

HUMAN TRAFFICKING LINGO

- Bottom, or Bottom B*tch:** A person appointed by the pimp/trafficker to recruit potential victims, report violation of rules, and often to help punish.
- B*tch:** A term used endearingly toward one another to refer to a “working girl.”
- Working:** performing sexual acts for money.
- Branded:** A tattoo on a victim indicating ownership by a trafficker/pimp.
- Daddy:** A term a male trafficker /pimp requires his victims to call him.
- P.I. :** Another term for pimp
- Family or Folks:** A group of victims under the control of a trafficker/pimp. The term is an attempt to recreate the family environment.
- Gorilla Pimp:** A violent trafficker/pimp
- Romeo/Finesse Pimp:** A trafficker who uses fraud and deception to lure their victims in by pretending to be their boyfriend.
- Grooming:** When a trafficker is dating a girl to win her trust, before he tells her he is trafficker or pimp.
- Lot Lizard:** Derogatory term for prostituted women and children at truck stops.
- Pimp Circle:** Describes a situation where pimps circle around a victim to intimidate and discipline them, using verbal and physical threats/action, i.e.beating with wire coat hangers, defecating and urinating on victims
- Quota:** The amount of money a victim must give to their trafficker/pimp each night. If a quota is not met, the victim may be made to work until it is, or may be beaten or otherwise disciplined.
- Seasoning:** The process of breaking a victim’s spirit and gaining control over her, using rapes, beatings, manipulation and intimidation. There is actually a manual for pimps on how to season victims.
- Stable:** A group of victims under the control of a pimp.
- Trade Up/Trade Down:** The act of buying or selling a person for a pimp’s stable.
- Knock:** Convincing a girl to go home with a trafficker – before the “turning out” phase.
- Turn Out:** To be forced into prostitution; also a person newly involved.
- “Wifey” or Wife-in-law:** A term prostituted women and children are required to call the other females in the “stable.”
- Sister:** Another term for the other females in the stable.
- Kiddie Track or Runaway Track:** Just what it sounds like it means.
- The Track/ The Blade:** The area in which a girl walks to try to catch a date.
- John / Trick:** A man purchasing sex from a prostituted woman or child.
- Date:** The appointment set up to exchange sex for money.
- Staying in/out of pocket:** abiding to the rules that the trafficker has set before his females.
- Reckless Eyeballing:** looking at other pimps, which is considered out of pocket.
- Caught a Case:** Went to jail for prostitution.
- Stack:** Putting money to the side, whether a girl stacks money without permission, or the trafficker is stacking money so they can make a move
- Square:** A person who is living a “normal” lifestyle
- The Game/The Life:** What the entire life of human trafficking is referred to.
- Chose Up:** the act of joining a traffickers stable.
- Choosing Fee:** A term used on girls to pay to enter the stable