

## TRAFFICKING TERMS

**The Game or The Life:** The sub culture of prostitution. The Life comes with its own rules, hierarchy and language.

P.I.M.P. - Paper in my pocket/put it in my pocket.

Daddy/My Folks/Boyfriend/ P's- Pimp.

Blow Up- when a person leaves her pimp.

Trick/Date/John- a paying customer

Chopped- Getting beat.

Automatic- When a person “works” on her own without being watched by her pimp.

Wife/Wife-In-Law/Wifey- Other girls that who are with your pimp.

Choose Up Fee- The amount of money that a person has to pay to be accepted by a new pimp.

Trap house- Inside/Indoors where a person is prostituted.

Track/ Stroll or Blade - An area of town known for prostitution. This area is usually around motels/hotels, strip clubs or on a particular stretch of streets.

Stable- A group of victims who are under the control of a single pimp.

Bottom/Bottom “B” A female appointed by the trafficker/pimp to supervise the others and report rule violations. The Bottom may help instruct victims, collect money, book hotel rooms, post ads, or inflict punishments on other girls. Many times the bottom has been with he pimp the longest and has suffered the most traumas.

Out of Pocket- When a girl looks, speaks, and disobeys her pimp.

Lot Lizard- Derogatory term for a person who is being prostituted at truck stops.

Quota- The amount of money a person must make nightly before coming in for the night. If she returns without meeting the quota, she is typically beaten and sent back out on the street to earn the rest. Quotas vary according to geographic region, local events, etc.

Renegade- A person involved in prostitution without a pimp.

In-Call- When a John travels to the location of the girl.

Out-Call- When the girl travels to the John.

Trick- Committing an act of prostitution (*verb*), or the person buying it (*noun*). A victim is said to be “turning a trick” or “with a trick.”

Green- A person that does not know all the rules to he life/New to the game.

Vet- Having been in the life for a while.

Caught A Case- Getting arrested.

Gorilla (or Guerilla) Pimp-A pimp who controls his victims almost entirely through physical violence and force.

Romeo Pimp -One who prides himself on controlling others primarily through psychological manipulation. Although he may shower his victims with affection and gifts (especially during the recruitment phase), the threat of violence is always present.

Squaring Up- Attempting to escape or exit prostitution by reentering the square world.

Charge it to The Game- Learning from the mistakes you have made while in the lie.

Going Hard- Devoted to the game and “working’ every day.

Seasoning -A combination of psychological manipulation, intimidation, gang rape, sodomy, beatings, deprivation of food or sleep, isolation from friends or family and other sources of support, and threatening or holding hostage of a victim’s children. Seasoning is designed to break down a victim’s resistance and ensure compliance.

Green Light- Giving other pimps permission to do anything they want to his victim, including kidnapping, raping or killing.

