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- National Initiative targeting Domestic Child Prostitution implemented 06/2003

- Joint initiative with Department of Justice Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section & the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

- Targets organizations involved in child prostitution using the enterprise theory of investigation
High Intensity Child Prostitution Areas

Locations of High Intensity Child Prostitution Areas (HICPA)

Chicago
Dallas
Detroit
Las Vegas
Los Angeles
Miami
Minneapolis
New York
San Diego
San Francisco
St. Louis
Tampa
Washington, D.C.
Innocence Lost Statistics

- 324 New Cases
- 777 Arrests
- 160 Indictments
- 176 Convictions
Child Victims

- Average age of entry by a child prostitute: 13
- Life expectancy after becoming a prostitute: 7 years
- Stormy Nights revealed 20% of prostitutes were juveniles
- High percentage of prostitutes recruited as juveniles
- Utilize false identification
  - Multiple names, social security numbers, date of birth, addresses
Intelligence (continued)

- Demographics of Victims
  - Black, White, Native American, Hispanic
  - Recruited easily
    - Low self esteem
    - Runaway/thrown away
- Accessible
  - Bus stops
  - Shelters
  - Concerts
  - Juvenile Hall
Continuum of Victimization

Dr. Melissa Farley of Prostitution Research and Education conducted interviews with 130 people working as prostitutes in San Francisco.

Findings:
- 83% have been threatened with a weapon
- 82% have been physically assaulted
- 68% have been raped
- 59% have been raped 4 or more times
- 84% reported past or current homelessness
- 49% reported that pornography was made of them in prostitution
- 75% have a drug abuse problem
- 50% now have a physical health problem
- 57% were sexually abused as children
- 88% want to leave prostitution
Juveniles Arrested

- Treated as Victims
- Try to place in Children of the Night, GEMS, other NGO (Depends on location) tailored for juvenile prostitutes
- Interview for intelligence
Prostitution Venues

- Street “Tracks”
- Brothels
- Truck Stops
- Hotel/Casino “the carpet”
- Escort Services
- Internet
Successful Prosecutions

Carlos Curtis

- Lured a 12 year old from NYC to DC
- Bought her clothes, jewelry, etc.
- Photographed her sexually explicit positions
- Engaged in sexual acts w/her and another adult prostitute
- Told her the rules of the game and sent her to the street

- LIFE sentence
Successful Prosecutions (cont.)

- Wayne Robert Banks
  - Pimped out a 15 and 17 year old.
  - Charged with 1591 and 2421
  - Sentenced to 40 years
Major Cases Providing Intel

- Oklahoma City “Stormy Nights”
  - Approximately 20% of identified prostitutes were juveniles
  - 9 federal indictments & 7 state indictments
    - 8 of 9 federal defendants pled guilty
      - On 01/11/05 defendant was charged with 1591
  - Sentences up to 17 years
NCMEC

- NCMEC is a national clearinghouse that gathers information about missing and sexually exploited children for law enforcement use.
- NCMEC neither investigates/vouches for the accuracy of the information it receives.
- NCMEC forwards all information unedited to law enforcement agencies for investigation and disposition pursuant to its congressional mandate to operate as a clearinghouse.
24-Hour, Toll Free Hotline

- Operates 24 hours per day, 365 days per year
- Has handled more than 1.8 million calls
- Averages 669 calls per day
- Has access to more than 140 Language lines
TOTAL NUMBER OF NCMEC CYBERTIP REPORTS FOR CHILD PROSTITUTION

![Graph showing the total number of NCMEC Cybertip reports for child prostitution from 1998 to 2006. The number of reports increases over time, reaching a peak in 2006.](chart.png)
In-House Agents

NCMEC has in-house agents from the

- Federal Bureau of Investigation (1 SSA and 1 IA)
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
- Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement
- U. S. Postal Inspection Service
- U. S. Secret Service