

Sex, Money, and the Forgotten Victim:

An Overview of the
Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children

During the original workshop, there was a video clip on this slide. The video clip is about 6 minutes long and is the first segment in a series of 9 segments. The other segment links will be included through out the PowerPoint for easy access.

Segment 1: Overview

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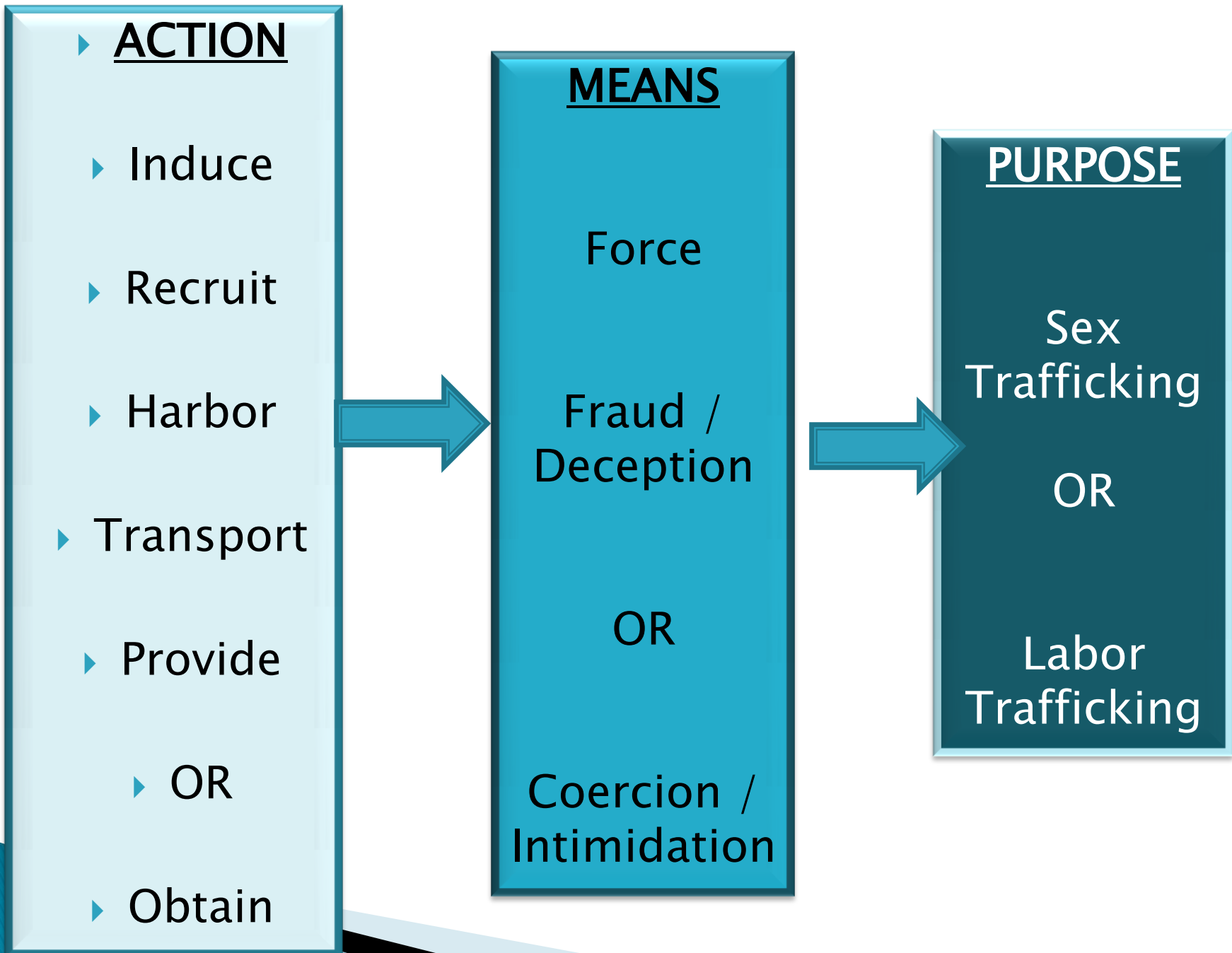
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Scope of Human Trafficking

- ▶ \$32 billion industry
 - As large as weapons trafficking
- ▶ 12 million victims worldwide
 - 43% sex; 32% labor
 - 80% women; 50% children
- ▶ 8.5% convicted offenders to victims identified
- ▶ 0.4% victims identified to estimated victims

Top 10 Myths about Human Trafficking

- 10) Victims of human trafficking are only foreign nationals.
- 9) Human trafficking is a crime that involves some form of travel or transportation.
- 8) There must be elements of physical force, physical restraint, or physical bondage to qualify the act as a form of trafficking.
- 7) Sex trafficking is the only form of human trafficking.
- 6) Victims of human trafficking will always ask for help or self-identify as a victim.
- 5) Victims of human trafficking always come from situations of poverty or from small rural villages.
- 4) Human trafficking is just another term for human smuggling.
- 3) Human trafficking only occurs in illegal underground industries.
- 2) If an individual initially consented to the situation, then it voids the crime.



Alien Smuggling

Crime against State

Consent: Voluntary

Action: Transport

Control: Ends at border

Can become human trafficking via force, fraud, coercion

Human Trafficking

Crime against Person

Consent: Involuntary due to force, fraud, or coercion

Action: Induce, recruit, harbor, transport, provide, or obtain
(Transportation is not required)

Control: Ongoing
(Exploiting for Profit)



Most Common Myth or Misconception

Human Trafficking Does Not Happen In My Jurisdiction

Fairfax County Second Wealthiest In Nation

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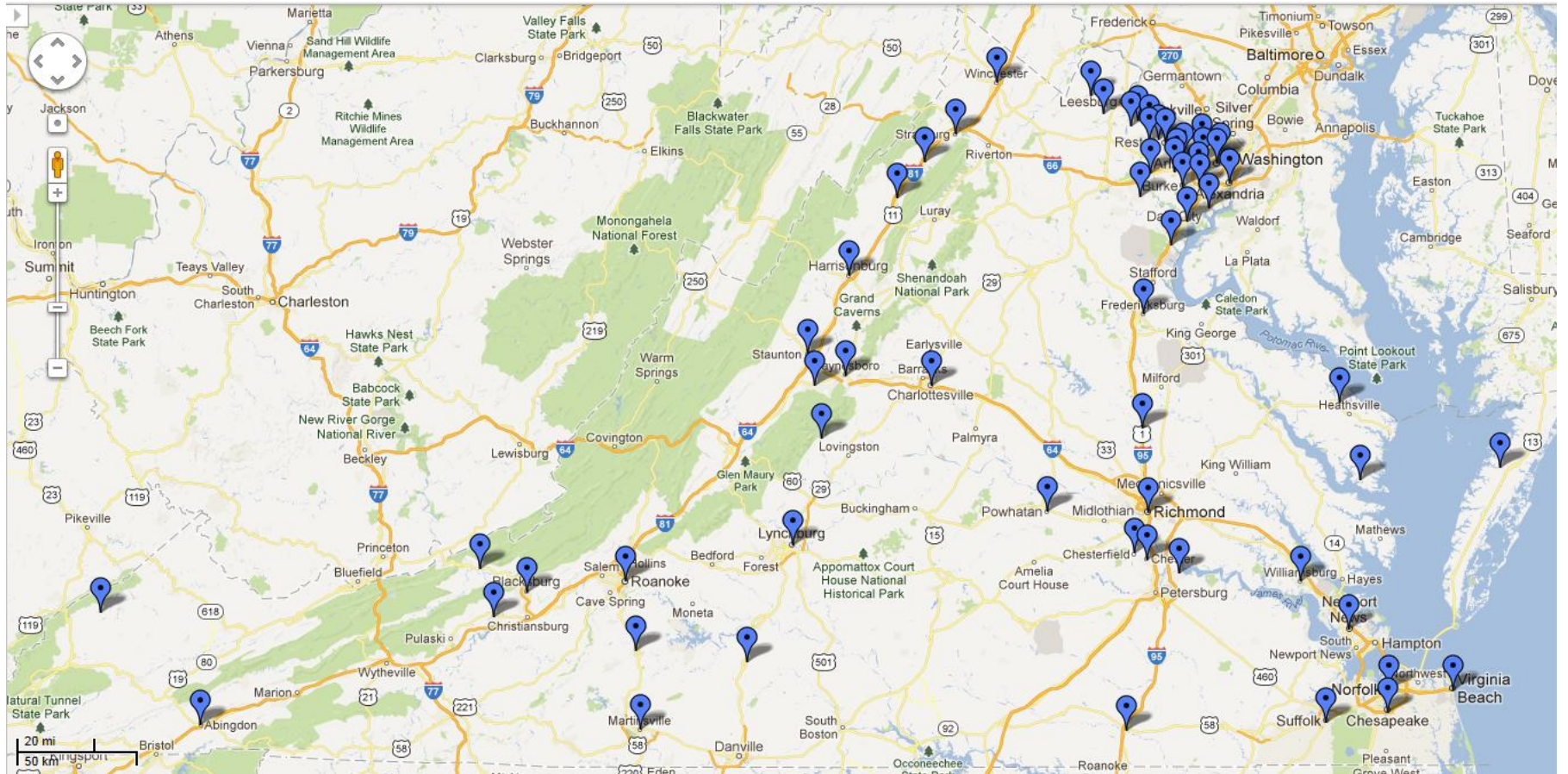
Most Common Myth or Misconception

Video clip of ABC Channel 7 News Reporter
Pamela Brown with her I-Team Investigation into
Child Sex Trafficking

To view, click the following link:

<http://www.wjla.com/articles/2012/11/gang-sex-trafficking-a-growing-trend-in-northern-virginia-82169.html>

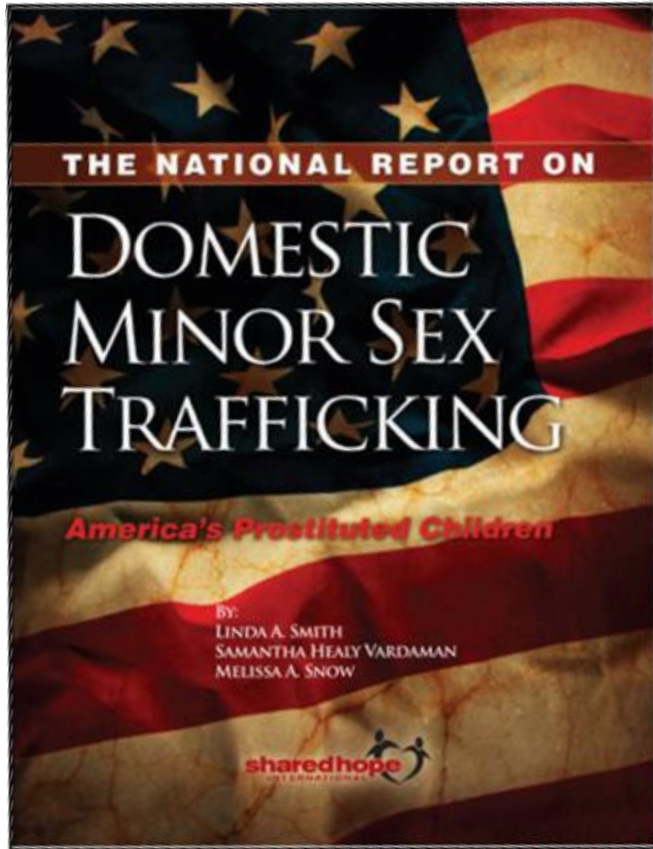
2012 Virginia Call Locations



The past two years in the Eastern District of Virginia ...

- ▶ 21 cases, 38 defendants, at least 37 juvenile victims of sex trafficking, more than 260 adult victims of sex trafficking and 2 cases of labor trafficking
- ▶ 8 of the cases involved gang-controlled sex trafficking with 12 total defendants and at least 27 juvenile victims
- ▶ 10 of the cases involved some form of sex trafficking or interstate prostitution
- ▶ 8 of the cases involved trafficking "related" prosecutions where sex trafficking was not directly charged but the conduct had a demonstrated or plausible connection to commercial sex (usually involving adults)

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children in the US



- ▶ Findings:
 - Approximate number of victims
 - 100,000 U.S. children
 - Average age:
 - 12-14
 - Vulnerability:
 - ANYONE
 - Primary barrier to services and intervention:
 - *Misidentification*

Teen Sex Trafficking

Video clip from the Dear John Campaign –
from the John's perspective:

To view, click the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5O9erzIB1W4>

The act of inducing anyone under the age of 18 into engaging
in any sexual act in exchange for anything of value
(money, drugs, shelter, food, clothes, etc)

Traditional Ideologies

- Runaway
- Problem-child
- Non-responsive to services
- Sexually promiscuous
- Homeless street youth
- Consenting participant
- Drug-user
- Gang member





Who are These Girls?

“Do You Know Lacy?” Trailer from
Shared Hope International

To view the clip, click the following
link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xfo2pmBvrCI>



Who is Vulnerable to Sex Trafficking?

▶ Youth with histories of abuse

- 41% of minors arrested for prostitution in Las Vegas from 2004–2006 had been victims of sexual assault; 21% had been victims of familial molestation.

▶ Homeless, runaway, or “throwaway” youth

- In the U.S., 30% of shelter youth and 70% of street youth are victims of commercial sexual exploitation.
- 78% of children in prostitution had run away 4 or more times in the past year.

▶ Other At-Risk

- Lack of healthy relationships, attention seeking individuals, low self esteem, and lack of support

ANYONE



Click the link to access video clip from the Dear John Campaign from the girl's perspective:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1TzUyySQPIk>

Psychological/Emotional Impact of CSEC

- Disruption of healthy psychological development
 - Self-concept, intimacy, beliefs and goals
- Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
 - Impulse to revisit traumatic events, intrusive emotions & memories, flashbacks, hyper arousal, exaggerated startle reaction, panic symptoms
- Self-injurious and suicidal behavior
- Dissociative disorders
- Anxiety
- Paranoia
- Clinical depression
- Explosive outbursts
- Sleep disturbance & nightmares
- Bond with perpetrators
- Hyper-sexualization

Spiritual Impact of CSEC

- Despair
- Hopelessness
- Lack of belief in humanity
- Lack of faith in spiritual power

Physical Impact of CSEC

- Continuous physical abuse
 - Rape & gang rape
 - STDs & STIs
 - HIV & AIDS
 - Loss of bowel control
 - Pregnancy (wanted and unwanted)
 - Sterility
- Facial/dental reconstruction
- Tattoos & branding
- Brain damage
- Substance abuse/addiction
- Self-cutting
- Suicide/Death
- Beatings
- Stabbed
- Shot at

Social Impact of CSEC

- Isolation from peer group
- Disconnection from community
- Isolation from mainstream society
- Homelessness
- Incarceration/Criminal record as obstacle
- Disempowerment
- Lack of life skills
- Trust issues/Difficulty maintaining relationships
- Obstacles to vocation
 - Lack of access to legal economies, lack of job experience/skills
- Educational deprivation
 - Missed school, disconnection with school system

Emotional Impact of CSEC

- Anger and rage
- Deep emotional pain/grieving
- Feelings of humiliation/shame
- Stigma of exploitation
- Self-blame/Self-loathing
- Loss of sexual desire, feelings, or response
- Sad, Sorry, Lost, Hurt, Scared, Hateful, Lonely,
- Lovesick, Shy, Annoyed, Irritated, Cautious, Shame, Helpless, Exhausted, Negative, Miserable, Disappointed, Suspicious, Grumpy,
- Numb, Depressed, Judged, Excluded, Reckless, Paranoid, Isolated, Shocked, Regretful, Withdrawn, Frustrated, Paranoid

Why Commercial Sex?

Sex Trafficking

- ▶ Investment: Minimal recruiting cost
- ▶ 1 night: \$1,000; 1 month: \$15,000
- ▶ 1 year: \$180,000 Profit
- ▶ *Note: Relies on fewer people, thus less risky; less expensive; **girls rescued** → **girls replaced***
- * Renewable Resource

Narcotics Trafficking

- ▶ Investment: \$32,000 in initial capital (1 Kilo)
- ▶ Sell: \$64,000 (1 Kilo broken down)
- ▶ Profit: \$32,000
- ▶ *Note: Relies on more people to cut and distribute; more expensive; **narcotics seized** → **narcotics lost***
- * Finite Resource



Sex Traffickers:

Click on the following link and select segment 2 for a 3 to 4 minute clip about who are the traffickers:

http://www.fcps.edu/fairfaxnetwork/trafficking/video_segments.html

Common Sex Trafficking Scenarios

Renegade: individual engages in commercial sex on their own accord, sometimes individuals will operate in a group.

(It should be noted that individuals in this category come from a scenario where they were exploited by a trafficker, and will commonly return to a trafficker.)

Brothel network: individuals are maintained and controlled in a brothel/bawdy place. There is one location that the girls are kept for a period of time then moved to another location within the network.

Pimp-controlled/Family-controlled: individual is controlled by a single pimp or at times a family. The trafficker controls the individuals movements and directs all their actions.

Gang-related: girls are recruited and controlled by gang members. Personal gain.

Gang-motivated: girls are recruited and controlled by gang members. Establishment of a multi-person criminal enterprise. Entire gang benefits.



Sex Trafficking Phases: Scouting, Manipulation, and Trapping

Click on the following link to view the video clip, select “Segment 3”:

http://www.fcps.edu/fairfaxnetwork/trafficking/video_segments.html

Scouting: Social Media

Why social media?

- ▶ Impersonal
- ▶ Ability to gather intelligence
- ▶ Numbers game
- ▶ Plausible deniability

How do they use it?

- ▶ Fake accounts
- ▶ Mass messages
- ▶ Intelligence gathering



Scouting: Other Methods

- Bus Stops
- Malls and social hang outs
- Parties
 - Skip Parties
- Schools
- Neighborhood
- Girlfriends of gang members



Sex Trafficking Phases: Manipulation

- ▶ To view the clip on Manipulation, click on the following link and select “Segment 4”:
- ▶ http://www.fcps.edu/fairfaxnetwork/trafficking/video_segments.html

Manipulation: Pimp Controlled

- ▶ Create “love for daddy” / Boyfriend Syndrome
- ▶ Complete dependence and control
- ▶ Sell “*the dream*”



Manipulation: Gang Controlled – Indoctrination

- Gang Lifestyle
 - Handshakes
 - Tattoos
 - Clothing
 - Secret language
 - Secret dances
- Access to drugs and alcohol
- Create a sense of family
 - Identity
 - Encourage success
 - Show pride

Clip of “Keep It Gangsta Crip
Walk Dance:”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=plkR5oqZXnY>

YouTube video clip of Serena Williams dancing the “Crip Walk” after her victory in the 2012 London Olympics. The video lengthen the time of the actual dance and set it to music.

To access the clip click this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CeWrrsdgEul>

Evolution of a Gang

▶ First Signs:

- Increase in petty crime (specific time and dates)
- Juvenile delinquency
- Individuals merging and identifying themselves as a group

▪ Reason:

- Seeking identity (“family”)
- Lack of support structure



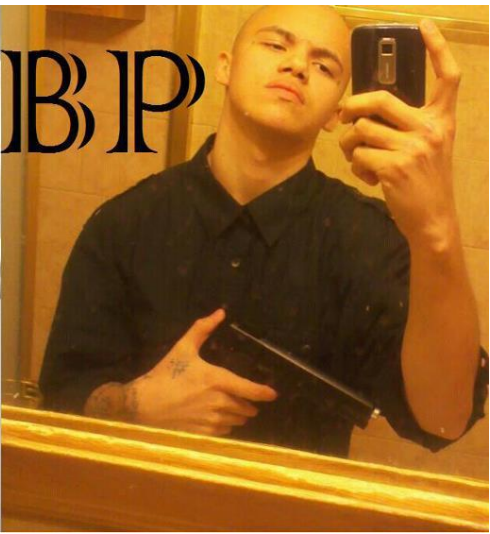
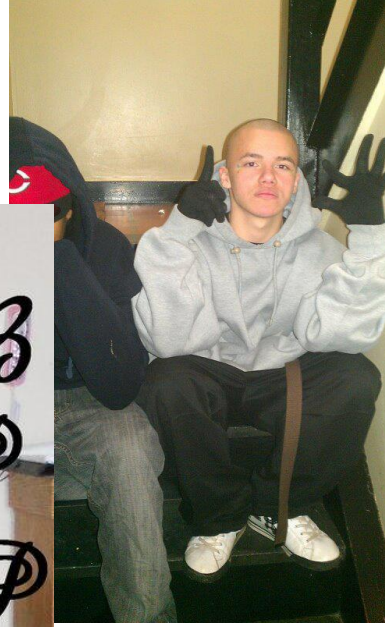
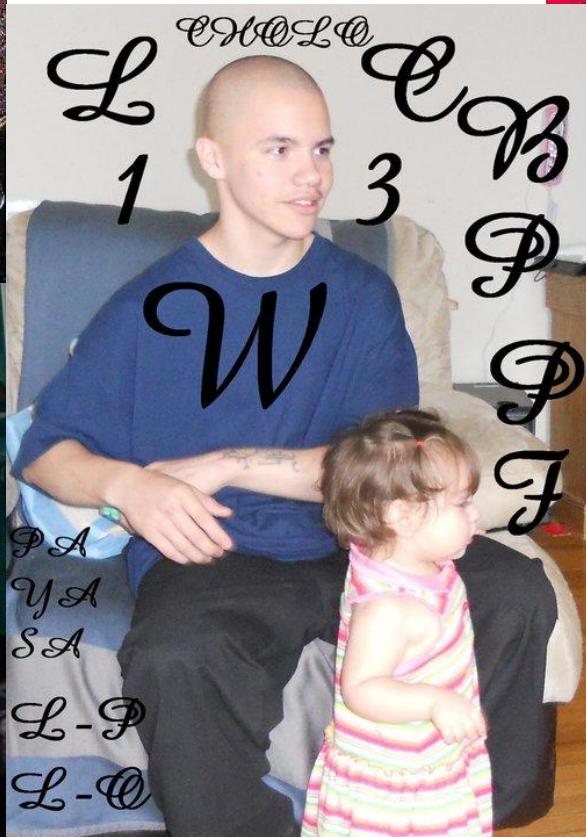
Gang Graffiti: Yorkville Crips (YVC)



Graffiti

Traditional vs. Electronic



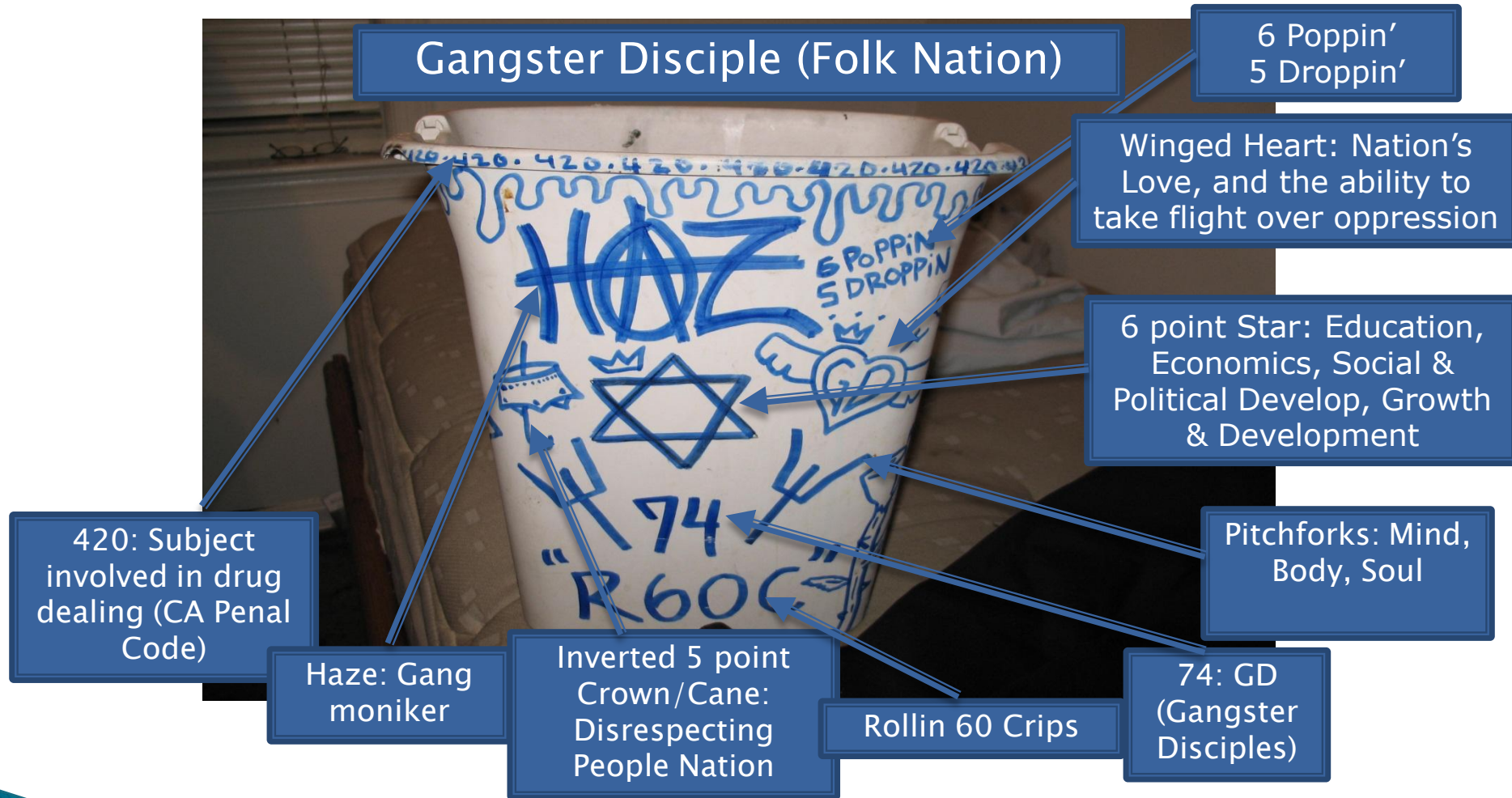




Gang Clothing Attire



Everything means something



Tattoos



- ▶ Escalation of Violence:
 - School yard fights



- Reason:
 - Need to share their identity with the community
 - False understanding of power and respect

Gang Mentality

- ▶ Power and Respect
- ▶ Territorial Dominance
- ▶ Paranoia about Law Enforcement
- ▶ Blood in, Blood out

Gang over All

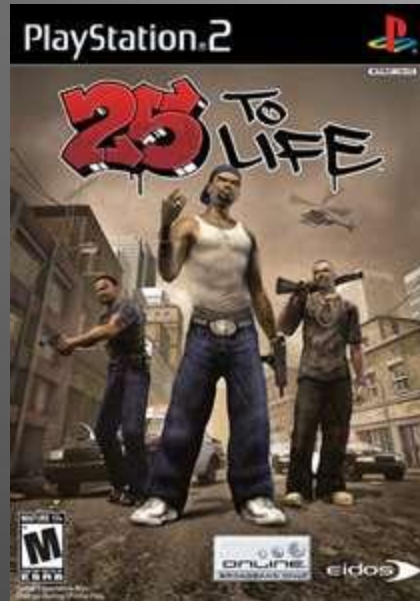


Culture of Violence: As Promulgated by Society

- ▶ Movies
- ▶ TV
- ▶ Video Games
- ▶ Schools
- ▶ Neighborhoods

Yields

- ▶ False sense of Power and Respect
- ▶ Arrogance / Egos



Pack mentality enables the violence

Why people joins Gangs?

- ▶ Fun and excitement
- ▶ Peer pressure
- ▶ Financial gain/drugs
- ▶ Social status (girls)
- ▶ Protection
- ▶ Family tradition
- ▶ Lack of understanding of what a gang is
- ▶ Seeking identity and a sense of belonging

FAMILY



▶ Escalation of crime:

- Robberies
- Assaults / Murders
- Gangs will use whatever methods necessary to assert territorial dominance and control. Usually this is achieved through fear. Fear of the omnipresence of the gang and perceived omnipotence.

■ Reason:

- False sense of power and control
- Need for territorial dominance



- Profitable crime:
 - Narcotics trafficking
 - Firearms trafficking
 - Extortion
 - Sex Trafficking

- Reason:
 - Once control has been gained over a territory the gang is free to “set up shop.”
 - Age of members



Sex Trafficking Phases: Trapping

- ▶ To view the clip on “Trapping,” click the following link and select “Segment 5”
- ▶ http://www.fcps.edu/fairfaxnetwork/trafficking/video_segments.html

Trapping: A Pimp's Perspective

Everyone always thinks a pimp keeps a bitch in check using a backhand. There are times when you're going to need to smack a bitch or choke a bitch if she gets out of line.... But you can not be a pimp by simply getting angry every time and smacking your bitch.

You have to get inside of her head.

A bitch that will break her back making you money is a bitch that is in love with you. A bitch that does not want to disappoint you. A bitch that wants to make her daddy happy...

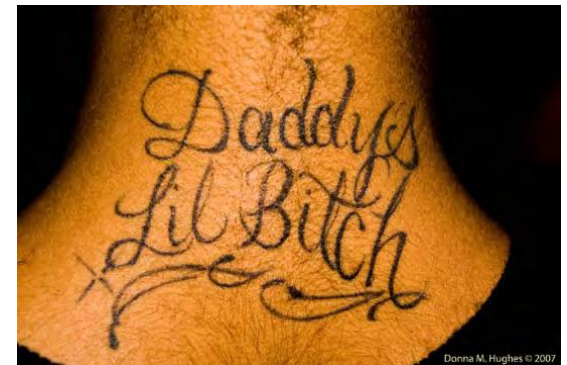
Trapping: Pimp Control

- ▶ Use fear
- ▶ Physical violence
- ▶ Beat victims
- ▶ Beat other girls
- ▶ Threaten family



Trapping: Pimp Control

- ▶ Identity disassociation
 - Branding
 - Name change
 - Create a back story



Trapping: Power and Control

Gangs

- ▶ Omni–presence
- ▶ Unpredictability
- ▶ Blood in, blood out
- ▶ Media / Hollywood
- ▶ Drugs and Alcohol
- ▶ Gang hierarchy
- ▶ Sense of family

Traditional Pimp

- ▶ Violence
- ▶ Business structure
- ▶ Drugs and Alcohol
- ▶ Self–motivated interests



Trapping: Brenda Paz Phenomenon



- ▶ Murdered in 2003
- ▶ Used as a form of power and control
- ▶ Large availability of media coverage
- ▶ Misperceptions
- ▶ Link to clip on Brenda Paz:
<http://www.cbsnews.com/videos/the-fight-against-ms-13/>

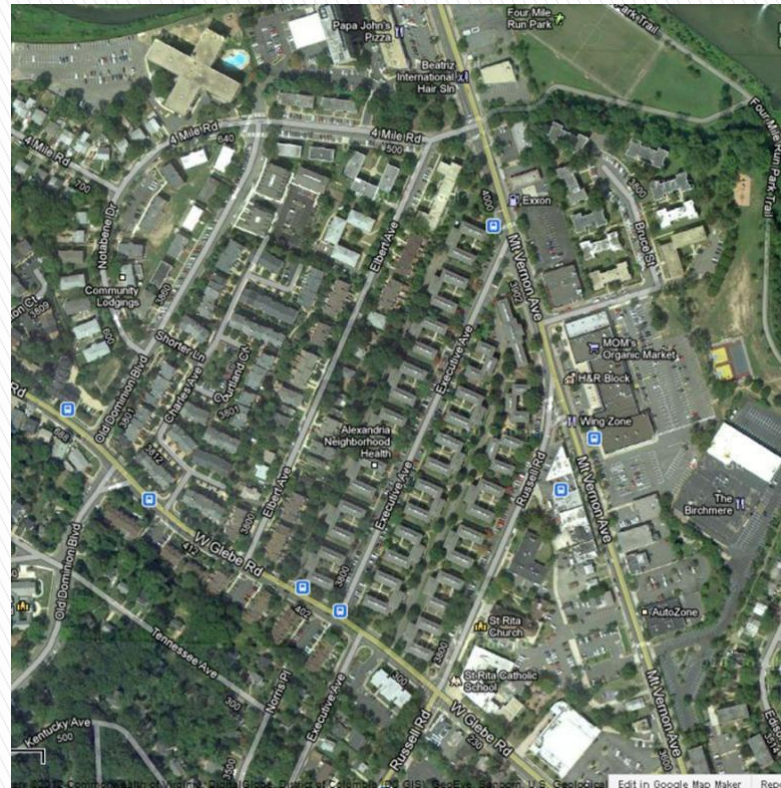
Pimp Control: The Operation

- ▶ Constant movement
 - Rental cars
 - Buses (i.e. Greyhound)
 - Air travel
- ▶ Online advertising
- ▶ “Walking the track”
- ▶ Use of hotels
 - Areas near major highways
 - Areas near malls
 - Areas near transportation hubs
 - Colleges/Universities



Gang Controlled Operations

- ▶ Neighborhood–centric
- ▶ Trusted clientele
- ▶ Limit movements
- ▶ Counter–surveillance
- ▶ Lack of advertising
- ▶ Appearance of the girls



Advertising

- Backpage
- Craigslist
- Dating websites
- Word of mouth
- Business cards



Victim Identification

Spotting Signs

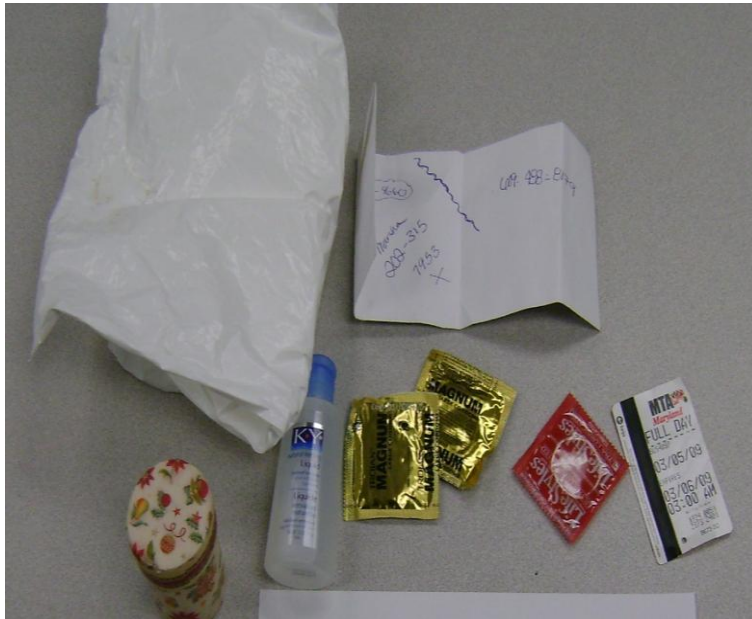
- ▶ To view a 10 min clip from the Tricked series click the follow link:
- ▶ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G9WyKflr120&index=7&list=PLGU615q8gq9zF_JAppvRj9Onn7wB2L443

Identifying Victims: Where do we look?

- ▶ Police reports
 - Habitual runways
 - Indications of commercial sex
- ▶ Probation and Parole
 - Criminal histories for assaultive or disorderly behavior
 - Clients identified by probation
- ▶ Schools Administration / SROs
 - Absentee records
 - Sudden drop in grades
- ▶ Mental Health Services

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Incident Location				Supervising Officer		EIN	Date	
3903 Fair Ridge Dr, Fairfax, VA 22033				BUTCHKO, D.		302814	12/17/2012	
Organization			Patrol	Sub				
DEPUTY CHIEF FOR PATROL			801	826.02				
Disposition				Case Status:				
				FURTHER INVESTIGATION				
Weather and Light Conditions:				Case Closed	Time			
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Events								
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					2.			
					3.			
Entry	Exit	How Left Scene						
Bias: Motivation				Bias: Target				
Bias: Circumstances:				Hate Group				
Security			Location Type					
			OTHER SPECIALTY STORE (TV, FUR, ETC)					
Complainant								
Name Code	Seq. #	Name (Last, First, M)			Race	Sex	DOB	Age
Victim	1	Same as victim# 1						
Address:					Home Phone:	Cell Phone:		

Indicators of Commercial Sex



Items emptied out of a minor's purse



Blue Crowns not sold in stores, but sold in bulk online

Warning Signs of CSEC

- ▶ Frequent runaway
- ▶ Returns with bruises/unusual markings
- ▶ Parents report change in attitude mood/personality for no apparent reason
- ▶ Older male boyfriend possibly referred to as “daddy”
- ▶ Submissive during questioning and/or answers appear to be rehearsed
- ▶ Possession of new clothes, shoes, jewelry, etc. from an unknown source
- ▶ Change in peer group
- ▶ Isolation from the family
- ▶ Mental Health Issues



Societal Contributions to the Problem: Sexualization of Society

- ▶ Pop culture
- ▶ Hollywood
- ▶ Advertising
- ▶ Fashion
- ▶ Sexual Revolution of the 1960's
- ▶ Contraception
- ▶ Sex Education (under the guise of Family Life Education)
- ▶ Pornography

Societal Contributions to the Problem: Pornography

Effects of Pornography¹:

- ▶ More sexually callous towards women
- ▶ Trivialized rape as just a criminal offense or no crime at all
- ▶ Distorted views of sexuality
- ▶ Increased appetite for more deviant, bizarre or violent types of pornography
- ▶ Devalued monogamous sex
- ▶ Saw non-monogamous sex as normal

¹ Dr. Victor B. Cline, *Pornography's Effects on Adults & Children* (New York: Morality in Media, 1999), p. 5.

Road Blocks

- ▶ Dealing with the victims
 - Building rapport
 - Safety
- ▶ Social stigma
- ▶ Loyalty to the gang/traffickers
- ▶ Perceptions:
 - Perceived isolation
 - Perceived helplessness
 - Perceived fear of the gang
- ▶ New trafficking methods
- ▶ Awareness of law enforcement methods
- ▶ Anti-law enforcement indoctrination
- ▶ Scope of cases

Victim-Centered Approach

Basic

- Clothing and food
- Transportation
- Education
- Employment
- Medical Care
- Testing for STD's

Legal

- Child custody issues
- Prosecution of trafficker
- Prostitution charges, or other charges

Emotional & Social

- Crisis intervention
- Case management
- Social service advocacy
- Mental health care
- Life skills and training
- School enrollment

Safety & Security

- Safe space
- Safety planning
- Emergency & transitional shelter
- Protective Orders from controllers

Victim-Centered Approach

- ▶ Addressing the loyalty issue
- ▶ Overcoming the indoctrination
- ▶ Building rapport
- ▶ Gaining victim cooperation
- ▶ Victim safety
- ▶ Providing victim services

I know someone that I think is involved ...

- ▶ Talk to the victim
- ▶ Report the incident to the police
- ▶ Report your suspicions to counseling staff
- ▶ Report the incident to an NGO
- ▶ Follow-up





Teen

Do you know what sex trafficking is? Do you have a friend, family member or acquaintance that you suspect may be involved or being hurt? Do you want to help yourself or someone you know? Learn the signs. Just Ask.

Parent

Do you suspect that your daughter, son, niece or nephew might be caught up in the trap of sex traffickers? Do you want to know how to protect them and learn the signs that your loved one may be leading a double life? Just Ask.

Community

Are you concerned about the impact sex trafficking has had on Northern Virginia? Do you think you know a victim or someone involved in sex trafficking? Do you want to know how to protect teens in our community? Just Ask.

HOTLINE NUMBERS:

For immediate help, call 911

Polaris Hotline
1.888.373.7888

The National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC) is available to answer calls toll free from anywhere in the country, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year

Suspicious activity/local crime tip line
703.246.4006
24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year

JUST ASK VIDEO

Teen Sex Trafficking Added to Fairfax County

MOST RECENT POST

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Just Ask Prevention Project featured in the Centreville Independent
(News)
The Centreville Independent's Frank Klimko writes on human trafficking and the Just Ask campaign. Read more here. [Read More](#) →

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