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## SEX TRAFFICKING VOCABULARY

- “*Daddy*” is a term used to describe a pimp, often a term used for a controlling individual who wants to fill a void as a father figure. This word is used as opposed to a real name or identity.
- “*Wifey*” is a term used for each group of women or girls with a same controller (pimp).
- “*Bottom or Bottom Bitch*” is a term used for the woman who has been with the pimp the longest amount of time and takes on a role as a controller, less control than the trafficker, to keep the victims in line.
- “*Bitch*” is a term used by a pimp or other street level sex workers to describe a sex worker.
- “*Dates*” is a term used to describe the commercial sex buyer; also used is “*trick or johns.*”
- “*Stroll or Track*” is a term used to describe a common area such as cross streets or street corners where street-based prostitution occurs on a nightly basis. With the use of technology, a “*virtual street corner*” now exists for buying and selling of commercial sex through the internet and social media platforms.
- “*Square*” is a term used that depicts a law enforcement officer and those that do not understand the “*game.*” Also used to describe a person leaving the “*life.*”
- “*Choose-up*” is a term used to describe when an individual leaves one pimp/controller to go under the control of another pimp, often succumbing to physical violence at the hands of the old pimp to solidify the transaction to the new controller.
- “*Circuit*” is a term used to describe the routine series of states or cities victims get transported between in an attempt to meet the demand for the product or to avoid law enforcement detection.
- “*Quota*” is a term used to describe a monetary value an individual who is in the “*life*” must reach through providing a direct service such as a commercial sex act or theft. Pimps dictate these amounts and a person in the “*life*” risks physical violence or death if a quota is not met.
- “*Grooming*” is the process often used to describe the taking a healthy adolescent sexual boundary and progressing to commercial sex with strangers. Often referred to as “*seasoning,*” a systematic process to break down a person’s will, remove personal boundaries, and achieves total control over an individual, total loss of freedom. Physical, emotional, and psychological means are used as coercive tools of total control and involve force and fraud as it relates to trafficking. Any child under the age of 18, can not consent to commercial sex and is considered a sex trafficking victim without having to prove force, fraud, or coercion. THERE ARE NO CHILD PROSTITUTES!
- “*Out of Pocket*” is a descriptive term used when an individual involved in the “*life*” breaks the rules by making eye contact with another controller/pimp.
- *Eye contact* is never permitted with another pimp and may result in physical violence of a severe nature.
- CSEC is a term used for the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children.
- *Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking (DMST)* is a term used to describe the trafficking of United States citizens under that age of age 18.

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