. These minors are approached on the street by a predator that wants to exploit their needs. Instead of offering to help the youth find a safe place, the predator will take advantage of the minor for his/her own personal gain.

Daddy- The term a pimp will often require his victim to call him.

Family/Folks- The term used to describe the other individuals under the control of the same pimp. He plays the role of father (or "Daddy") while the group fulfills the need for a "family."

Bottom Bitch- One girl, among several controlled by a single pimp, appointed by him to supervise the others and report rule violations. Operating as his "right hand," the Bottom may help collect money, book hotel rooms, post ads, or inflict punishments on other girls. A pimp will strategically position his Bottom to take the fall if law enforcement uncover the operation.

Sister Wife/Wifeys/Wife-in-Law- What women and girls under the control of the same pimp call each other. (See *Family/Folks* and *Stable*.)

Stable- A group of victims under the control of a single pimp.

Date- The exchange when prostitution takes place, or the activity of prostitution. A victim is said to be “with a date” or “dating.”

Trick- Committing an act of prostitution (*verb*), or the person buying it (*noun*). A victim is said to be “turning a trick” or “with a trick.”

Track- An area of town known for prostitution activity. This can be the area around a group of strip clubs and pornography stores, or a particular stretch of street.

Circuit- A series of cities among which prostituted people are moved. One example would be the West Coast circuit of San Diego, Las Vegas, Portland, and the cities between. The term can also refer to a chain of states such as the “Minnesota pipeline” by which victims are moved through a series of locations from Minnesota to markets in New York.

Quota- A set amount of money that a trafficking victim must make each night before she can come “home.” Quotas are often set 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. Quotas vary according to geographic region, local events, etc.

Seasoning- A combination of psychological manipulation, intimidation, gang rape, sodomy, beatings, deprivation of food or sleep, isolation from friends or family and other sources of support, and threatening or holding hostage of a victim’s children. Seasoning is designed to break down a victim’s resistance and ensure compliance.

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

Reckless Eyeballing- A term which refers to the act of looking around instead of keeping your eyes on the ground. Eyeballing is against the Rules of the Game and could lead an untrained victim to “choose up” by mistake.

Choosing Up- The process by which a different pimp takes “ownership” of a victim. Victims are instructed to keep their eyes on the ground at all times. According to the Rules of the Game, when a victim makes eye contact with another pimp (accidentally or on purpose), she is choosing him to be her pimp. If the original pimp wants the victim back, he must pay a fee to the new pimp. When this occurs, he will force the victim to work harder to replace the money lost in transaction. (See *Reckless Eyeballing*)

Trade Up/Trade Down- To move a victim like merchandise between pimps. Pimps are quick to get rid of victims who cause problems, or who don’t make enough money. A pimp may trade one girl for another or trade with some exchange of money. The victims can be moved long distances rapidly—with a guard, overnight, and/or by air, if necessary.

Finesse Pimp/Romeo 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.

Gorilla (or Guerilla) Pimp- A pimp who controls his victims almost entirely through physical violence and force.

Escort Service- An organization, operating chiefly via cell phone and the internet, which sends a victim to a buyer's location (an "outcall") or arranges for the buyer to come to a house or apartment (an "in-call"); this may be the workplace of a single woman or a small brothel. Some escort services are networked with others and can assemble large numbers of women for parties and conventions. Some serve those with fetishes, such as sex with children or sadomasochism.

Automatic- A term denoting the victim's "automatic" routine when her pimp is out of town, in jail, or otherwise not in direct contact with those he is prostituting. Victims are expected to comply with the rules and often do so out of fear of punishment or because they have been psychologically manipulated into a sense of loyalty or love. All money generated on "automatic" is turned over to the pimp.

Renegade- A person involved in prostitution without a pimp. Renegades are vulnerable to threats, harassment, and violence specifically intended to make them "choose" a pimp.

Lot Lizard- A derogatory term for a person who is prostituted at a truck stop.