

wants. If demand exceeds their supply, the criminals will traffic in more victims to meet the demand.

4. **Strip clubs and escort services are often fronts for prostitution and sex trafficking.** In April 2010, a 14-year-old girl was found dancing topless in a “gentlemen’s club” in Detroit.⁶ A strip club in Dallas, Texas,



managed to keep its business license, even though in 2007 a uthorities found a 12-year-old – a sixth-grader! – and a 17-year-old dancing there.⁷ Selling and

buying sex goes on in strip clubs in the private booths and stalls – all of which is illegal – and if the women are forced into prostituting themselves, it is sex trafficking. In June 2010, a 19-year-old Florida woman testified that she and other young women were forced to prostitute inside the Vegas Showgirls strip club.⁸ Look through your local yellow pages under “escort,” “nightclubs,” “massage” or “spa,” and you will see the code words that signal prostitution and sex trafficking – “full service,” “any age” and “girlfriend experience,” to name a few.⁹

The common denominator in pornography, prostitution, and sex trafficking is “demand.” People who buy sex or pornography are supporting sex trafficking because they create the demand that fuels the commercial sex

industry. Help end the demand by asking your local law enforcement to enforce obscenity and vice crimes laws.

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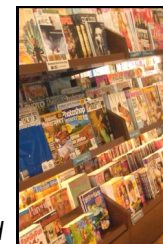
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Pornography and Sex Trafficking: The Links

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The Snare

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The Victims

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The Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-386) defines “sex trafficking”



as “the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the

purpose of a commercial sex act” and is considered a severe form of sex trafficking if it is “sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age.” The law defines a commercial sex act as “any sex act on account of which anything of value is given to or received by any person.”

The pornography industry certainly contains commercial sex acts, as actors are paid to perform sexually for movies, magazines, and the Internet, and many actors, models, and strippers/exotic dancers are brought into or kept in the industry through the means of force, fraud, or coercion. Children used in the production of child pornography are victims

and often scarred for life by their experiences.

What are the Links between Pornography and Sex Trafficking?

1. Pornography is used to train sex slaves, especially children, showing what is

expected of them when they are prostituted. By showing pornography to young children, they not only tell them they will have to



perform or submit to the acts shown, but by repeatedly showing the victims pornographic films, they desensitize the children to it. Federal prosecutors in the United States indicted a man in 2008 for training a 12-year-old girl to be a dominatrix, prostituting her, and photographing some of the acts. The indictment stated that he made the girl watch pornography on the Internet as a training tool.¹

2. Pimps and traffickers take pornographic pictures of victims to coerce them into



making films and/or prostituting by threatening to show their family the pictures.

Sometimes pimps film their victims

performing sex acts on johns and sell it as

pornography. In 2009, a woman in Maryland pleaded guilty to forcing a 17-year-old relative into prostitution and participating in two pornographic photo shoots.² In 2007, a man and woman were convicted in New York of forcing an 18-year-old girl to pose for pictures which they posted on Craigslist and of forcing her into prostitution.³

3. Johns view pornography and then use prostitutes to perform those sex acts. Many

people are unaware of the change of focus in today’s pornography -- much of it is extremely violent and dehumanizing. Some of those who view it want to reenact what they see, but few wives or girlfriends will agree to such

degradation. In other instances, the john is unwilling to ask for the acts that he prefers, so he seeks out a prostitute. In a 2009 British study,⁴



twenty-seven percent of the men interviewed who admitted buying sex said, “once he pays, the customer is entitled to engage in *any act he chooses* with women he buy” [emphasis original]. Fifty-eight percent of the men in the study used pornographic films and/or videos at least once a month.⁵ Pimps and traffickers cater to the demands of johns and will force their victims to perform whatever act the john