Sex Trafficking Networks | Polaris Project

Comparison Chart of Primary Sex Trafficking Networks in the U.S.

| | Asian Networks | Latino Networks | Domestic Networks |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Locations of operation | Asian Massage Parlors (AMPs), | Residential brothels, escort | Street, hotels, residential |
| | room salons/hostess clubs, | "delivery" services, hostess | brothels, strip clubs, some |
| | residential brothels, karaoke | clubs/"cantinas," and some | massage parlors, internet, truck |
| | bars, escort services | massage parlors | stops, private parties |
| Trafficker profile | Older Asian female | Latino male controllers, | U.S. domestic male pimps, |
| | management in AMPs, male | recruiters, enforcers, | male and female recruiters and |
| | owners, enforcers, and | transporters; pimps known | enforcers, male transporters |
| | transporters | as "padrotes" (father) | |
| Victim profile | Predominantly South Korean | Predominantly Mexican, | U.S. Citizen adults and minors; |
| | women, and some Chinese and | central American, and south | some Native Americans; avg. |
| | Thai women, often between | American adult women and | age of recruitment estimated at |
| | ages of 18 and 55; rare minors | some minors | 12-14 |
| Demand profile (Johns) | Middle to upper class working | Entirely 'closed' network | Open network that includes |
| Open: All men | professionals; Asian men in | catering to Latino males | men of all backgrounds |
| Closed: Only some men | 'closed' networks; some foreign | | |
| • | business men | | |
| Methods of recruitment | False promises of legitimate | False promise of marriage | False promise of love and |
| | employment, internet chat | and opportunity; false | support; sometimes |
| | rooms, in saunas/baths | promise of legitimate jobs | kidnapping or abduction |
| Methods of control | Physical isolation, language | Physical abuse, rape, assault | Physical abuse, rape, assault |
| | barriers, debt bondage, threats, | with weapons, debt | with weapons, debt bondage, |
| | threats of reports to | bondage, threats of force, | threats of force, sexual abuse |
| | immigration, psychological | threats to family, threats of | of minors, threats to family or |
| | control, intimidation, | reports to immigration, | to children, control of drug |
| | controlled transportation | sexual abuse of minors | supply, psychological control |
| Affiliation to gangs | Some have affiliation with | Some have affiliations with | Some have affiliations with |
| | Asian street gangs and/or | MS-13 and other Latino | street gangs; some gangs |
| | organized crime | gangs | directly engage in trafficking |
| Advertising mechanisms | Classified ads, Asian | Fake business cards | Online sex ads, internet |
| to attract customers | newspapers, internet classifieds, | distributed person-to- | classifieds, local newspapers, |
| | phone directories, word of | person, word of mouth | phone directories, word of |
| | mouth, billboards | | mouth, text messaging |
| Pricing structure/Cost | \$60 per hour plus tips for | \$30 for 15 minute sex act; | Nightly quotas of \$200 to |
| per sex act | AMPs; inflated prices for food | avg. of 20 to 35 men a day; | \$1,000; average of 7 to 15 men |
| | and alcohol in room salons; | money usually taken by | per day; all money kept by |
| | average of 5 to 15 men a day | managers and 'padrotes' | pimps/traffickers |
| Transnational and | Smuggling through Canada and | Smuggling through Mexico; | Direct transportation by |
| internal transportation | Mexico; overstaying legitimate | transported via cargo vans | pimps; use of individual cars |
| structure | visas; use of Korean "taxi" | or commercial buses | and/or commercial |
| | services | between cities | transportation lines |
| Support Structure that | Advertisers, landlords, active | Advertisers, landlords | Advertisers, landlords, media, |
| Facilitates Operations | online john community | | operators of hotels used |
| • | | | heavily by pimps, taxis |

