

Human Trafficking in Ontario
A Police Perspective
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"It's impossible to protect all girls from guys like I was, because that's what we do. We eat, drink, and sleep, thinking of ways to trick young girls into doing what we want them to do."

~CONVICTED PIMP

What is Human Trafficking

- Often confused with Human Smuggling
- Human Smuggling is a business transaction between two willing parties involving movement across international borders, usually by illegal means. It occurs with the consent of a person(s).
- **Human Trafficking involves the recruitment, transportation or harbouring of a person for the purpose of exploitation (typically in the sex industry or forced labour).**

Human Trafficking has been referred to as Modern day slavery.



Victim Typology

- Sex trade
- Female
- Young (typically 15-20 Years old)
- Range of socioeconomic background
- Low self esteem
- Easily influenced and attracted to lifestyle
- Lack family support network
- History of sexual abuse

Victim Statistics

- 50% are under 18 years old
- 1/3 met trafficker through friend, 1/3 met in a public place
- 50% middle or upper socioeconomic class (family income)
- 0% with post-secondary education
- 90% never trafficked prior
- 75% trafficked for less than 4 months
- 55% have no substance abuse issues
- 60% experienced physical abuse
- 90% experienced threats of violence

The Game

The Life or Act of Pimping/Prostituting

The targeted age range for pimps is 14-18 years old



Where are Girls Recruited?



How it happens

- Recruitment is most often seduction
- Targets the victim then befriends her
- Aims to learn as much about the girl as possible- they listen carefully- learns their likes, family info., pets, aspirations.
- Says he loves her, gives her lots of attention, affection, and gifts.
- Makes her feel special / established himself as her boyfriend
- Often tries to position self as a “saviour”
- Playing on insecurities and dreams.

- Isolation increases dependence
- Moves the victim away from all potential support systems
- Exposes her to “freedom”- drugs, alcohol, parties
- Might move to different city, might just demand all her attention
- Beginning to take control of all aspects of her life.
- May begin process of intermittent love / anger – keeping off balance.
- All about **ssMONEY\$\$**.



Selling the Dream

- Pimps are master manipulators
- Pimps prey on the emotionally weak
- Pimps initially give their victims what they are missing in their life (love, affection, shelter, sense of want, etc.)
- Pimps make false and empty promises to their victims (new car, nice apartment, fancy jewelry, expensive clothes, etc.).

The Life Begins

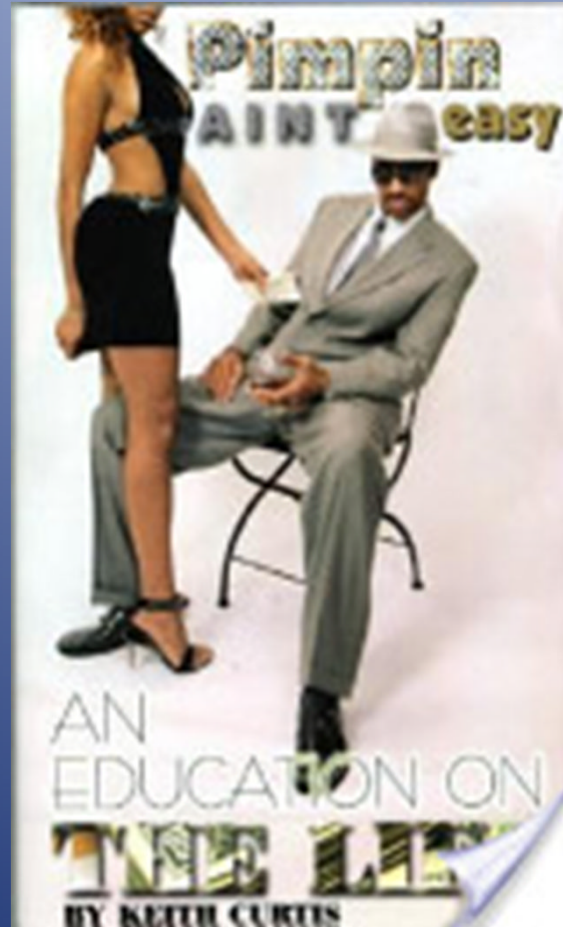
- After a short time, usually 2 to 7 days then the child is forced into prostitution. Mentally and physically broken down.
- Threats of violence against family
- Threats of telling and showing family and friends video or pictures of sex acts.
- Child is embarrassed and humiliated and will do what she or he is told.

Who are the Traffickers ?

- Independents
- Small family criminal groups
- Gang members
- Organized crime



Pimping books online.....

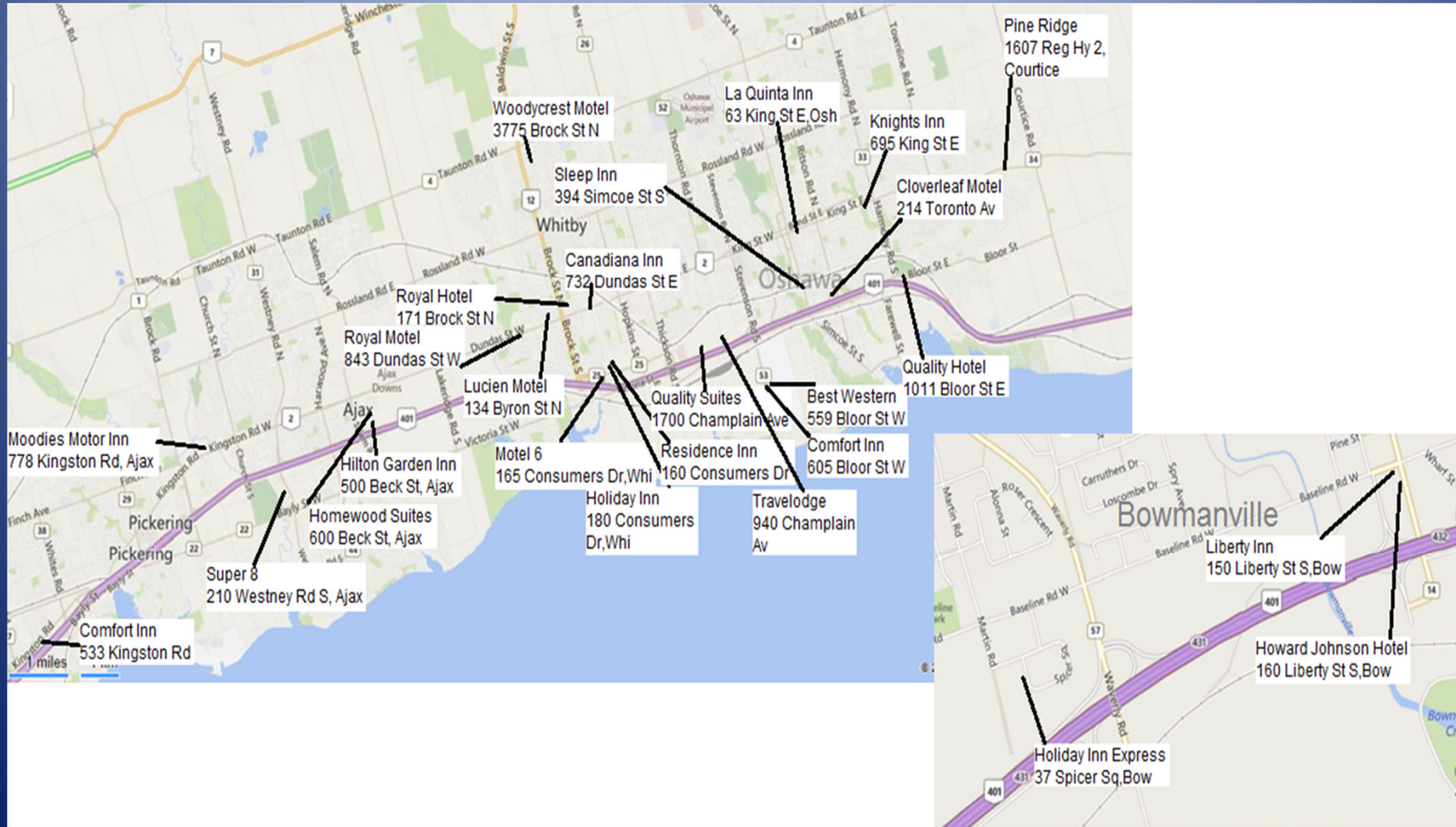


Where do Victims Work?

- ❖ Hotels/Motels
- ❖ Massage Parlours
- ❖ Strip Clubs
- ❖ Private residence
- ❖ Vehicles



Hotels and the 401



Where They Advertise

backpage.com

SP411 REVIEW BOARD
WHERE THE INDUSTRY MEETS

craigslist



SPdir.com
Escort & Massage Guide

Service Provider
Directory



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TORONTO ESCORT REVIEW BOARD

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Trafficked Lifestyle, Lucrative?

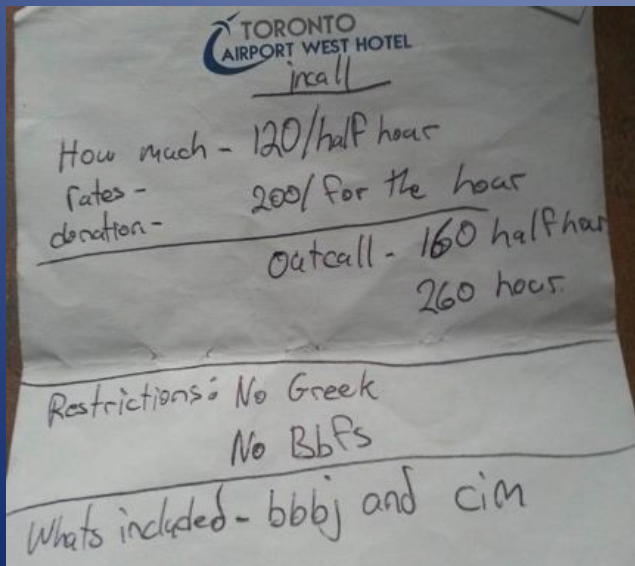
- Current average price per HH in GTA...\$100-\$160
- Average number of clients per day....5-10
- Average income from one girl per week....\$6000
- Over the span of a year: \$300,000
- Most pimps control more than one girl
- Most girls are forced to work 5-7 days per week, 18-20 hours a day sleeping 4-5 hours a night, eating minimal food.
- Not allowed to call home, or to speak freely with family
- Not allowed to leave hotel room
- Not allowed to talk to anyone
- Moved frequently
- Must turn all money into trafficker, and often must make daily quotas-\$500-\$1500
- Must work regardless of sickness or menstrual cycle
- Can't call for help

Behavioural Indicators

- ❖ Withdraws from family or friends
- ❖ New “secret” boyfriend
- ❖ Increased use of drugs and / or alcohol
- ❖ Has new clothes, accessories, money that does not account for
- ❖ Skipping school
- ❖ Lack of interest in usual activities (sports, social groups)
- ❖ Has “tools of the trade”- prepaid credit cards, condoms, Etc.
- ❖ Tries to recruit other girls into the trade

Physical Indicators

- ❖ Injuries or bruises, could include cigarette burns, scars
- ❖ Change in dress / appearance (hair cut / colour, nail eyebrows)
- ❖ New Tattoos (possible branding)
- ❖ Signs of malnourishment
- ❖ Often tired, low energy, seems depressed or sad



TORONTO
AIRPORT WEST HOTEL
in call

How much - 120/half hour
rates - 200/ for the hour
denation -

Outcall - 160 half hour
260 hour.

Restrictions: No Greek
No BBPs

Whats included - bbbj and cim



Why is it hard to identify sex trafficking victims?

- Physically and/or psychologically controlled by pimps
- Trained by pimps to tell lies and false stories
- Victims' distrust of service providers & law enforcement
- Frequently moved from place to place
- Technology can help disguise the real age of the victim
- Easy to obtain fake I.D.s

Law

- Human Trafficking sec 279.01 enacted 2005
- Other related offences; exercise control, material benefit, procuring, withholding documents
- Mandatory minimum for under 18
- Life when includes kidnapping, aggravated assaults, death

Recent Legislative Updates

- ‘Bedford Decision’ Dec 2013
- SCC found legislation was outdated and deemed three offences unconstitutional;
 1. Keeping common bawdy house
 2. Living on the avails
 3. Communicate for the purpose
- Provided 12 months for new legislation



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- *Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act- Nov 2014*
- ‘Nordic model’
- Three Main objectives;
 1. Protect those who sell
 2. Protect Communities
 3. Reduce demand; criminalize purchaser
- New offences; material benefit, advertise, purchasing, selling in restricted area

Provincial Projects

- Bill 96, *Anti-Human Trafficking Act*, 2017
 1. Human Trafficking Awareness Day- February 22nd
 2. Prevention of and Remedies For Human Trafficking
Restraining Order, Tort
- Vice/HT network
- Operation Northern Spotlight

High School Presentations

- Disturbing trend of 14 and 15 year old victims recruited from schools
- Multiple requests from school officials
- Worked with school boards for subject matter approval
- Roll out began spring 2017

Locker Mirror



Hotel Poster Initiative

WARNING SIGNS

SEX TRADE WORK • ESCORTING • HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Take notice of the following warning signs and behaviours within your establishment:

- May be accompanied by someone who speaks for him/her
- Appears fearful of and/or under the control of another person
- Exhibits signs of being fearful, anxious, depressed, submissive, tense, or nervous/paranoid which may be increased when law enforcement is mentioned
- Victim may have unexplained visible injuries or other signs of physical abuse
- Claims of just visiting and inability to clarify where he/she is staying/address
- Are travelling with minimal luggage and/or inappropriate belongings
- Is not in control of his/her own identification documents
- Is not in control of his/her own money, will have very little or no pocket money
- Pays cash for the duration of their stay
- The person may ask to switch rooms frequently during their stay
- The person may request a room farthest away from the lobby and near an exit
- Only one person attends to book the room, but there is another person(s) using the room.
- Constant flow of foot traffic to the room at all times of the day and night
- Victim remains in the room while another person is observed exiting/entering after a visitor to the room arrives/leaves.
- Observations by staff or reports from other guests regarding a person frequently hanging around in the hallways and/or stairwells
- Housekeeping notes items inside room indicative of a person involved in the Sex Trade



**CONTACT DURHAM REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE
IF YOU NOTICE ANY OF THESE SIGNS**
Human Trafficking Hotline
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Community Partners

- Strong partnership with Victim Services agencies
- Immediate, intense, sustained specific care
- Multifaceted programming required
- DRP/VSDR model
- Community coalitions
- HIPS (Human Trafficking Intervention and Prevention Strategy) East Metro East Services- Primary Facilitator

Thank you
Question and Answers