



VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY
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THE INSTITUTE TO ADDRESS
COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

SEX TRAFFICKING 101:

ACT 105 (2014): PA'S COMPREHENSIVE ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING LAW

PROSECUTION:

To prove the crime of sex trafficking, you need to have an ACT by a MEANS for the PURPOSE of commercial sex or forced labor

RESOURCES:

National Human Trafficking Hotline

1-888-373-7888

A national, toll-free hotline, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, every day

BeFree Textline - Text Help to 233733 (BeFree)

Hours of Operation: 3:00pm - 11:00pm EST

Villanova Law CSE Institute

(610) 519-7183

<http://cseinstitute.org/>

>>> ACTS

- Recruiting, enticing, soliciting, harboring, transporting, providing, obtaining or maintaining an individual
- Knowingly benefits financially or receives anything of value from any of the acts listed above

>>> MEANS

** Do not need to prove if victim is under 18 years old*

These means can be described as

"force", "fraud", or "coercion"

- (1) Causing or threatening to cause serious harm to any individual.
- (2) Physically restraining or threatening to physically restrain another individual.
- (3) Kidnapping or attempting to kidnap any individual.
- (4) Abusing or threatening to abuse the legal process.
- (5) Taking or retaining the individual's personal property or real property as a means of coercion.
- (6) Engaging in unlawful conduct with respect to documents.
- (7) Extortion.
- (8) Fraud.
- (9) Criminal coercion.
- (10) Duress, through the use of or threat to use unlawful force against the person or another.
- (11) Debt coercion.
- (12) Facilitating or controlling the individual's access to a controlled substance.
- (13) Using any scheme, plan or pattern intended to cause the individual to believe that, if the individual does not perform the labor, services, acts or performances, that individual or another individual will suffer serious harm or physical restraint.

>>> PURPOSE

Sex Trafficking: Any sex act in exchange for anything of value

Labor Trafficking: Labor which is obtained or induced by force, fraud, or coercion

SIGNS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING: THE INDIVIDUAL(S) IN QUESTION...



POOR MENTAL HEALTH OR ABNORMAL BEHAVIOR

- Is fearful, anxious, depressed, submissive, tense, or nervous/paranoid
- Exhibits unusually fearful or anxious behavior after bringing up law enforcement
- Avoids eye contact

POOR PHYSICAL HEALTH

- Lacks health care
- Appears malnourished
- Shows signs of physical and/or sexual abuse, physical restraint, confinement, or torture



LACK OF CONTROL

- Has few or no personal possessions
- Is not in control of his/her own money, no financial records, or bank account
- Is not in control of his/her own identification documents (ID or passport)
- Is not allowed or able to speak for themselves (a third party may insist on being present and/or translating)



COMMON WORK AND LIVING CONDITIONS

- Is not free to leave or come and go as he/she wishes
- Is under 18 and is providing commercial sex acts
- Is in the commercial sex industry and has a pimp/manager
- Is unpaid, paid very little, or paid only through tips
- Works excessively long and/or unusual hours
- Is not allowed breaks or suffers under unusual restrictions at work
- Owes a large debt and is unable to pay it off
- Was recruited through false promises concerning the nature and conditions of his/her work
- High security measures exist in the work and/or living locations (e.g. opaque windows, boarded up windows, bars on windows, barbed wire, security cameras, etc.)



OTHER

- Claims of just visiting and inability to clarify where he/she is staying/address
- Lack of knowledge of whereabouts and/or do not know what city he/she is in
- Loss of sense of time
- Has numerous inconsistencies in his/her story