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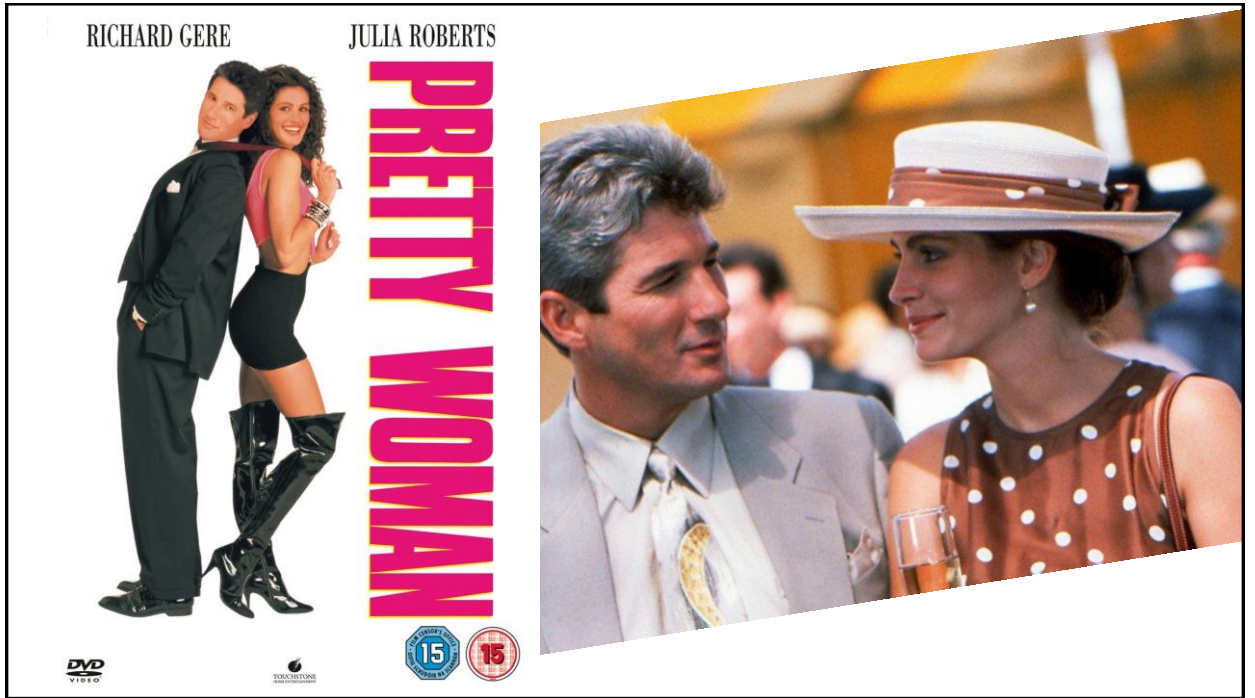
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COURT

Shifting from prostitution defendants
to human trafficking victims

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**Prostitution
is not what
you think.**



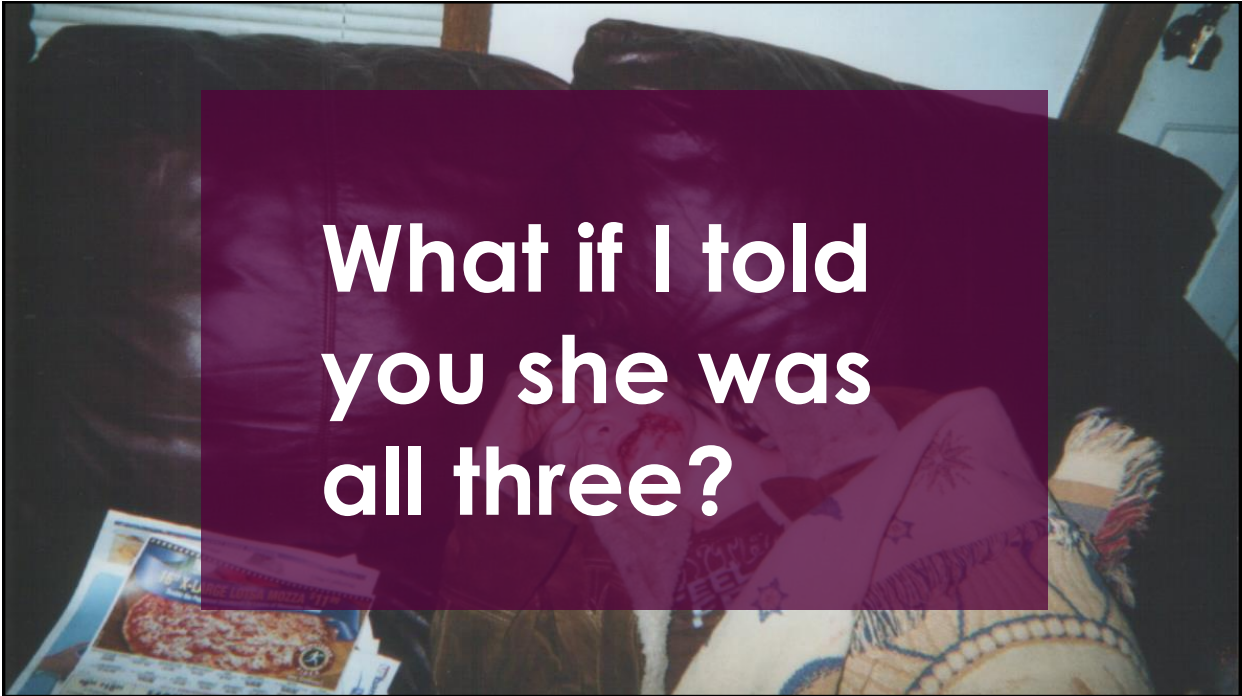
**The reality is
different.**

**Is she a
prostitute?**

**A domestic
violence
victim?**

**A human
trafficking
victim?**



A photograph of a person lying on a dark leather couch. The person is wearing a patterned blanket and has their hands near their face. A purple rectangular overlay is centered over the image, containing white text. In the bottom left corner of the photo, there is a pizza box and some papers.

**What if I told
you she was
all three?**



**Changed
perspective.**

**In court
one day...**

VICTIM

DEFENDANT



WIT DEFENDANT?





**How did
this
happen?**



- 11 soliciting charges
- Possession of drugs
- Resisting arrest
- Disorderly conduct
- Drug paraphernalia

**This is
Lisa.**



- 30 soliciting charges

• **This is**
Fiona the girl

- Robbery

• **Sandra.**
a 1 year prison sentence



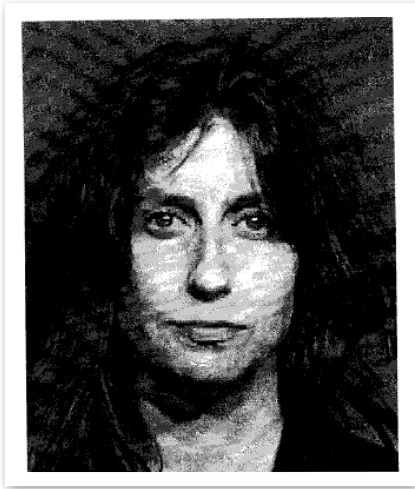
- 3 soliciting charges

- 2 falsification

charges
This is

- Drug trafficking

• **Vanessa.**
When a judge sentenced her to
CATCH Court



- 4 soliciting charges
 - Felony possession of drugs
 - 4 drug paraphernalia charges
- This is Michelle.**
- Came to court and asked to be slated



- 9 soliciting charges
 - Aggravated burglary
 - Parole violation
 - Failure to appear
- This is Barbara.**
- Drug paraphernalia
 - Criminal trespass



62%
of women enter
prostitution before
they are
18

A black and white photograph of a young woman with long, dark hair, looking directly at the camera with a serious expression. She is wearing a dark jacket. The background is dark and indistinct.

33% of women enter
prostitution before they are

15



**1.6
MILLION**

**American children run
away each year.**

were sexually and physically abused as children.

72%



Ohio Revised Code 2903.32

~~PROSTITUTION~~ TRAFFICKING

No person shall...

recruit, lure, entice, isolate, harbor, transport...another person knowing that the person will be compelled to **engage in sexual activity for hire.**

Prostitution trafficking

Effective date:

2,000 B.C.

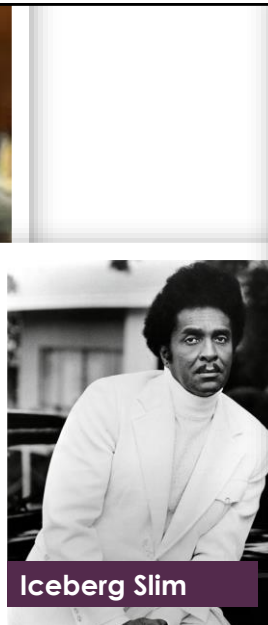


**Or World's oldest
profession?**

Who is a HUMAN TRAFFICKER?



Jason Itzler
"King of All Pimps"



Iceberg Slim



Sydney Barrows
"Mayflower
Madam"



Donald Campbell
Archbishop Don
"Magic" Juan

Not so obvious, is it?



**HIGH
PROFITS**



**LOW
ENFORCEMENT**

\$9.8

BILLION

per year industry

\$500-\$1,500

per woman

per day

A close-up photograph of a hand with fingers spread, palm facing forward. The hand is the central focus, with a blurred background of people. The text is overlaid on the hand.

**Human trafficking is
the fastest growing
crime in the U.S.**

“The great thought of captains, owners, consignees, and others, was to make the most money they could in the shortest possible time. Human nature is the same now as then.”

Fredrick Douglass | 1871

Recalling the Atlantic slave trade

*How does a
trafficker lure
women in?*

He promises
love and
marriage.

He offers false advertisements.

He uses peers at malls, school events and parties.

He engages on
social media.

He is her family.

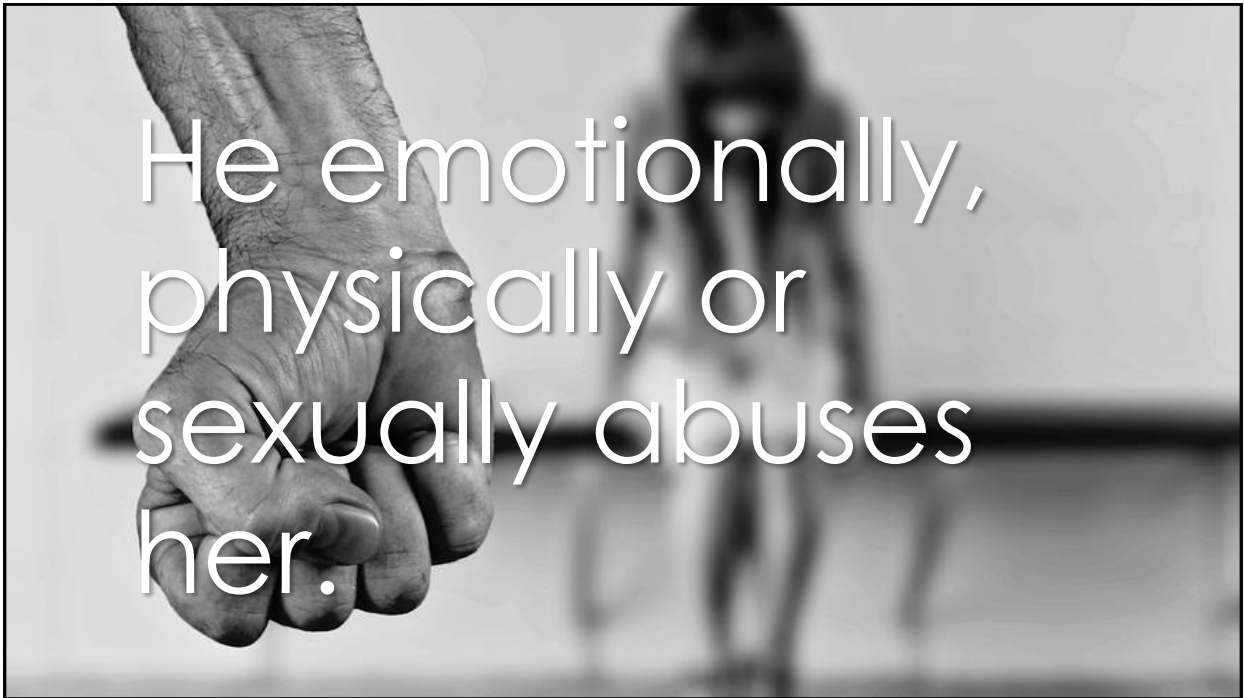
“

*Make her believe in
heaven, and she will
follow you to hell.* ”



Friendship > Love and Sex > Business

***How does a
trafficker detain
women?***





He gets her
hooked on
drugs.



He makes her
financially
dependent on
him.



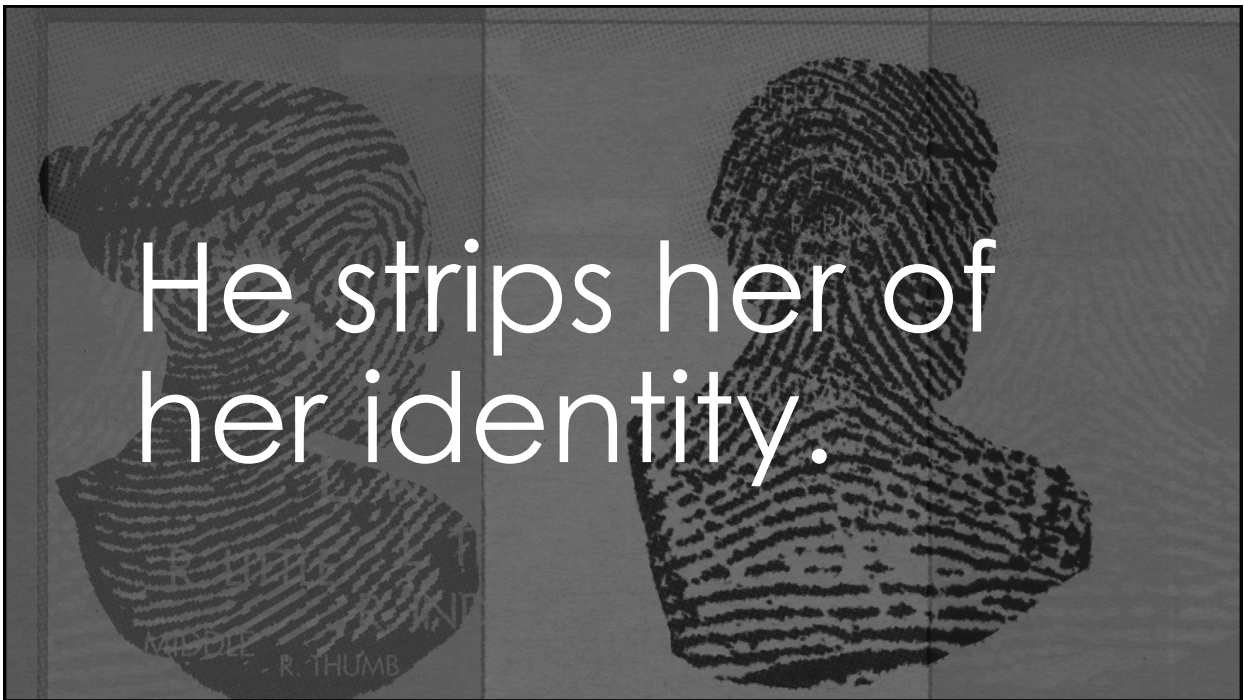
He isolates
her.



He fathers her
children.



He files criminal charges against her.

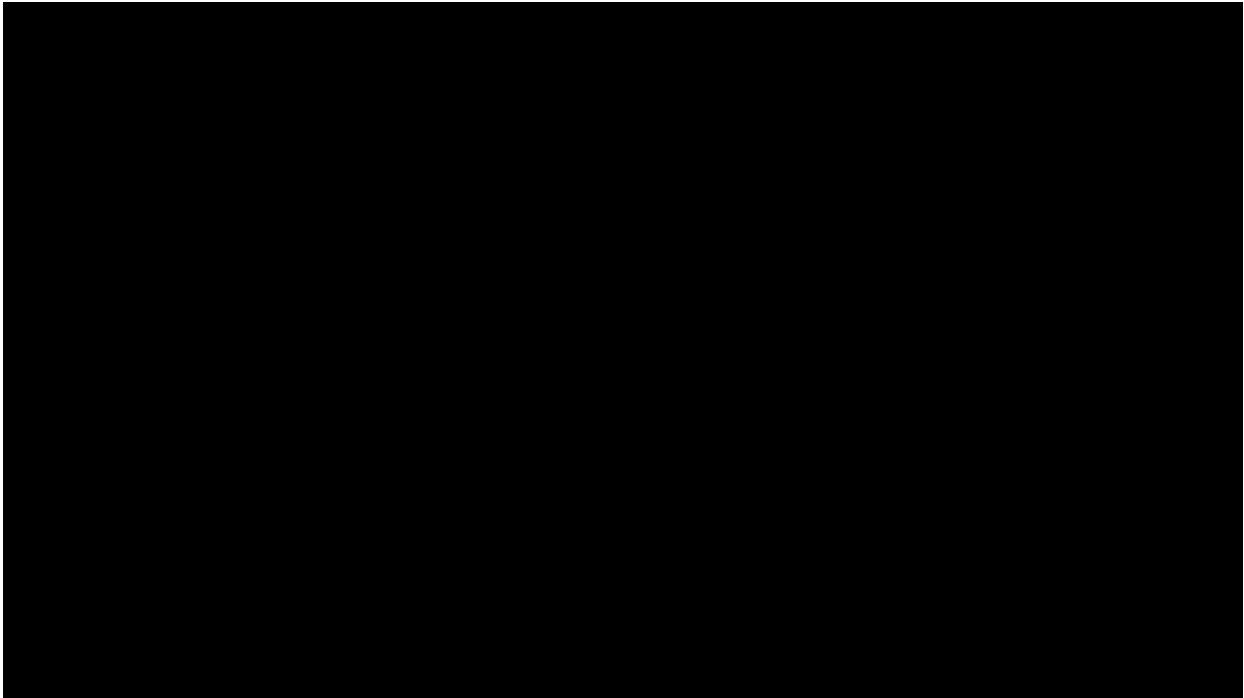


He strips her of her identity.

And makes her
his property.



BRANDED.



“The goal of the perpetrator is to instill in his victim not only fear of death, but also gratitude for being allowed to live.” -Judith Herman



82%
are physically
assaulted.



83%
are raped.



*Where are they
selling them?*

Right under
your nose...

This is Brittany.

~~~~~ Beautiful Brown eyed Brittany ! ~~~~~ - 21

[report ad](#)

posted: May 8, 2011, 07:18 PM

Reply: [click here](#)

Hey Guys, I'm Brittany and I'm 21 years old, I have brown hair and brown eyes, I weigh 115 lbs. very petite and pretty. I will be available all week to meet new people and experience new things. Call me anytime to hear more about me or just to talk. I can't wait to hear from ya! ~~614-374-6782~~

Poster's age: 21

- Location: Columbus
- Post ID: 6906657 columbus

[Email this ad to a friend](#)





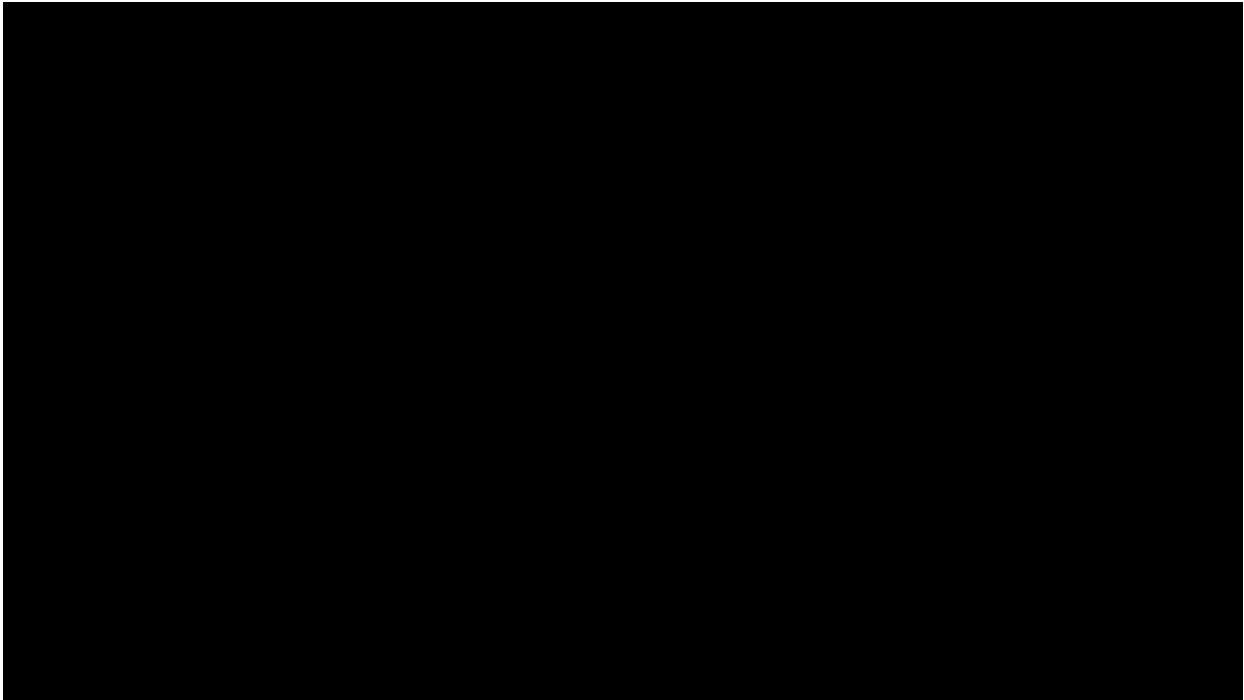
**This is Brittany
after being
trafficked.**

The Path to Court



Common Charges

- Prostitution
- Drug possession and trafficking
- Theft
- Domestic violence (self defense)
- Operating a vehicle impaired
- Obstructing or resisting
- Domestic relations and child custody issues



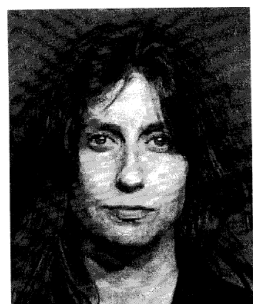
92%

of women charged with prostitution are **VICTIMS** of



That's why we must investigate every prostitution case like a **human trafficking case.**

But is that how she sees it?



She's unaware
it's illegal.

She's ashamed.
Embarrassed.
Fears rejection.

MANIPULATED.

She's afraid for
her life.

She thinks
she loves her
trafficker.

She's just trying
to survive.

“Prostitution is the most misunderstood criminal enterprise in America.”

Sgt. Don Hoier | Las Vegas PD

***How should
courts respond?***

Don't
be this
guy.



Practice
trauma-informed
care

Dissociation

T R A U M A

Avoidance

Hyper Vigilance

Intrusive Thoughts

Reliving Incidents

Trauma-informed
care builds trust.

Treat her like a
victim of violent
crime.

Don't cast
judgment.

Look her in the
eyes and show
concern.

Listen. Show her
she is worthy.

Never promise
what you can't
deliver.

Keep her safety
a priority.

Be consistent,
transparent and
flexible.

Be mindful of
what you say in
open court.

TRADITIONAL RESPONSE

What's wrong with you?

TRAUMA-INFORMED RESPONSE

What happened to you?

TRADITIONAL RESPONSE

You deserve punishment
for your behavior.

TRAUMA-INFORMED RESPONSE

I understand trauma led
you to behave this way.

TRADITIONAL RESPONSE

Rushing to identify criminals and victims.

TRAUMA-INFORMED RESPONSE

Understanding trauma reactions are expressed in different ways.

TRADITIONAL RESPONSE

You are in control of the circumstances that brought you here.

TRAUMA-INFORMED RESPONSE

Your behavior is understandable given your life experiences.

TRADITIONAL RESPONSE

You need removed from society.

TRAUMA-INFORMED RESPONSE

You need removed from your circumstances.

TRADITIONAL RESPONSE

The community's safety is my priority.

TRAUMA-INFORMED RESPONSE

The safety of this woman is my priority.

The Solution





Our Local Solution...

CATCH

[*Changing Actions to Change Habits*]

COURT



Funded by
county
organizations.

HOW IT WORKS



Expunge
their
records.

The ultimate fresh start!

HUMAN TRAFFICKING SOLUTIONS

EXIT STRATEGY

- CATCH Court
- CHAT House
- Treatment
- Jobs
- Mentors
- Volunteers

END DEMAND

- Prosecute
- Public Awareness
- Prevention

POLICY

- Legislative policy in place

Human trafficking devastates communities.

Most communities are **unprepared** to treat the multiple complex needs of this population.

Complex needs...

Post traumatic
stress syndrome

Traumatic
brain injuries

Medical
care

Alcohol and
drug abuse

Mental
health

Housing

Parenting and
custody issues

Dental
health

Lack of
marketable
skills

*How much does
it cost to do
NOTHING?*

\$5,451,313

Annually.

To do **NOTHING.**

Based on average of 1,000 women

That's...

\$2,315,071

For police (CPD)

That's...

\$148,000

Municipal court judges, public defenders,
prosecutors, clerks

That's...

\$2,600,000

Jail (ADAMH 2006)

That's...

\$388,242

Hospitalizations
(based on DV calculation)

And those are
just the
measured costs.

Unmeasured Costs...

Prenatal, neonatal
birth & delivery

Children
Services

Neighborhood
decline

Failed drug
treatment

Guardianship &
Juvenile Courts

Reduction in
tax revenue

Columbus Public
Health costs of
STDs

Foster care
(\$1,000/month/child)
and adoption

Decreased
home values

CATCH Court costs...

\$375,000
Annually.

Is it worth it?
YOU DECIDE.



72%
Have no new
criminal charges



86%
Feel safer in
the program.



77%

Are employed, volunteering or enrolled in educational programs or vocational training.

Remember Lisa?



And Sandra?



And Vanessa?



And Michelle?



And Barbara?



And Brittany?



And Vivian?



And Samantha?



***What can our
community do?***

Build systems
to help women
EXIT.

Provide survivors
with treatment
and support them
in their transition.

Make your
community a place
where it is not
profitable to SELL
women and girls.

Make your
community a place
where people no
longer want to BUY
women and girls.

What can I do?

Learn how to recognize and respond to trauma.

Recognizing a human trafficking victim

PHYSICAL OR EMOTIONAL CUES

Bruises or other injuries

Submissive or fearful behavior

Emotional distress

Inappropriately dressed

Signs of drug addiction

Withdrawn

Branding tattoos

Avoids making eye contact

Confusion, phobias, disorientation

Recognizing a human trafficking victim

SOCIAL CUES

Often with older man

Unexplained absences

Speaks of frequent travel

Evasiveness

Sudden change in attire, behavior

Arrests and delinquency

Lies frequently

Answers seem coached

Talks of commercial sex

Runaway

Volunteer with rescue and restore organizations.

Support
trauma-informed
recovery houses.

Talk to men about
not supporting
commercial sex.

Seek ways to serve
and protect women &
other vulnerable
populations.



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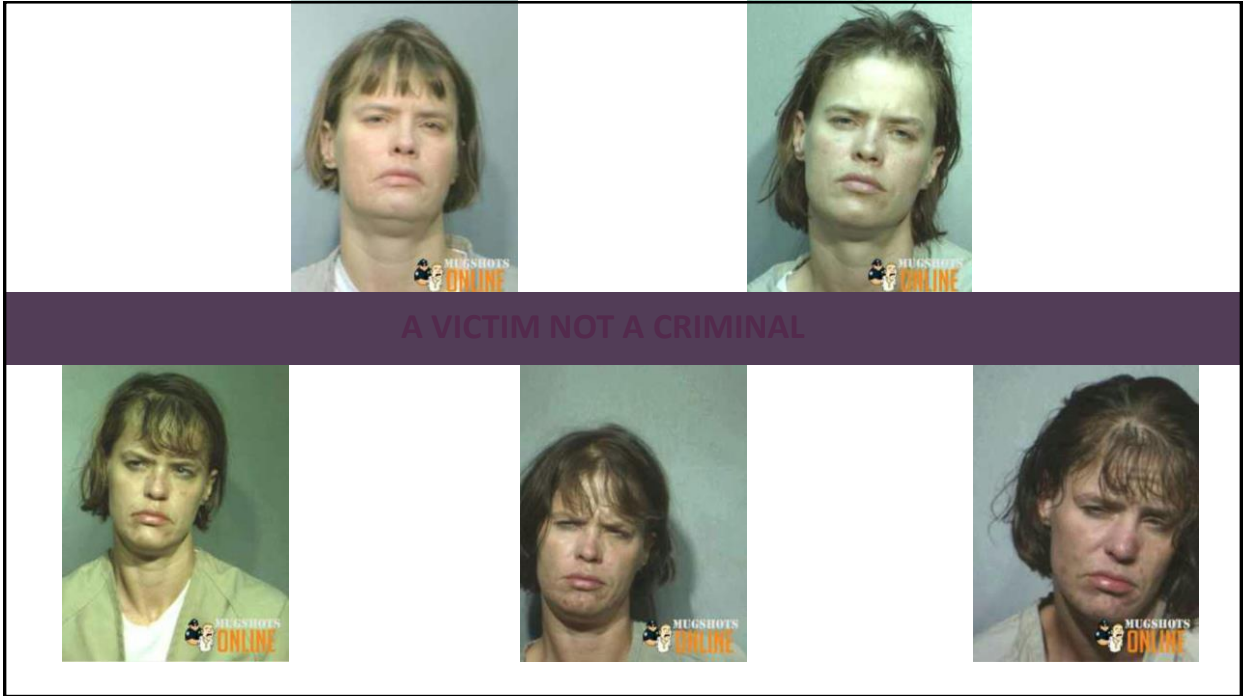
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OUR SPECIFIC POPULATION

- 98% Female
- 32% entered prostitution before age 15 (as young as 3 years old)
- 70% sexually abused as minor
- 50% have Traumatic Brain Injury
- 96% have been in jail or prison, an average of 11X
- 64% have a felony
- 62% have mental health issues
- 77% have been in treatment multiple times
- 83% have children

FALC client survey 2016



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WOMEN IN CENTRAL OHIO
ARE NOT SELF-SUFFICIENT

employment 

SURVIVORS FACE SEVERE BARRIERS
TO EMPLOYMENT

CATCH Court
Women's Fund "Womenomics, 2013"



Launched Social Enterprise

IN 2011 — TO PROVIDE JOBS TO SURVIVORS



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SUPPORTIVE SERVICES — CATCH COURT SUPPORT PARTNER

FROM JAIL

TO TREATMENT

LIFE SKILLS

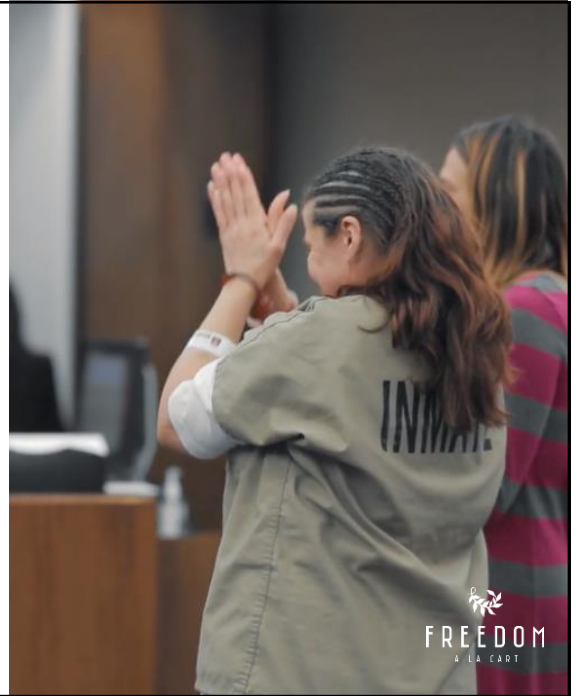
SUPPORT

ITEMS

OF DIGNITY

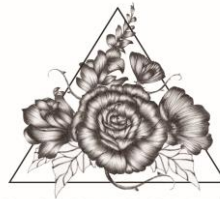
67 ACTIVE

MENTORS



FREEDOM
A LA CART

+



CATCH COURT
COLUMBUS

*“CATCH Court cannot exist without Freedom a la Cart, and
Freedom a la Cart would not exist without CATCH Court.”*

- Judge Paul Herbert at CATCH Court graduation 2019

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SUPPORTIVE SERVICES — WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

“Freedom is more than just a job.”

- Paid job training
- Soft skills + hard skills
- Social + emotional regulation
- Employment coaching + job pairing

2011



FREEDOM'S SECRET SAUCE

TRAUMA-INFORMED APPROACH

- Empowerment & Recovery Lens
- Safety – emotional & physical
- Managing Emotions & Promoting Self Reflection
- Collaboration
- Foster Relationships
- Product Matches Program
- Long-Term Support



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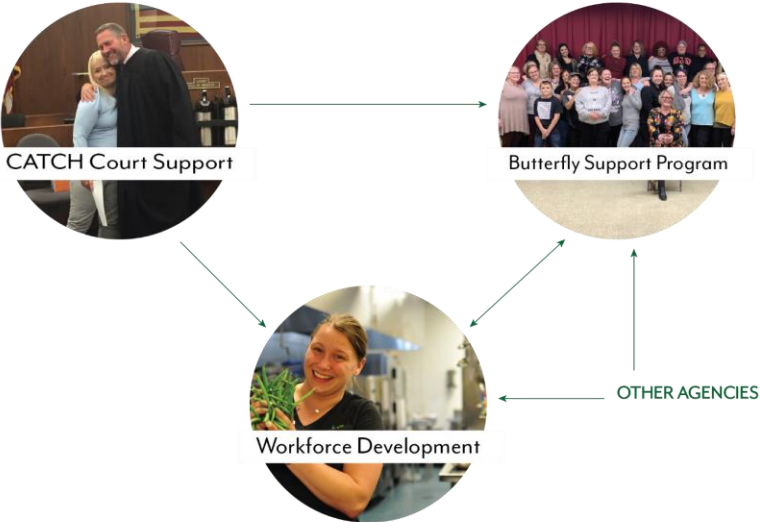
SUPPORTIVE SERVICES — BUTTERFLY PROGRAM

Community of Long-Term Support for Survivors Post-Treatment

- Case management services
- Housing assistance
- Employment coach services
- Crisis management (relapse) support



SERVICES FLOWCHART



200+ 
SURVIVORS SERVED
ANNUALLY

59 
WORKFORCE
TRAINING

24 
TRANSITIONED TO
SUSTAINABLE JOBS

85% 
RECEIVE NO NEW
CRIMINAL CHARGES



THE IMPACT OF FREEDOM

Our results are self-sufficient women who are reintegrating into the community. They are retaining a job, paying taxes, getting their driver's license, buying cars, attending college, moving into permanent housing, regaining custody of their children and transitioning off government assistance. Generational impact!



WE RELY ON OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS!



THE SWEET TASTE OF FREEDOM — APRIL THACKER
Survivor & Freedom a la Cart Case Manager





FREEDOM

A LA CART

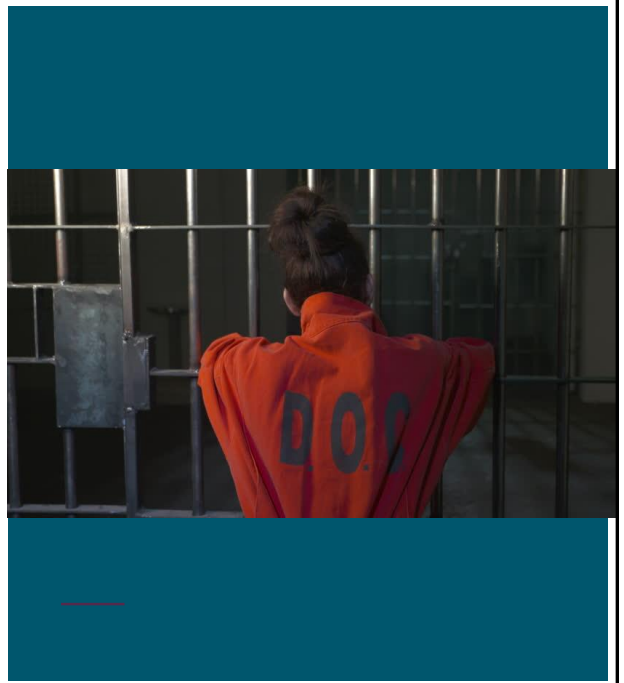
THANK YOU!

Paula Haines

paula@freedomalacart.org

Lesson #1:

Jail isn't always the best solution.



Lesson #2:

Curiosity is the key to
being trauma-
informed

CURIOSITY
is a
SHIT-STARTER.
BUT THAT'S OKAY.
Sometimes we have to
RUMBLE
WITH A STORY
to find the truth.
-Brené Brown
#RISING STRONG

Lesson #3:

Let the women do
the work.



Lesson #4:

It takes a while to identify with being trafficked.



Lesson #5:

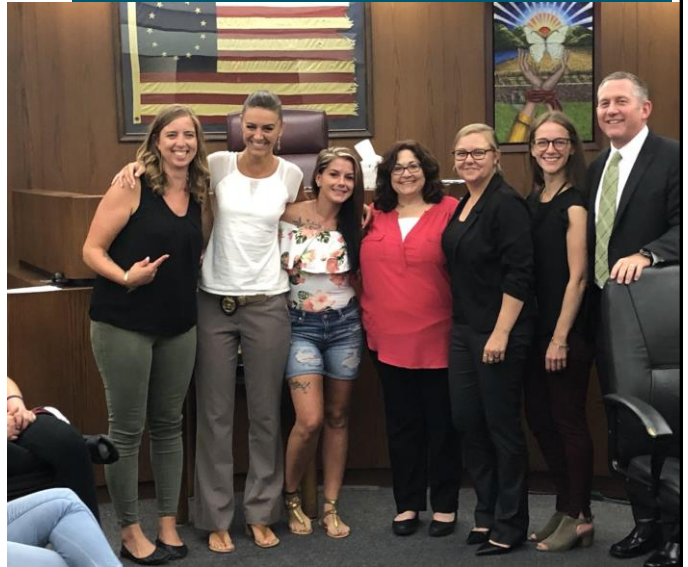
Be patient; a comprehensive multidisciplinary approach is possible!



[Get a Big Table]

Lesson #6:

You **will** win with a great team.



Lesson #7:

Romantic relationships are incredibly distracting and a true risk of recovery for trauma survivors.



Lesson #8:

Secondary trauma is real; self-care is non-negotiable.



YOU GOTTA
NOURISH
TO FLOURISH

Lesson #9:

We are unstoppable once we have time to heal and opportunity to prove our abilities.

