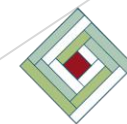


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Trafficking 101



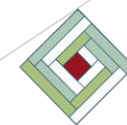
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About The Covering House



- ▶ Our mission is to provide refuge and restoration, using the least restrictive environment, for sexually exploited and trafficked children and teens, providing safety, dignity, and freedom, utilizing top level staffing and oversight.
- ▶ We have a residential facility with 5 beds.
- ▶ We operate a resource rich facility providing trauma/survivor informed care, specific to sexually exploited and trafficked children and teens, within Missouri.
- ▶ We also provide individualized and group/community education and treatment via our Community Based Services program.
- ▶ We have launched a prevention program, known as Reducing the Risk.

What first comes to mind
when you hear sex
trafficking?



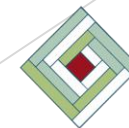
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What is Human Trafficking?

- ▶ **Sex Trafficking** is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purposes of a commercial sex act, in which the commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such an act has not attained 18 years of age, (22 USC § 7102; 8 CFR § 214.11(a)).
- ▶ **Labor Trafficking** is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery, (22 USC § 7102).



ACT

Recruitment
Transport
Transfer
Harbouring
Receipt of persons



MEANS

Threat or use of force
Coercion
Abduction
Fraud
Deception
Abuse of power
or vulnerability
Giving payments
or benefits



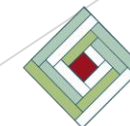
PURPOSE

Exploitation including:
Prostitution of others
Sexual exploitation
Forced labour
Slavery or similar practices
Removal of organs
Other types of exploitation



**HUMAN
TRAFFICKING**

SOURCE: <http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/human-trafficking/what-is-human-trafficking.html>



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What is CSEC?

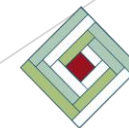
Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children

Indirect

- ▶ Stripping
- ▶ Pornography
- ▶ Webcamming
- ▶ Escort
- ▶ Sexting

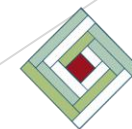
Direct

- ▶ Sex Work
- ▶ Survival Sex for food, shelter, clothing, etc.



What is Exploitation

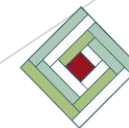
- ▶ The act of treating someone unfairly in order to benefit from their work or making use of and benefiting their from resources.



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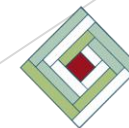
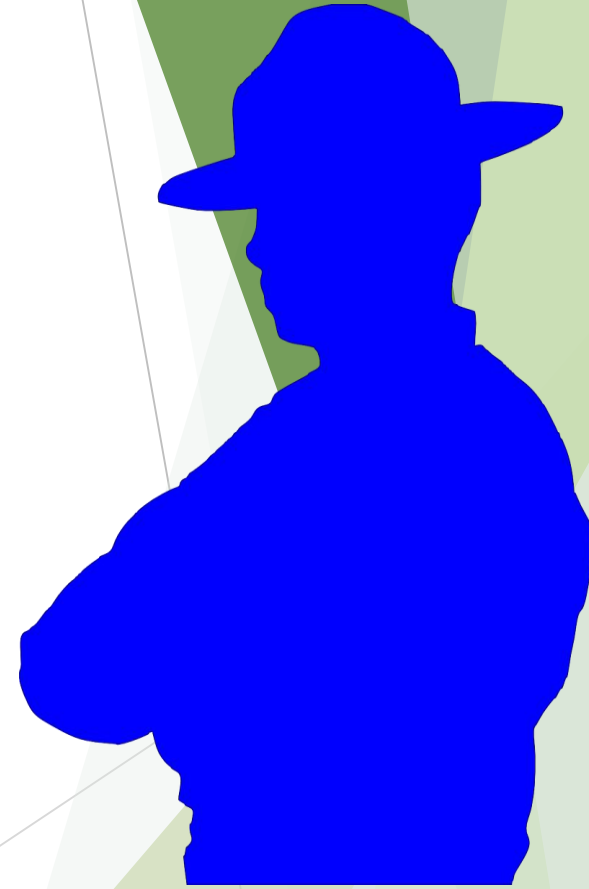
Other commonly used terms:

- ▶ Commercial Sexual Exploitation
- ▶ Domestic Minor of Sex Trafficking
 - ▶ Sex Slavery
 - ▶ Modern Day Slavery



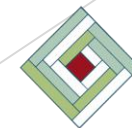
How would you define this?

- ▶ A single mom came home early from work. She was met with two teenage boys running out her front door and they appeared to be pulling up their pants. Her daughter's defense is to shut down. After a few hours, it became clear something sexual happened against her daughter's will. Law enforcement was called. The boys said it was consensual and the case was dropped.



How would you define this?

- ▶ Amanda is a 22 year old teacher who began a sexual relationship with a 17 year old student. The relationship is “consensual” when asked by both parties. Although the 17 year old also states, “I love being with her. She buys me whatever I want.”



Examples in popular culture



**PRETTY
LITTLE
LIARS**

Aria + Ezra

**GOSSIP
GIRL**

Blair + Jack



**THE
VAMPIRE
DIARIES**

Elena + Damon



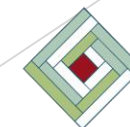
How would you define this?

- ▶ Dee is 12 years old. She has been in constant communication with older men, engaging in erotic conversation via text and social media. She and one man in particular have expressed such deep love for each other, they have decided it is time to meet.



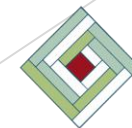
How would you define this?

- ▶ Penny went to a Jr. High party. While there, the other kids paid several of the girls to strip or do “Rainbow Rings” in the back room.



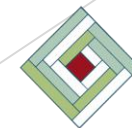
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Human Trafficking is Big Business



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How much money is
generated from human
trafficking annually?



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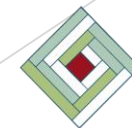
Human Trafficking is Big Business

Human trafficking is a **\$32 billion** industry globally. (United Nations)

Human trafficking is an **\$150 billion** industry world wide. (FBI Agent Carla Clark)

Human trafficking generates an estimated **\$9.5 billion** in annual revenue in the United States. (Federal Bureau of Investigation)

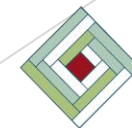
A report by the Urban Institute estimated that the underground sex economy in just eight U.S. cities generated between **\$39.9 million and \$290 million**, depending on the city. (Urban Institute)



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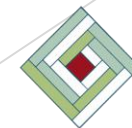
Statistics You May Hear: Selling Children in the United States

- ▶ In 2017, The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children responded to 10,093 **reports** of possible child sexual trafficking.
- ▶ According to the 2018 National Human Trafficking Hotline Statistics, there was a 25 percent increase in human trafficking cases from 2017 to 2018.
- ▶ There are reportedly up to **300,000** children at risk of being trafficked in the United States and that number is growing daily. (Federal Bureau of Investigation)



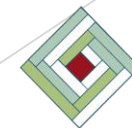
Statistics You May Hear: Selling Children in the United States

- ▶ The average age of entry into commercial sexual exploitation for a child victim is 13 years old. (U.S. Department of Justice)
 - Our average age for a client referred to TCH is 15 years of age
- ▶ A pimp can make \$150,000-\$200,000 per child each year and the average pimp has 4 to 6 girls. (U.S. Justice Department, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children)



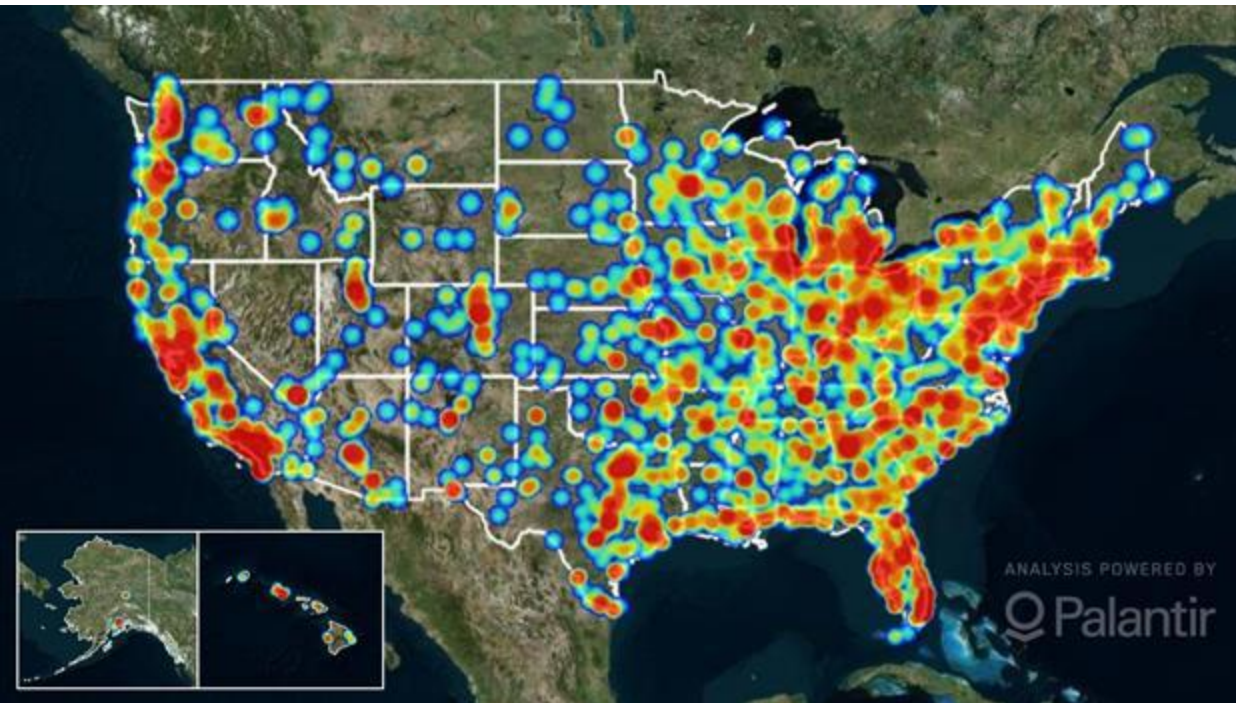
Selling Children in the United States

- ▶ **1 in 7** teens on the street will be lured toward prostitution within **48** hours of leaving home. (*National Incident Studies of Missing, Abducted, Runaway & Throwaway Children*)
 - 90% of our clients admitted to the TCH Residential Program have a history of running.
- ▶ Additionally, 48% of runaway and homeless youth who engaged in a commercial sex activity said they did it because they did not have a safe place to stay. (*NN4Y Human Trafficking Fact Sheet*)



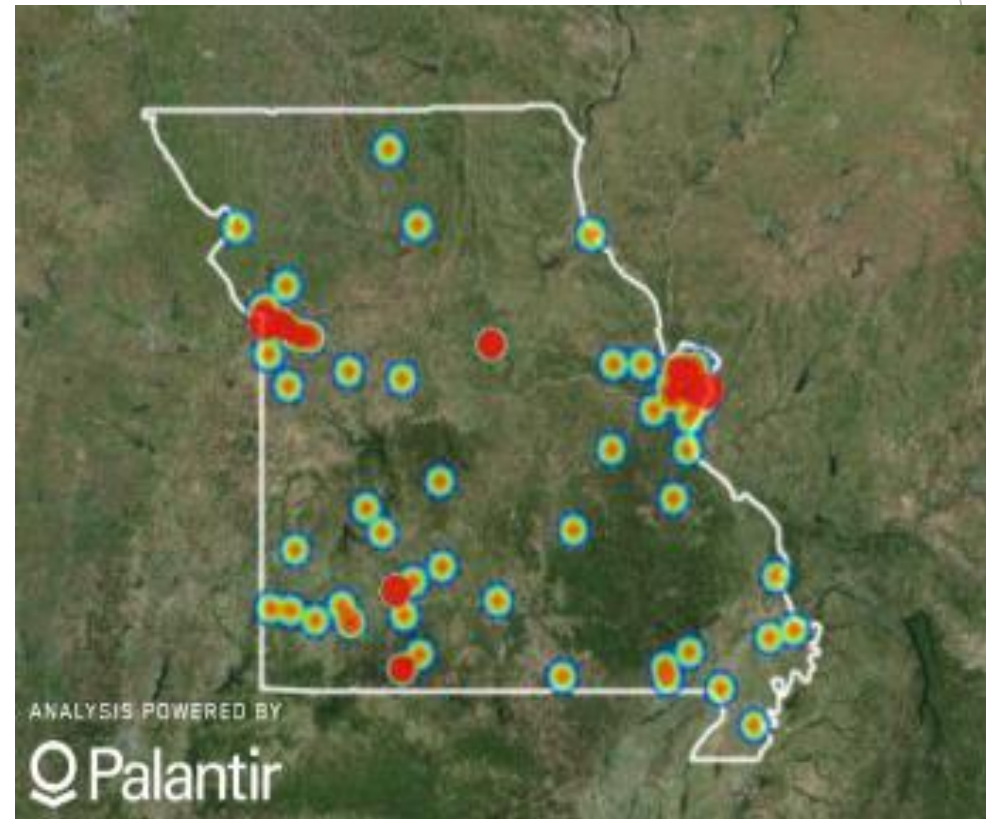
Human Trafficking in the Midwest

Department Of Justice has identified as “the most intense [top twenty] human trafficking jurisdictions in the country:” Houston, El Paso, Los Angeles, Atlanta, **Chicago**, Charlotte, Miami, Las Vegas, New York, Long Island, New Orleans, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, Phoenix, Richmond, San Diego, San Francisco **St. Louis**, Seattle, and Tampa.



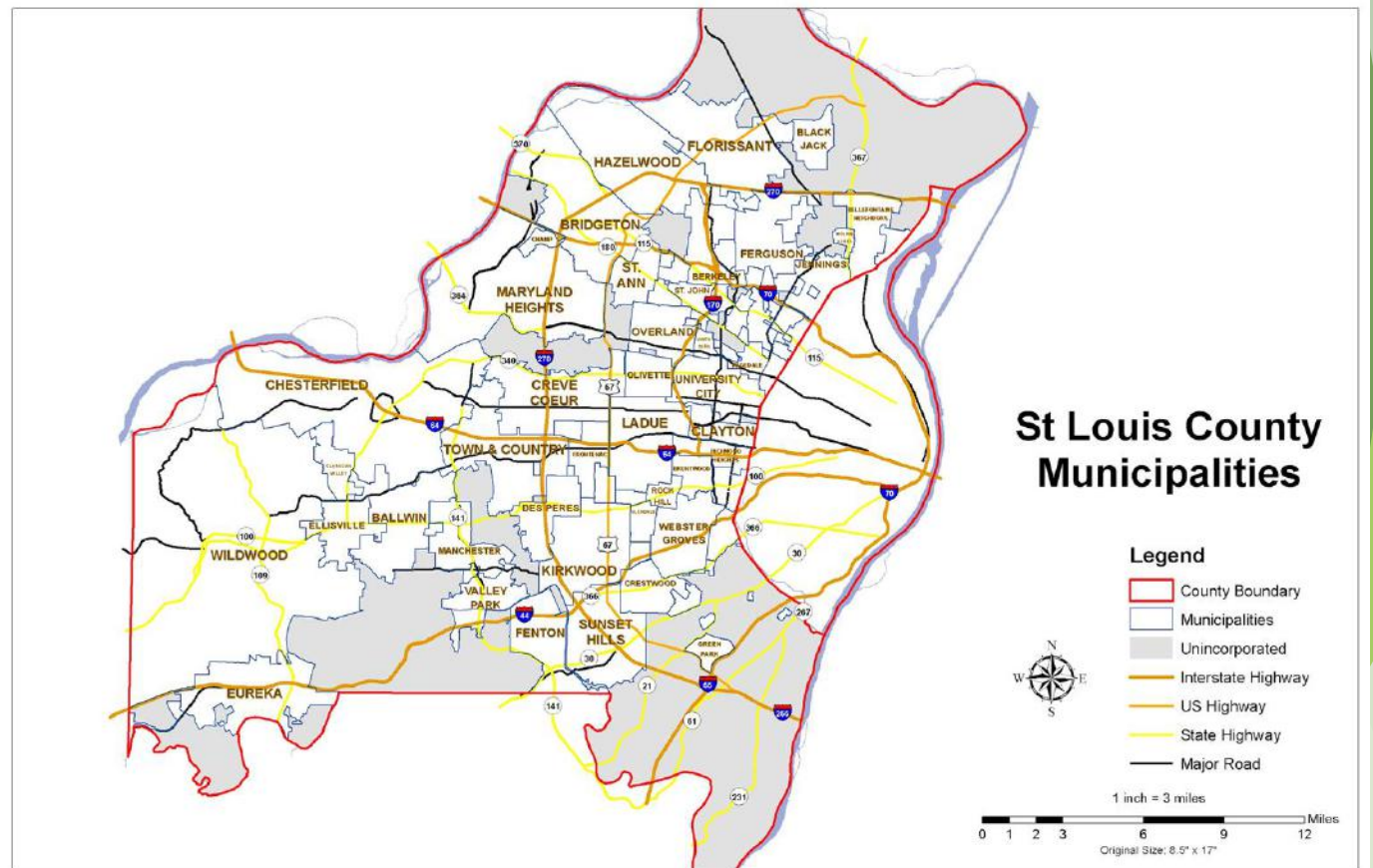
Human Trafficking Statistics in Missouri

- ▶ 137 of 178 **cases** reported to The National Human Trafficking Hotline in 2018 were for sex trafficking in Missouri.
- ▶ 363 victims were identified along with 123 traffickers and a total of 66 trafficking businesses



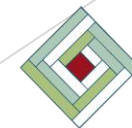
According to the National Human Trafficking Hotline...

- ▶ In 2017, St. Louis ranked 7th in the number of calls per every 100,000 people and 14th in the number of cases per every 100,000 people.

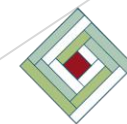


Our Stats

- ▶ **80%** of our girls come to us with gaps in their education.
- ▶ **65%** experience some kind of somatic symptoms at some point in their stay with us.
- ▶ **85-90%** of our ladies have been lured into exploitation through a relationship, while **ONLY 10-15%** have been through force and a strong-arm trafficker.
 - ▶ **43%** of our clients identify as LGBTQ
 - ▶ **49%** are African American
- ▶ **60%** have been in “the system” within the last 2 years



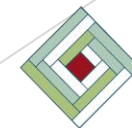
Trafficking Culture



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Who is Vulnerable

- ▶ Disconnected from family or school or living in isolation
- ▶ Increased need for money
- ▶ Strong or abnormal desire of material things
- ▶ History of trauma or abuse
- ▶ Substance abuse issues
- ▶ Low self-esteem/need for love and acceptance
- ▶ Lack of experience with healthy relationships
- ▶ Unstable living situation and conditions



“Did I want to prostitute my body away to strange men?” she said. “No. I wanted to be loved by someone. I wanted a male in my life to show me careThis is how I thought I had to do it.”

-14-year-old victim in the Alaboudi case in South Dakota.



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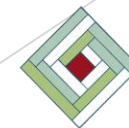
Where Do Traffickers Recruit

▶ Recruiting locations

- ▶ Schools
- ▶ Hallways of court buildings
- ▶ Foster homes
- ▶ Bus stations
- ▶ Homeless shelters
- ▶ Restaurants and bars
- ▶ Parks and playgrounds
- ▶ Malls

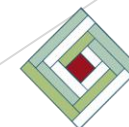
▶ Recruiting tactics

- ▶ Through social media such as Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Kik, and online chat rooms
- ▶ Classified ads looking for models, actresses or promising a good job



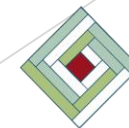
How Do Children Fall Into the Lifestyle?

- ▶ Trafficked into the country
- ▶ Abducted
- ▶ Sold by their family/friends
- ▶ Runaways/throwaways
- ▶ Internet
- ▶ Selling themselves (survival)
- ▶ Boyfriend/Romeo/Finesse Pimp



Grooming/Courting Period

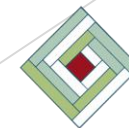
- ▶ Target the vulnerable.
- ▶ Target minors due to naïveté, virginity and youthful appearance.
- ▶ Traffickers/Pimps manipulate victims beginning with an initial period of false love and false affection.
 - ▶ Gifts, compliments and physical and sexual intimacy.
 - ▶ Elaborate promises of a better life, fast money and future luxuries.



How Do Traffickers Do It?

“I find whatever hole she has and I put myself in it. If she needs a daddy, I become her daddy. If she wants a boyfriend, I become a boyfriend. If she needs shoes, I buy her shoes.”

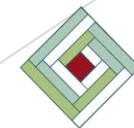
- Interview with a former pimp



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“It is 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.”

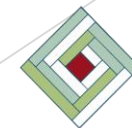
- From Victims to Victimizers:
Interviews With 25 Ex-Pimps in Chicago



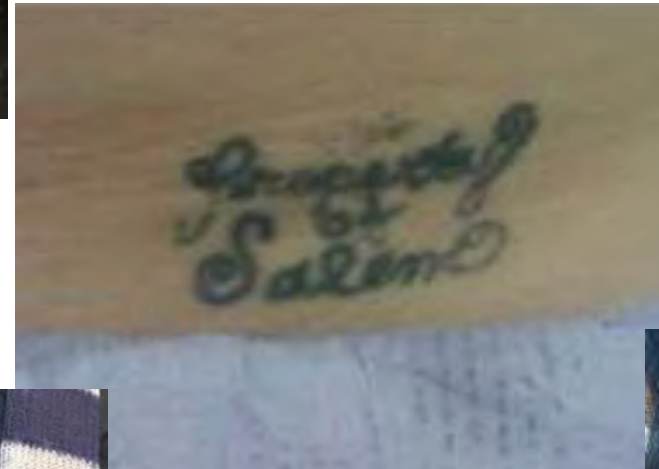
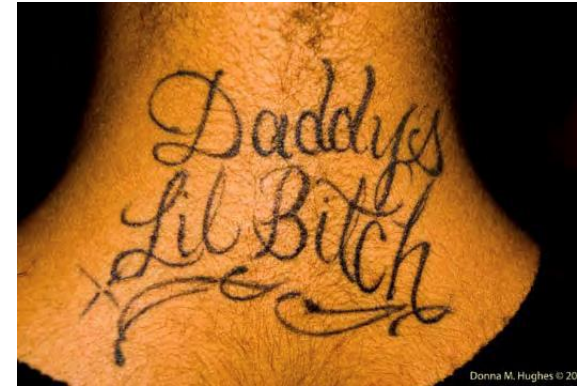
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Seasoning/Breaking Period

- ▶ The process of “breaking-down” a teen from a healthy adolescent with sexual boundaries to commercial sex with strangers is often referred to as “grooming” or “seasoning.”
- ▶ A systematic process that has been documented and replicated by pimps nationwide.
- ▶ This process aims to achieve complete control over someone’s identity or individuality using a combination of physical, mental, and emotional means.



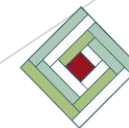
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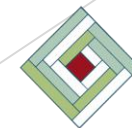
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Means of Seasoning

- ▶ Beating: with hands, fists, bats, chains, belts, hangers, etc.
- ▶ Burning: personal items to create hopelessness or directly burning girls with cigarettes.
- ▶ Sexual Assault: rape or gang rape.
- ▶ Confinement: locking girls in closets, trunks of cars.
- ▶ Withholding food or water.
- ▶ Emotional Abuse: direct verbal insults, threats.
- ▶ Creating Dependencies: instructing how to walk, to talk, what to wear, when to eat, to sleep.
- ▶ Moving youth to a new location where she knows no one.
- ▶ Taking identification.
- ▶ Sexual Conditioning: forced to view pornography to teach sex acts and set up expectations.



You've Been Exposed to it.....Did you know?



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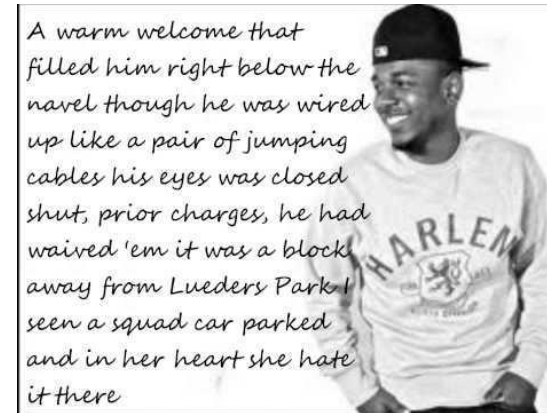
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Did you know?

2012



You've Been Exposed to it.....

Did you know?

2005 78th Academy Awards
Best Original Song

Three 6 Mafia

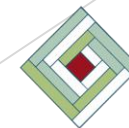
“It’s Hard Out Here For a Pimp”

Like taking from a ho don’t know no better.

I know it ain’t right.

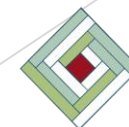
Wait - I got a snow bunny and a black girl, too.

You pay the right price and the both do you.



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Call to Action



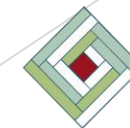
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What am I watching for?



▶ Watch for “red flags”

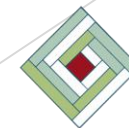
- ▶ Victim is not allowed to speak for themselves
- ▶ Appears helpless, shamed, and/or nervous
- ▶ Avoids eye contact
- ▶ Signs of physical abuse (Bruises, black eyes, burns, cuts, broken bones and/or teeth, and/or multiple scars)
- ▶ A young person suddenly has clothes/items they can't afford and are fascinated with top of the line designer items
- ▶ Extravagant appearance
- ▶ Demonstrating “grooming” behaviors
- ▶ Addiction to drugs or alcohol
- ▶ New Tattoo



What to do if You Suspect Trafficking?

DO NOT APPROACH!!!

- ▶ National Human Trafficking Hotline
 - ▶ 1 (888) 373-7888
 - ▶ 233733 (Text "HELP" or "INFO")
 - ▶ humantraffickinghotline.org



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MIAC - Missouri Information Analysis Center

<https://miacx.org>

Information/Intelligence sharing center

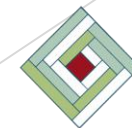


Missouri State Highway Patrol Smartphone App (Available for Apple and Android)
latest alerts, news, photos, videos, crime and traffic information wherever you are



Seesend Smartphone App (Available for Apple and Android)

See Something Send Something is the preeminent nationwide suspicious activity reporting (SAR) tool for citizens



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How you can help

GIVE...

Of Your Time



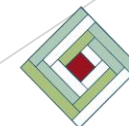
Of Your Resources



Bring Awareness...



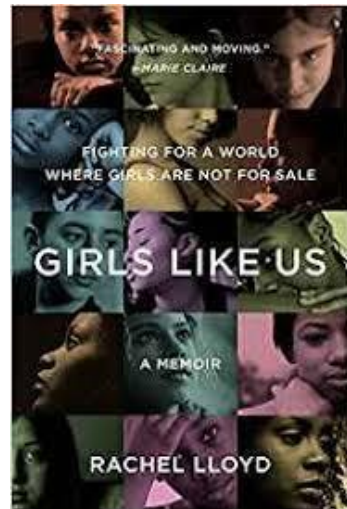
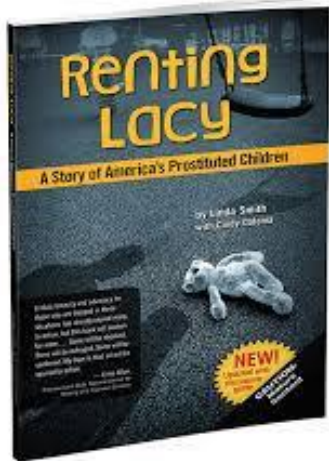
- ▶ Host a training/presentation
- ▶ Learn more on the issue and encourage others to do the same
- ▶ denounce the buying and selling of other human beings
- ▶ Write a letter to your legislator
- ▶ Speak out against insensitive conversation/jokes



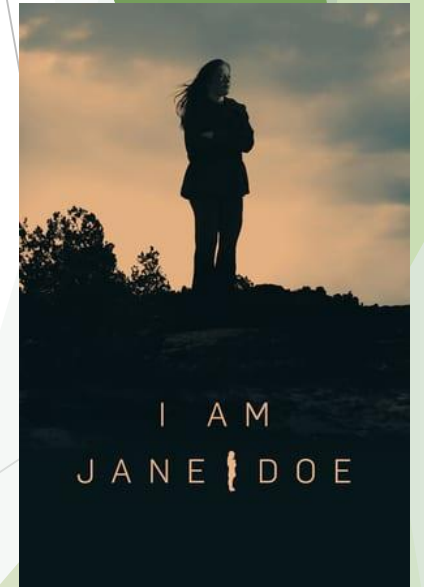
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Recommended Books and Film/TV

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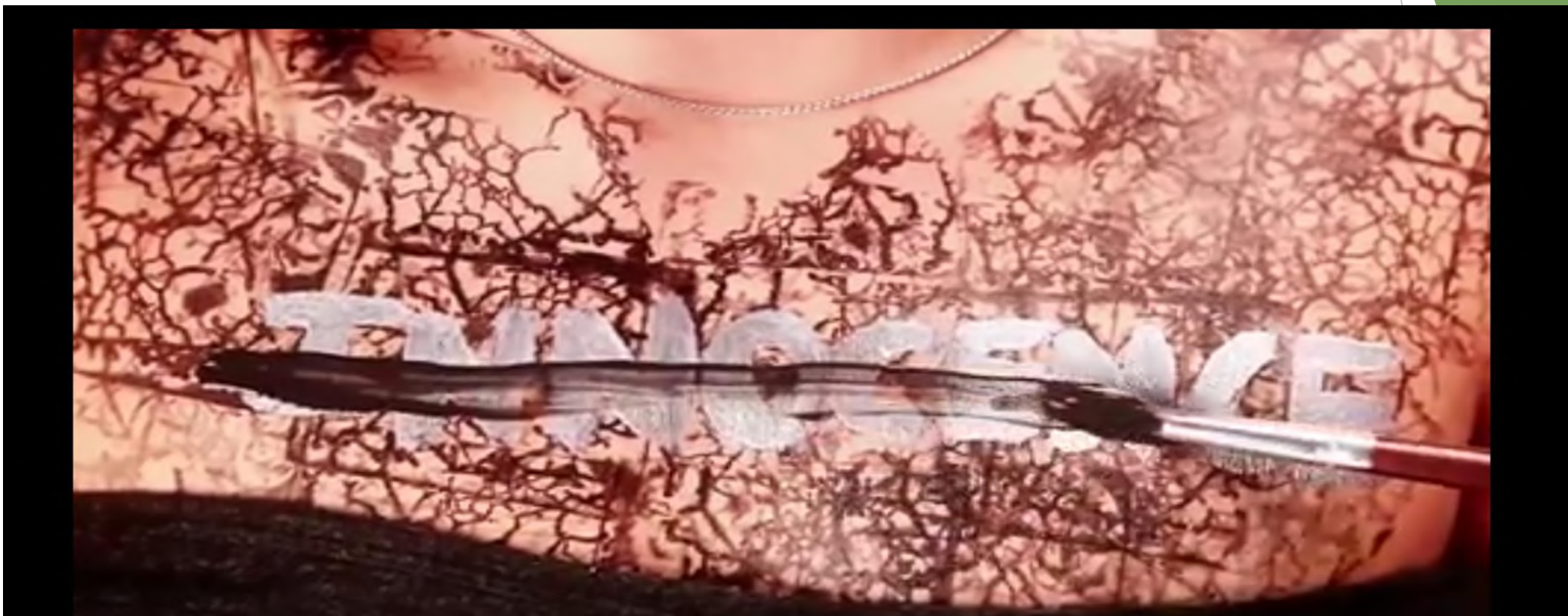


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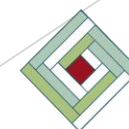


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I leave you with this...



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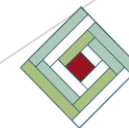
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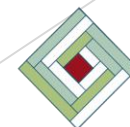
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