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Mr. Lester CHAIRMAN

The Tragedy of Teenage Prostitution

by FATHER BRUCE RITTER with BOB WEINSTEIN

We must face the shocking facts, says a Catholic priest, and care enough to try to change them.

I am not going to make it. I am going to die out there. The streets are going to kill me." He was 17 years old. We'll call him Louis. He was talking to one of the co-authors of this article, the Reverend Bruce Ritter, a 52-year-old Franciscan priest. Two years ago, Father Ritter started Covenant House. It is a shelter for teenagers, most of them runaways, who roam the sinful streets around Times Square in midtown New York.

Wherever there are large numbers of runaways, teenage prostitution is a fact. The problem is already very bad—and getting worse—in cities such as New York, Los Angeles, Miami, and Houston. But it's not just a big-city problem. Those runaways come from almost every corner of the United States. Fleeing or kicked out of their homes, they come to the cities with dreams of glamor and fun.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation keeps statistics on runaways. Between 600,000 and one million young people run away from home every year, the FBI reports. Not all of these, of course, end up in prostitution. In fact, quite a few return home very soon. But almost all teenage prostitutes start out as runaways.

These teenage runaways cannot get honest work. They have not finished school. Rightly or wrongly, they don't want to go home. Or maybe they don't have a home, or parents, anymore. Or maybe their parents don't want them to come home.

Over the past 18 months, 8,000 homeless young people have come to Covenant House. There, they can get a good night's sleep, eat nourishing meals, and clean up. Perhaps most important of all, they can talk about their lives with the volunteers who work there. Like Louis, who fears "the streets are going to kill me," 60 percent of the young people who show up at Covenant House are involved in prostitution.

At 17, Louis has been a hustler for three years. He didn't finish school and can't write very well. He's an alcoholic. He drinks every day, he says, to try to forget what he has to do to survive. He is a naturally

Few things get Father Ritter to put aside his work for Covenant House—even for a little while. This article was one of them. We are grateful to Father Ritter and to his co-author, Bob Weinstein, a frequent contributor to this magazine.



Teenage runaways head for cities — and ruined lives. Father Ritter fights to save them.

bright person who, maybe, could have led a more "normal" life. But his chances, now, of leading anything like a normal life are just about zero.

What do volunteer workers say to teenagers like Louis who come to Covenant House and similar shelters around the country? The volunteers have only one hope: to try to convince a teenager that he or she has other choices in life. Maybe (a volunteer may suggest) going back home is better than staying

on the streets. But many of these teenagers just can't believe that they can change their lives, that they have any choices at all.

So, they go back on the streets. Hundreds of them have been held prisoner, tortured, raped. Some of them have been murdered. One 16-year-old girl—we'll call her Alice—was held prisoner for a week, after a pimp picked her up in New York's Port Authority Bus Terminal. Alice was drugged, raped repeatedly, but finally escaped. Her pimp found her again and told her he had to have her back. He said he owned her. Besides, Alice was worth thousands of dollars a month to him.

Police have identified about 1,000 pimps in just the New York City midtown area. Each one usually controls between two and four girls like Alice. The prostitute is the "property" of the pimp. Each girl is expected to bring the pimp a certain amount of money a day, usually around \$200. She has to. If she doesn't, a brutal beating is about the best she can hope for.

Prostitution has been called a "victimless crime." That means a crime that doesn't hurt anybody. But that leaves out all the young people who are beaten, tortured, held prisoner. And what about those who are murdered? What about the ones who commit suicide out of hopelessness and desperation?

These are the victims. But who, really, are they? Here are some statistics from Covenant House. Fifty percent of the teenage prostitutes are black; 18 percent are Spanish-speaking; 25 percent are white. The rest are of mixed ethnic backgrounds. Seventy-five percent are boys. The median age of both boys and girls is about 17. Almost one-half of

them are 17 or younger. Nineteen out of 20 come from one-parent families. If they come from two-parent families, there is almost always alcoholism in the family.

Seventy-five percent of teenage prostitutes are children of the poor. Most of them have suffered child abuse. They have either been thrown out or walked out of homes that have broken up, or homes where there seems to be no love or understanding left.

To an experienced pimp, these needs for attention and security are easy to spot—and easy to prey on. A lot of scared young girls, for example, want to believe that the smooth, expensively dressed young men who seem to fall for them really care. The rude awakening often comes when the girl is asked to prove her love by repaying the man for his generosity. She can repay him, he tells her, by selling her body and making money for them both. For her, it can seem like her only option.

Meanwhile, the "sex industry" is booming. And teenage prostitution and pornography, too, get bigger every day. Business has never been better. Why? There are probably just two answers. They are two of the seven deadly sins—greed and lust. There is big money in selling sex. Greed makes people go after that money. The money comes from other people who lust after children and teenagers. And, of course, the greedy ones want to make sure money keeps rolling in. They are for the most part linked to what we know as organized crime. They have a big stake in being deadly efficient—for them, sex is a \$4-billion-dollar-a-year industry. □

Father Bruce Ritter— On Stopping Teenage Prostitution

Senior: With all you've seen—all the pain and suffering—do you think it's possible to end the problem?

Father Ritter: I do. It seems, though, that very few people really want to do anything.

Senior: Do what? You make it sound as if individuals—young individuals—can do something. But is that realistic? What have adults, politicians, the police been able to do?

Ritter: Very little. But I think that's because they've only given lip service to the problem. But they've made little effort to stop it. The problem grows worse every day. But young people can care. Caring is a good way to start. If their sister or brother or close friend were on a street corner, it wouldn't be so hard to care. Caring is the first step in accepting responsibility—for yourself and for others.

Senior: That sounds good. But it also sounds like a lot of other things people have said before about love and caring making things all right....

Ritter: Wait a minute. That's only a beginning. The caring makes people act. And that's what it takes to make them realize they have power.

Senior: What kind of power?

Ritter: The power to put people into office—and to

take them out. Politicians respond to the people who write them—people who care, people who vote. Letters are a good way for your readers to start. And before long, they'll be voting. They can vote against the uncaring politicians and judges and the do-nothing district attorneys.

Senior: But statistics show that not many young people actually vote.

Ritter: I know! That's immoral and irresponsible. I hear young people say that their vote doesn't count. But they don't even try to find out if that's true. They may shake their heads over a problem like teenage prostitution, but they don't try to do anything.

Senior: But why should they really care—about a problem that seems so far away?

Ritter: I thought I already gave them some good reasons. But here's another. Some day, they will have children of their own. And they have to decide if they want those children growing up in a world where young people are bartered like sacks of potatoes. They can't afford to wait until then... until those children are teenagers and maybe thinking of running away. That will be too late. The problem can't be—won't be—stopped overnight. It's going to take time. And the time to start is now. □

grams for prevention and treatment. Their paper is the first to address adolescent abuse from the standpoint of a combination of factors, involving parents, children and social stresses, and is intended to guide future work on the subject.

Teen-Age Prostitutes

Adolescent prostitution has been receiving a great deal of attention in Minnesota, and particularly in the Twin Cities area of Minneapolis-St. Paul. The area is notorious as the home of many young girls who are now working as prostitutes in New York City, Chicago, and California; so notorious that one section of New York with numerous adolescent prostitutes has become known as the "Minnesota Strip."

Based on 3 years of direct fieldwork, Michael Baizerman, Jacquelyn Thompson, Kimaka Stafford-White, and "An Old, Young Friend"—an 18-year-old woman with five years' experience in prostitution—have written of this problem in *Children Today*.

In the Twin Cities area, girls of all races are involved in prostitution; their ages range from 13 to 18. Some have a male pimp, others do not, and many make a transition from working independently to working for a pimp. Generally speaking, most of the young prostitutes work "the street"—both actual city blocks and other specific locations, such as shopping malls and the areas around some bars and after-hours clubs. Most sex acts take place in cars, although some girls use apartments and, more rarely, motel and hotel rooms.

Many of the girls practice birth control; pills, followed by the IUD, are the two most popular forms. Since girls may begin using the pill at an early age, they may be at risk of resultant medical complications. Use of the IUD could lead, through violence during the sex act, to such serious problems as perforation of the cervix. Condoms seem to be used less as a pregnancy prophylactic than as a preventive for venereal disease.

Many girls do not know much about venereal disease, and what information they do have seems to be obtained from "the street." Some learn from experience that one consequence might be scar tissue on the fallopian tubes, which could prevent pregnancy. Generally, pimps take care of the medical and health expenses of their girls.

Many pimps working in neighborhoods and the metropolitan area do not use hard drugs and do not allow their girls to use them—hard drug use raises the risk of arrest and the cost of the pimp's operation. Hard drugs also compete with a pimp for the girl's dependency. This is not to say that many girls do not have a history of drug use or that some girls may not be intentionally intro-

duced to drugs as a way to secure and control them. However, this latter pattern is more characteristic of interstate than of local patterns.

All of the pimps are male and most of the younger ones are black. Those who live in the neighborhood where the girls work—"popcorn" or "bubblegum" pimps, or "players"—are about 17, 18 and 19 years old, while those who come from outside the state are usually older, having moved up the "career ladder" from neighborhood pimp to small businessman. Black pimps tend to work on the street while white pimps, usually older, are more likely to be involved with more formally organized action such as call girls, saunas, and massage parlors.

In general, the younger pimps come from disadvantaged neighborhoods; they have relatively poor formal education, lack basic skills, and have few opportunities to obtain legitimate work. As a result, they are likely to be frustrated, angry, resentful, and unsure of themselves. They tend to use force to control their girls and may attempt to hurt a girl or someone who tries to interfere with their operation. It is likely, however, that many of these young men will move out of pimping if other possibilities are found. Those who stay in it do so partly because there are few work opportunities. Most do not stay out of any great pathological or perverse need.

Older and more sophisticated pimps rarely use physical force on their women. Their method of control is psychological and emotional, with the goal of having the girls become totally dependent upon them.

The local buyers or Johns seem to be white men over 25 years of age, both married and single. We know that many have families of their own—and that some men ask for girls of their daughters' age.

Although a wide variety of sex acts are performed, most men seem to want oral sex or intercourse. The price varies according to the act and the time involved. For ordinary oral sex or intercourse, it is about \$25. Other factors—whether the girl works for a pimp, the location of the pick-up, the nature of the sex act, and whether or not there is a big convention in town—also influence the cost.

Most of the action seems to take place from lunchtime to late afternoon, and then later in the evening. These afternoon times fit well within typical male working schedules and allow married men the opportunity to be home in the evening and still engage in—and protect—their activities.

Business hours are also determined by the girls' schedules. Since they may also be students in junior and senior high school, the girls may choose to work only after school. Afternoon hours are convenient for girls who live at home and work at prostitution part time, without parental knowledge.

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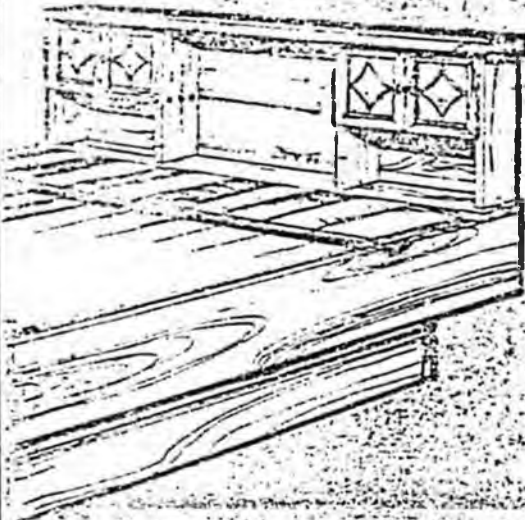
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sentence of 3 years

By TERRY CARR
Daily News reporter

A 25-year-old father of five was sentenced to three years in prison Wednesday for running a prostitution ring of teen-age girls.

Willie B. Bell, who has been in jail since he was arrested on pimping charges in May, is the first person to be convicted and sentenced to prison under a 1930 law outlawing the promotion of prostitution among juveniles, prosecutors said.

Superior Court Judge Milton Souter said he added one year to Bell's sentence because of testimony Wednesday by another jail inmate, William Smith. Smith told the court Bell Wednesday morning threatened to harm him and his daughter unless Smith gave testimony favorable to Bell.

Bell denied making the threat.

Souter ordered Bell to prison despite pleas from defense attorney Peter Mysing, who called his client's offenses "a detour in his life" and said Bell was an "adoring father."

If Souter gave him probation, Bell told the judge, "you'll never see me in another courtroom for anything."

Souter called the crimes for which Bell was convicted in October a "dirty business."

"This sentence has to serve as a deterrent" to Bell and others engaged in prostitution, he said.

Souter also said he was influenced heavily by trial testimony and evidence that the Bell used violence and the threat of violence to control the girls in his prostitution ring.

Teen-agers who worked for Bell testified during the trial that Bell often beat them and threatened to kill them.

Souter said "the great majority of women would not engage in prostitution" unless threatened with violence, lured with the promise of narcotics, or by other means of persuasion.

"Here, the powerful persuasion was threats of violence and, on at least one occasion, the use of violence," he said.

Bell, who sat silently throughout most of Wednesday's sentencing, spoke only to plead for probation, and to contest the testimony of Smith, the inmate who claimed Bell had threatened him.

"I've been in jail," Bell said. "I learned my lesson in jail. I don't need to spend any more time in jail."

Smith, who was arrested here in December on an Anchorage theft charge, said he became friendly with Bell in jail. "You better get me out of this," Smith quoted Bell as telling him.

Smith, who at first refused to testify but relented under Souter's order, said Bell also threatened Smith's 14-year-old daughter unless Smith testified favorably.

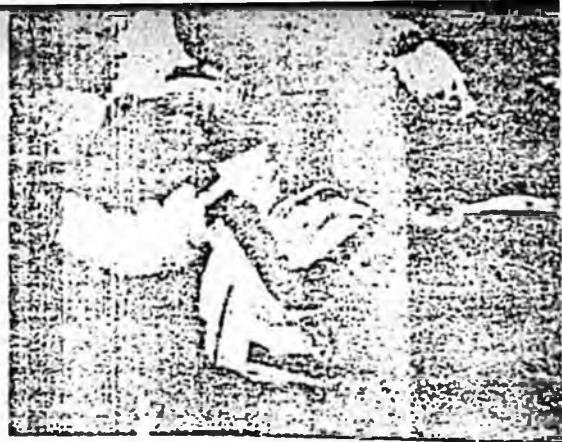
Bell denied he threatened Smith or his daughter.

"All I told him was to come to court and testify and tell the truth," Bell said.

Souter, however, said he believed Smith and that he added a year to the sentence because of the threats.

"I think Mr. Bell needs to sit in jail and think about that. We're not going to tolerate that sort of behavior," Souter said.

Souter gave Bell credit for the 240 days he has already spent in jail. Bell will be eligible for parole after serving one-third of his sentence.



The joy of snow

With fresh white stuff falling in their faces, students at Lake Otis Elementary School rejoiced Wednesday in the first major snowfall of the winter. Writer: Anchor/er Serv

3 consulting firms

Plans to build a huge, centralized state office building in Anchorage will move a step closer to fruition next week with the selection of a local consultant to assist in site selection and design.

But at least two Anchorage lawmakers say they have major reservations about the structure.

Rep. Russ Meekins, recalling the construction of the new Federal Building here a few years ago, voiced fears that the addition of the massive complex to house state offices could depress the private market for office space here. Sen. Ed Deniwurth said he is not convinced the project is needed.

Guided by Department of Administration Commissioner Bill Hudson, the office project is moving rapidly toward actual construction, Hudson says he hopes for an August groundbreaking.

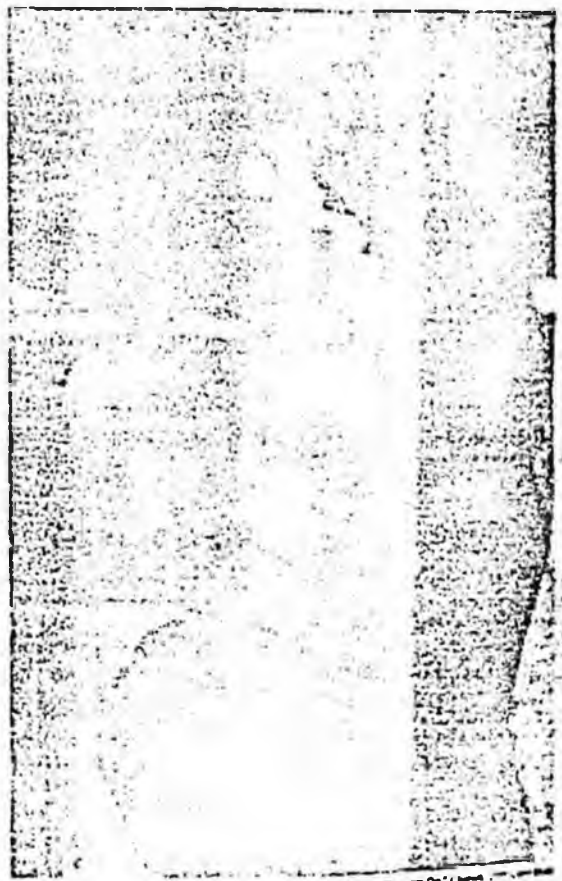
Tuesday, the Anchorage Assembly denied the concept of locating a central state office building downtown. Hudson

said the endorsement is a "bleeding" sign that we're on the way to bankruptcy. If the building is built, it would like it to be a meeting of the full state session will meet in day with officials in agencies and the more a consultant from the Meekins and Hudson, and O'Connor and Planners. All are An

"We will hear from each of the three the week, and the no promise final review session," Hudson said.

"I currently review would ask a private firm and build the office guaranteed the state was not necessary. Has

popular with lawmakers. "So far, every law



Neither rain, nor sleet, nor snow

Despite the snow, mailman Roberto Escobar was on the job Wednesday, delivering mail delivery on F Street.

Greene, who cooperated with the government during the investigation, will testify at the trial.

Reed, Burk, McDaniel and Smith have pleaded not guilty to all charges against them.

The first indictment was dismissed, without government objection, after defense attor-

entrainment in the government's charges.

Federal agents used Greene and Billy Ray Helverton, a government informant who was not charged, to surreptitiously tape record conversations with defendants in the arson investigation.

The recordings are expected to play a substantial role in the government's case.

Footprints in the snow

A snow covered bench in the downtown park strip went untouched today by passersby.

Anchorage Daily News/Mark Olson

Willie Bell convicted in teen-ager prostitute case

By JULIE ANNE GOLD
Daily News reporter

Willie B. Bell, accused as a Fourth Avenue pimp, was convicted of inducing a 14-year-old girl into a life of prostitution by a Superior Court jury Thursday.

The 29-year-old Bell faces up to 10 years for the first-degree felony charge.

In a complex reading of six separate verdicts, the jury found Bell innocent of forcing two other girls, ages 15 and 16, into prostitution, but guilty of promoting them to become prostitutes.

These lesser, third-degree charges carry possible prison sentences of up to a year and 90 days.

Delivering its sixth verdict in the

case, the jury found Bell guilty of managing and supervising a prostitution enterprise, other than in a place of prostitution. The felony offense holds a maximum sentence of five years in prison.

Bell, nervously looking around the nearly empty courtroom Thursday, buried his heads in his hands after the clerk read the first "guilty" verdict.

"We plan to appeal," said Peter Mysing, Bell's attorney.

"All three ladies' testimony was damaging against Bell," Mysing said. "The issue was who was the jury going to believe."

Even though Bell admitted taking money that he knew came from prostitution from the 16-year-old, according to Mysing, Bell never "caused" or

"induced" the 14-year-old to become a prostitute.

However, the jury thought otherwise.

"There was definite evidence to support she was forced into prostitution," one juror said Thursday. "The photos showed she was beaten and bruised."

Prosecutor Martha Beckwith said the 14-year-old's testimony and a tape-recorded confrontation between Bell and the three girls probably were the most damaging evidence against Bell.

"He beat me real bad," a voice — identified by the state as belonging to the 14-year-old — said on the tape.

A series of color snapshots, passed from juror to juror, depicted the teen-ager with cuts and bruises on her face and arms.

However, the testimony of the older girls apparently did not convince the jury that Bell "forced" or "attempted to force" them into prostitution.

One of the girls, who admitted to being a prostitute before she met Bell, told the jury she was his lover for several months before his arrest.

"In her case, it was hard to tell what was a lovers' fight from a business fight," another juror said.

Another juror agreed, saying "there was just not enough evidence for a first degree conviction" in connection with the two other girls.

But the jurors, gathered around Judge Milton Souter's third-floor jury room for the last time, all agreed there was plenty of evidence to convict Bell of the state's last charge —

pimping for the three girls.

"The facts showed he drove them around" Fourth Avenue, one juror said, and "then waited and picked them up."

Mysing called this conviction a "surplus charge." The only way his client could be convicted of inducing the 14-year-old to become a prostitute, Mysing said Thursday, would be by pimping for her.

If Bell is sentenced to both charges one state will be guilty of double jeopardy, Mysing claimed.

Beckwith disagreed, saying she "was pleased" with the verdicts.

It was the first time "in at least four or five years" the state has successfully prosecuted someone for street pimping, she said.

Items — direct from Liverpool — go on Hohman's



Forums on aging set

Community forums on aging — meetings at which the elderly look at issues affecting their lives — are scheduled here through December.

Concerns expressed at the forums will be developed at the Alaska State Conference on the

Community School, 3933 Patterson, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Nov. 1, Tudor Community School at St. Mary's Church, 4502 Cassin Drive, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

• Nov. 17, Sand Lake Com-

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Jury deliberates pimp case

By JULIE ANNE GOLD
Daily News reporter

The fate of Willie B. Bell, an Anchorage man accused of setting up three teenage girls in lives of prostitution, was being contemplated Wednesday night by a jury of six men and six women.

Closing arguments brought an end Wednesday to the eight-day trial in which three former teen-age prostitutes explained the ins and outs of working the streets of Anchorage to the jury.

Bell was arrested in May for allegedly forcing two of the girls, and attempting to induce the third, to engage in prostitution. He was also indicted on a fourth charge of illegally running a prostitution business.

If convicted, Bell, who has pleaded innocent to all the charges, could face up to 20 years in jail, according to the district attorney's office.

The case is the first time in many years the state has brought an alleged pimp to trial on felony charges, the district attorney's office said.

Prosecutor Martha Beckwith relied heavily Wednesday on the testimony of the three teenagers to prove the state's case against Bell.

Under oath the girls, ages 15, 16 and 17, pointed to the defendant — usually slouched in his chair — as their former pimp who often beat them and threaten to kill them for not making more money from "johns" or "dates."

Bell's lawyer, Peter Mysing, claimed Bell never agreed to be their pimp and that



they were free to leave him any time, but decided live with him while they — on their own — engaged in prostitution.

Mysing acknowledged Bell on occasion drove the girls downtown, accepted money from them and shared them during "domestic" quarrels. However, he denied his client ever "induced or forced" them to be prostitutes.

In order to convict Bell on first-degree pimping charges, the state must prove he intended to cause or force the girls to engage in prostitution.

In an effort to discredit the girls'

testimony, Mysing recounted Bell's testimony of driving one of the girls to the Big Timbers motel for a "date."

The room cost \$37 and the girl received \$20, Mysing said. Bell would have to be an "extremely bad pimp" if he had set up the meeting.

Beckwith defended the testimony of the girls. "She basically went through the wringer to come in and testify candidly," Beckwith said, defending the veracity of one of the girl's statements.

That girl admitted under cross-examination to being a prostitute and living with several men for a few months at a time before agreeing to live and work for Bell in January.

"Ladies and gentlemen, ask yourselves why Mr. Bell was involved with these young girls, these juveniles," Beckwith said. "Why did he give them rides" downtown, wait for them and pick them up.

"If it were not like men like Mr. Bell, perhaps juveniles would not run to the street. Bell performed a function on that street," Beckwith claimed.

If the jury reaches a verdict Wednesday, one court source said, the results would be sealed and not made public until this morning.

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Stevens tells oil leaders state has good potential

By NANCY SHUTE
States News Service

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, told a meeting of oil and gas industry representatives exactly what they wanted to hear this week, promising Alaska energy reserves will rescue the United States from dependence on foreign oil.

Stevens, addressing the Garmen's Roundtable here Tuesday, made the occasion a dress rehearsal for his upcoming stump of the West in support of Republican presidential candidate Ronald Reagan's energy policy.

"Gov. Reagan was absolutely right when he said that Alaska has the oil potential of Saudi Arabia," Stevens said. "But I think he was too conservative. Alaska has the potential of becoming several Saudi Arabias."

Stevens also called for a renewed effort to pass an Alaska lands bill when Congress returns for a post-election lame duck session Nov. 12, advocating defeat of the bill proposed by Rep. Morris Udall, D-Ariz., a week ago in the final moments of the session.

"I am going to ask members to demand that the Udall bill be changed — that leasing begin on

the Arctic Wildlife Range in 1981. That should be the goal of the lame duck session."

Stevens lambasted President Jimmy Carter's energy policy, terming it the "moral equivalent of surrender." He accused Carter of having gone one step further than previous presidents in locking up Alaskan oil leases, particularly in the Arctic Wildlife Range.

"There hasn't been a single onshore lease in Alaska's federal lands since 1965," the senator said. "Carter went one step further. He used the Antiquities Act to withdraw 100 million acres, and has fought to prevent any leasing or even seismic testing of the Arctic Wildlife Range."

The Department of Energy, created by Carter, has "virtually bogged down" domestic oil and gas production, Stevens claimed.

Not an original Reagan supporter, Stevens said his only quarrel with the candidate's energy policy was over synthetic fuels.

"I disagree with Reagan on the Synfuels Corporation," he said. "I support it so long as it is mandated to depend on private enterprise to develop new technology." Reagan opposes the federally-funded development of synthetic fuels production.

State pamphlets mailed to voters

The Associated Press

JUNEAU — More than 250,000 state election pamphlets have been mailed to registered voters in Alaska, Lt. Gov. Terry Miller said Wednesday.

The pamphlets contain biographical information and state-

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Prostitutes' survival — old but tricky business

"Oh, the Sisters of Mercy, they are not departed or gone."
— Leonard Cohen

by Krys Holmes
and Ellis E. Conklin
Times Writers

Under the neon lights of the Scandinavian Club, Denise, a 22-year-old hooker, stood alone Monday night.

After a deep yawn, she lit up a cigarette, kicked the slush from her maroon leather boots and ambled down The Avenue.

Few people walked by her. And those who did didn't seem to notice. Denise is a Fourth Avenue fixture like the drunks and the hot chill at the Panhandle Cafe.

At \$50 a crack and several "tricks" a

night, Denise can make as much as \$600 to \$1,000 a week. All the money, however, goes to her pimp. And, as one police officer put it: "They all say they work alone, but there isn't one girl out there who doesn't have a pimp."

The pimp takes care of her room and board, clothing, and the modest accessories necessary to perform nightly in this ancient profession.

"Things are quiet now," she said. "They (police) made the big bust and there ain't nothing left for 'em, 'cept for me and couple of other girls."

"I think they want to get the streets clean for Fur Rondy," Denise said bitterly.

She quickened her pace, turned the

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Casper said 30 to 40 percent of all the robberies and at least 60 percent of the pickpocketing in Anchorage is related to prostitution and street people on Fourth Avenue.

"We could put a lot of man hours into trying to build a felony theft case against one guy, and get very poor results. Or we could use the same number of officers and drag a few of the prostitutes off the streets and clean it up for a while," he said.

"My theory is to arrest them on loitering charges, and enforce their (probation) restrictions. Let them know Anchorage isn't going to tolerate it. Maybe then they'll leave, and with them the pimps will go, and the crime will go, too."

Most of the women are charged with loitering for purposes of prostitution, a misdemeanor. Because state laws about prostitution are ambiguous, and because a woman will almost always say she works alone, men are seldom arrested, and rarely prosecuted.

In this business, men may pay the money, but the women pay the price.

Joanne Baker, 26, is six months pregnant. She was arrested for soliciting Sunday night. It was her second arrest for prostitution since

coming to Anchorage from Miami last year.

There were no extra beds at the Sixth Avenue Jail Sunday night; she slept on the floor.

Looking haggard as she gazed through the plexiglass window in the visitor's room, Joanne scratched her stringy blonde hair. Her blue eyes were watery and her arms were speckled with small red blotches. She didn't want to talk, especially to a reporter.

She said she turned to selling her body after she couldn't find work as a bar maid. Asked about the weekend sweep, Joanne said, "Police, they told us it was because of Fur Rondy. That's why. That's why they're hitting on us."

And when she gets out on the streets again? "Well, we'll just move to a different area. There's always a different area to go to," she replied.

However, Joanne isn't sure how she is going to make bail. She appeared panicky. She says she has no pimp to fork out the \$300. "I don't know how I'm going to get it. I don't know. I don't know. Maybe, I'll call a friend."

Joanne and 20 other women were arraigned Monday before District Court Judge John D. Mason. They sat in the courtroom chained together.

Most of them were given bail and a court date, with the provision that they no longer sell their wares in the downtown area between Third and Sixth, from D Street to Barrow.

But most of them will. And many will go to jail. For the second, third, even seventh and eighth times.

Scott Sidell, a municipal prosecutor, said he has seen the same faces and names over and over again. Their names and ages are usually phony. But those arrested are all too often teen-agers posing as adults. Girls, posing as women, selling off their childhood bit by bit in exchange for an allowance, or a home, for a man who says he loves them.

It's shortly before midnight and Veronica stood in the doorway of an adult book store. She pulled her rabbit fur coat tighter around her. Her eyes searched for a possible customer. But no one was around.

During a brief conversation, Veronica said she's not worried about the police clampdown on her livelihood. "We'll be trickling back out again. The cops do this a couple of times a year. No big deal."

Standing alone again later, she spotted a man wearing an Army fatigue jacket, walking slowly near the Elbow Room. She waited until he passed right in front of her before she said, "Hey, you want to party?"

Her breath formed a tiny white cloud as she spoke.

They walked quickly together, neither of them speaking.

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Child prostitution is a growing problem within the United States as well as within Alaska. Those who promote young people in prostitution commit a heinous crime and need to be punished to the fullest extent possible.

This bill raises the penalty for those who promote individuals under 16 years of age. The minimum penalty would change from four to seven years with the maximum sentence going from ten to twenty years.

Attached are a group of articles detailing areas of concern within the national and local press.

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ADOLESCENT PROSTITUTION

by Michael Baizerman, Jacquelyn Thompson, Kimaka Stafford-White and "An Old, Young Friend"

Adolescent prostitution is a topic of public and professional concern in many areas throughout the nation. It has been receiving a great deal of attention in Minnesota, and particularly in the Twin Cities area of Minneapolis-St. Paul. We are aware of our area's notoriety as the home of many young girls who are now working as prostitutes in New York City, Chicago and California. We could not help but be aware of the "Minnesota Strip" in New York City after the news coverage given to efforts of two local policemen to bring home some of the young people involved in prostitution there.

We are concerned, too, that sophisticated pimps are coming into Minnesota from other cities. Compared to many states, Minnesota is rich and until recently it has been an untapped resource as far as organized crime is concerned.

In response, public hearings have been held at city and state levels, and groups have been formed by government agencies and youth workers to study the situation and recommend actions. Programs have begun and legislation has been introduced at the state level.¹ Training sessions² have been held for youth workers at the University of Minnesota and elsewhere, and public meetings have been called to present issues to parents and young people.

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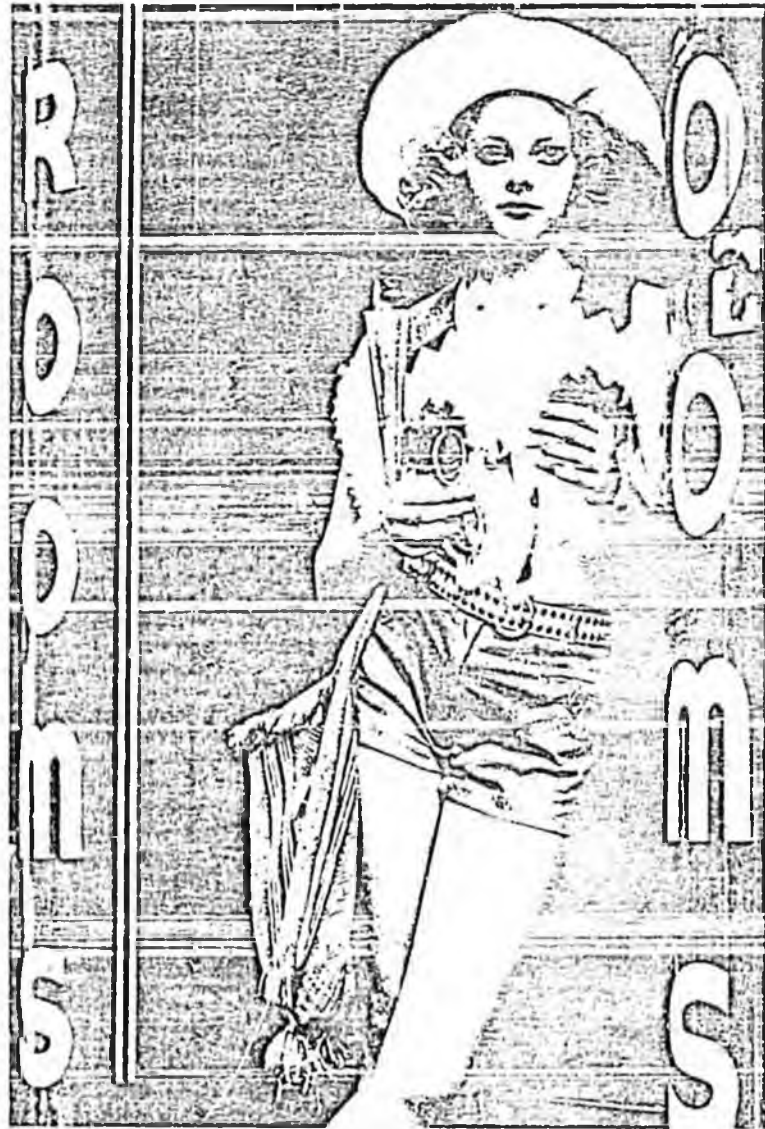


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Jodie Foster as a runaway teenage prostitute in the recent film "Taxi Driver."

Taken together, these activities have contributed to the Twin Cities becoming a center of inquiry and action on adolescent female prostitution. (Although there is certainly male prostitution in the Twin Cities area, it is apparently not as prevalent as it is in some other cities and not yet of the same public concern.)

Over a 3-year period, two of us have done direct fieldwork—casefinding, counseling and referral—with more than 300 young prostitutes in the Twin Cities area, including one of the co-authors of this article, "An Old, Young Friend." Most of these girls were native-born, from the Twin Cities or rural areas in the state, and about 70 percent had run away at some time. And, as part of a field study of the Center for Youth Development and Research at the University of Minnesota, three of us have interviewed the youth workers and some of these girls and their pimps. From them we have gathered observations and gained some understanding of the current phenomena of adolescent fee-for-service sex. This article is an introduction to our findings and observations.

A Brief History

Prostitution has been a fact of life in most of recorded history and children and youth have been sellers of sex for almost as long. Only since the early 1900s has youth been considered a separate stage of life; thus we can assume that many young people we now term youths were previously considered to be adults, whether they were involved in prostitution or in other, more conventional activities.

Prostitution by the young has been a form of slavery and of child labor. Young people worked as prostitutes to earn money for their families. Some of this activity was regulated by law—in England, for example, legislation set the minimum age for prostitution at 12 until 1874, at 13 in 1875 and at 16 in 1885.

Is the incidence of adolescent prostitution higher now than in the recent past? We don't know for sure, but we think that it is. We are also hearing more about it now. Some girls may become aware of prostitution as an "easy" way of earning money and decide to try it. Increased public awareness of adolescent fee-for-service sex often results in increased public pressure for police action, which in turn usually results in more arrests and prosecutions and, usually, "convictions." (These young people would be seen in juvenile court where there are hearings and dispositions, not convictions.)

In addition, since young prostitutes work "the street" as opposed to working out of bars, hotels or parlors, they are more visible because they tend to congregate on the same streets.

Adolescent prostitution has also been linked to other contemporary youth problems: running away, physical and sexual abuse, incest and child pornography. Federal legislation passed last year, P.L. 95-225, is designed to protect children against sexual exploitation. It also extends the provisions of the Mann Act to apply to boys.

Prostitution in the Twin Cities

In the Twin Cities area, girls of all races are involved in prostitution; their ages range from 13 to 18. Some have a male pimp, others do not, and many make a transition from working independently to working for a pimp. As we have noted, most of the young prostitutes work "the street"—both actual city blocks and other specific locations, such as shopping malls and the areas around some bars and after-hours clubs. Most sex acts take place in cars, although some girls use apartments and, more rarely, motel and hotel rooms.

Many of the girls practice birth control; pills, followed by the IUD, are the two most popular forms. Since girls may begin using the pill at an early age, they may be at risk of resultant medical complications. Use of the IUD could lead, through violence during the sex act, to such serious problems as perforation of the cervix. Condoms seem to be used less as a pregnancy prophylactic than as a preventive for venereal disease.

Many girls do not know much about venereal disease, and what information they do have seems to be obtained from "the street." Some learn from experience that one consequence might be scar tissue on the fallopian tubes, which could prevent pregnancy. Generally, pimps take care of the medical and health expenses of their girls.

Many pimps working in neighborhoods and the metropolitan area do not use hard drugs and do not allow their girls to use them—hard drug use raises the risk of arrest and the cost of the pimp's operation. Hard drugs also compete with a pimp for the girl's dependency. This is not to say that many girls do not have a history of drug use or that some girls may not be intentionally introduced to drugs as a way to secure and control them. However, from what we have observed, this latter pattern is more characteristic of interstate than of local patterns.

All of the pimps are male and most of

the younger ones are black. Those who live in the neighborhood where the girls work—"popcorn" or "bubblegum" pimps, or "players"—are about 17, 18 and 19 years old, while those who come from outside the state are usually older, having moved up the "career ladder" from neighborhood pimp to small businessman. Black pimps tend to work on the street while white pimps, usually older, are more likely to be involved with more formally organized action such as call girls, saunas and massage parlors.

In general, the younger pimps come from disadvantaged neighborhoods; they have relatively poor formal education, lack basic skills and have few opportunities to obtain legitimate work. As a result, they are likely to be frustrated, angry, resentful and unsure of themselves. They tend to use fear to control their girls and may attempt to hurt a girl or someone who tries to interfere with their operation. In our experience, however, many of these young men will move out of pimping if other possibilities are found. Those who stay in it do so partly because there are few work opportunities. We do not believe that most stay out of any great pathological or perverse need.

Older and more sophisticated pimps rarely use physical force on their women. Their method of control is psychological and emotional with the goal of having the girls become totally dependent upon them.

The local buyers or Johns seem to be white men over 25 years of age, both married and single. We know that many have families of their own—and that some men ask for girls of their daughter's age.

Although a wide variety of sex acts are performed, most men seem to want oral sex or intercourse. The price varies according to the act and the time involved. For ordinary oral sex or intercourse, it is about \$25. Other factors—whether the girl works for a pimp, the location of the pick-up, the nature of the sex act, and whether or not there is a big convention in town—also influence the cost.

Most of the action seems to take place from lunchtime to late afternoon, and then later in the evening. These afternoon times fit well within typical male working schedules and allow married men the opportunity to be home in the evening and still engage in—and protect—their activities.

Business hours are also determined by the girls' schedules. Since they may also be students in junior and senior high

school, the girls may choose to work only after school. Afternoon hours are convenient for girls who live at home and work at prostitution part time, without parental knowledge.

Becoming A Teenage Prostitute

One pathway to prostitution is recruitment by a pimp. Why are some girls vulnerable to a pimp's advances? We believe that the risk of a girl being open to recruitment by a pimp increases with the following factors:

She may have a poor self-image. She is unattractive, possibly overweight and a "loner." She lacks knowledge of normal teenage boy-girl relationships, and she desires acceptance and attention. Aware of this, a pimp will take her to nice restaurants, buy her gifts and make her feel desirable.

She may be a runaway. Girls leave home for a variety of reasons, many of which reflect "healthy" or normal feelings of adolescents—the desire for adventure, to explore something new, to meet new people. Others, however, run away from problems, including physical and sexual abuse, family violence, other intr. familial tensions and crises and problems with school, work or friends.

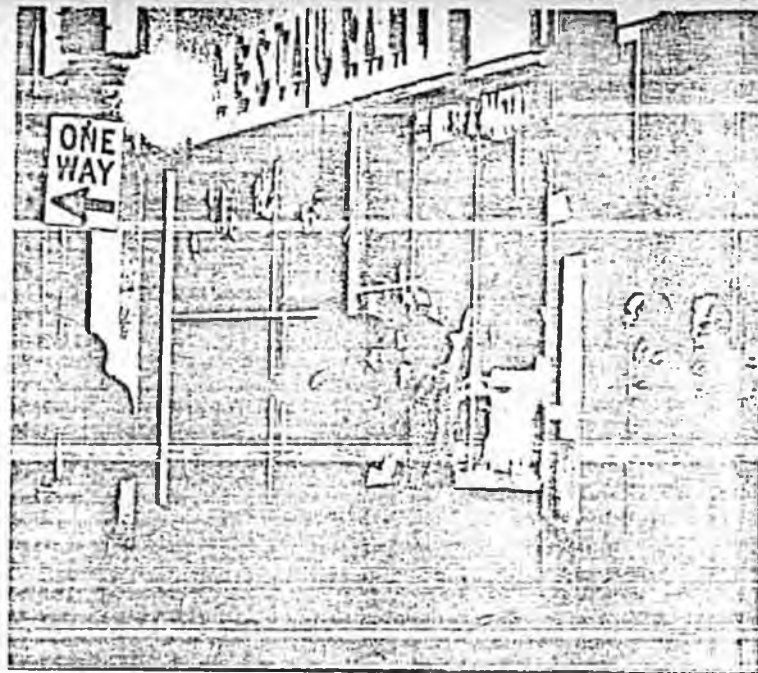
In our experience, it is the girl who runs away from abuse and/or family crises, who urgently wants and needs friendship, security and affection, who is most responsive to the solicitations of a pimp.

The need for money also makes a runaway—who is lonely, tired and hungry and has no place to go—vulnerable to such advances. Working for a pimp may seem to her to be a safe way to organize her work life—she sees him as offering protection against abuse and violence by the "trick," help with the police and the court and offering material and physical security.

To understand why and when these girls leave home is to understand a part of why they are vulnerable to a pimp. What is important here is not only the kind and severity of the incidents but the girl's experiences and understanding of these and her learned behaviors about being in her family. It is important to remember, however, that not all girls who run away from home respond to a pimp and go into prostitution.

Other girls who do not run away from home, but who experience similar personal and family problems, may also be vulnerable to a pimp's advances.

She may have friends in prostitution. She wants to be accepted by her peers, and she is impressed with the clothes, gifts and other material goods that a pimp provides.



She may be seeking . . . Some girls may be looking for a husband or a man to depend upon; others may seek material goods—expensive clothes, a big car, a luxurious apartment—which the pimp provides.

The girls described here usually do not know that they are being recruited for prostitution. In the first stage of the prostitution "career," a girl is picked out, or put at actual risk of "conversion," by others—other girls working for a pimp, a teenage boy who "fingers" or points her out to a pimp for money or status, or by others in the prostitution system. (In some cases, a girl may ask another prostitute to bring her into "the life.")

The pimp contacts the girl, begins dating her and, playing upon her normal interest in men and dating, works carefully to gain her love and trust—he gives her presents, takes her to parties and night spots and introduces her to sex with him. Because of her relative lack of normal girl-boy relationships—and, often, also because of less than ideal family relationships—she is responsive to him. Her needs are probably as impressed with the pimp as she is and most likely will encourage her to see him.

During this time the girl, if she is living at home, begins staying out late or even all night, and family arguments arise from her behavior. The pimp reassures her that he wants and needs to see her more often; he tells her that her par-

ents are interfering with their happiness, that they don't understand their love.

At this point the girl's ties to home are severely stretched or broken, and she may run away to live with her pimp. He introduces her to his friends and his other women and she finds a new "family" with them. When he asks her to perform sex with others for a fee, she agrees. She continues to show her love by working.

We believe that the "love approach" used by many pimps is a newer pattern in prostitution. Formerly, prostitution seems to have been more straightforward—the girl knew that she was a prostitute. Several of the girls we have talked with say that they are working to make a better life for themselves and their future husband.

From this stage, several "career lines" may be pursued. The girl may be promoted to another level in the prostitution system—moving from working on the street to working indoors, moving to another city or working for a mere professional or full-time pimp.

Another line may lead to a change in the girl's status. She becomes pregnant. She may want to become a mother, or she may use her pregnancy as a way of getting out of the life. She may also see pregnancy as a way to keep her man.

Finally, the girl, as "business material," may be "used up" due to hard work, illness, violence, lack of physical stamina and use of drugs.

Working Independently

What about the girl who begins selling sex on her own? How does she learn about this "career," and why does she choose to try prostitution?

In our experience, most of the independent teenage prostitutes are poor, black and live in communities where they see other teenagers and women living at home and "working" as prostitutes. A girl is aware early of this social role and at some time may choose to try prostitution—and then decide to either stop or continue. Of course, most girls do not take this first step.

Within this perspective, the answer to why she decides to try prostitution is unique to each girl and could involve all of the personal, familial and situational factors described for girls who are recruited by pimps. However, the questions one would ask of a girl who began prostitution independently about why she chose to continue or take on a "manager" would be quite different from those one would ask of girls who were recruited by pimps.

Some girls simply need or want the money and think that prostitution pro-

vides an "easy" way of earning it. Because of the publicity given to runaways who engage in prostitution, this is a well-known pathway.

A girl who begins prostitution by working independently may "progress" to working for a pimp. Or, she may just experiment with prostitution for a short time and decide to stop. This is not an unusual pattern.

"Love" and Prostitution

Many adolescent prostitutes and youth workers believe that the main difference between many young prostitutes now and in the recent past is that the girls who now go into prostitution and stay in it do so because they are in love with their pimp.

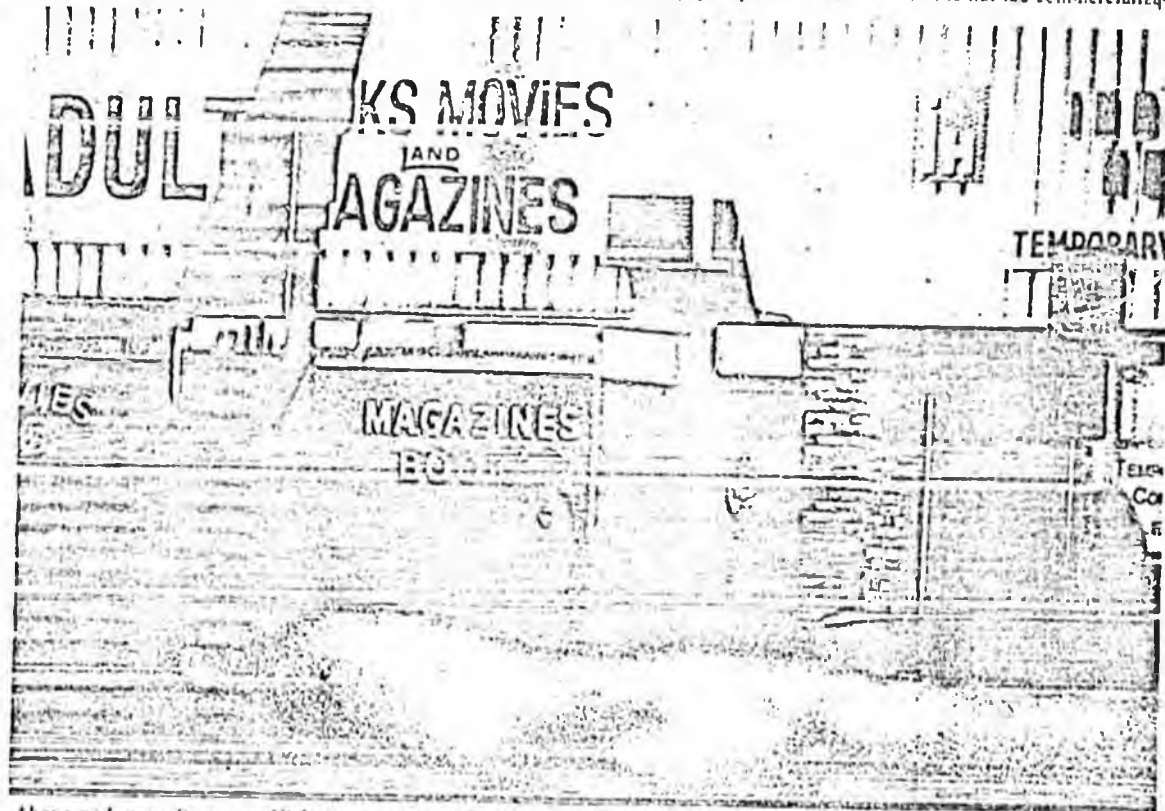
We think that there is more to it than this, and believe it is useful to distinguish between using the word "love" to describe a total feeling and experience and using it to answer such questions as "Why did you get into prostitution?" and "Why do you stay in it?"

"Love" may be a good answer to these questions: it has the capability of changing the moral and/or psychopath-

ological interpretation of a girl's status and behavior from something that is "bad" or "sick" to something only "sad" and "naïve." "Love" is a culturally acceptable reason or explanation for feelings and behavior with which one may be uncomfortable, or which one may dislike or think will be unacceptable to others.

When asked to interpret what love means to them, young prostitutes have used such phrases as "feeling secure," "feeling cared for" and "being paid attention to." What we understand from these responses is that for some girls "prostitution" is not a reality. For them, what is real is that they are the pimp's "lady" or "woman"; this is what love means. (Girls in a "stable" compete with their "sisters" to be the pimp's "main woman" and work together to produce a good living for the pimp—and, thus, for themselves.)

It is precisely this reality which confounds many who seek to understand adolescent prostitution and which makes it so difficult to accept love as the answer to why young girls become prostitutes. Often it is not the commercializa-



Above and opposite page: Nighttime action in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area. The photographs were made from a special type of film used in police surveillance.

tion of sex which is at the root of our discomfort, nor is it the "immorality" of prostitution. Rather, it is the fraudulent manipulation of affection—the "con"—which outrages us. This is "puppy love" twisted and mauled for money and social status.

What Can Be Done?

To begin with a practical point, it should be noted that the involvement of some girls and young male pimps in fee-for-service sex is likely to continue. Efforts should be directed at controlling and keeping the phenomenon relatively small.

We see no simple or single way to control, reduce and/or prevent the phenomenon. No one social institution is solely responsible for action: police and courts alone are no more likely to achieve relative control and prevention than are education, counseling or "treatment." In most jurisdictions, no juvenile prostitution statutes exist. One could use petitions citing incorrigibility to hold the girls (the status offense group, or PINS) in detention homes until their cases are presented in juvenile court. However, in Minnesota, most of the depositions will not be to secure facilities, and the girl is able to return to the pimp.

A law enforcement approach directed toward the pimp will probably be futile. In our experience, attacks on the pimp only serve to bring the girl who loves him closer to him, and they simply move away or "go underground."

We have very little hope of discouraging pimping at the neighborhood level. Too many boys and men see the very few pimp "jobs" as the only ones open to them.

To arrest the buyers is an impossible task, given the size of a typical police force and the mobility of the pimps and girls. Laws focused on the buyer could be effective in raising the risk of going to a young prostitute, but it is likely that differential and selective enforcement of such laws would be seen. It may be easier to turn these men toward older prostitutes—assuming that their interest is in sex with a prostitute, not in sex with a teenager.

Regular customers can usually be spotted, since the girls stay in a relatively well-defined area. Reporters and photographers in the area and the threat of publicity could discourage some action. Community action could also be effective in keeping some men out of the

area where young girls are working; however, this might be risky for those involved for some retaliation by pimps could be expected.

A better approach, we think, is to examine the pathways described earlier which lead to adolescent prostitution and to use the insights gained to design multiple ways of intervening. For example, in public meetings or in discussions in schools, community centers and social and youth agencies, adolescent girls could be informed about how pimps recruit, train and supervise girls. They should have opportunities to meet and learn from girls who have engaged in prostitution. Parents, too, should be involved in these meetings. Rather than using a "scare" approach, however, in our work we focus on the larger topics of dating and sexuality, making the point that dating is a normal adolescent activity, one which is fun and necessary to healthy development. Prostitution is presented as a distortion and manipulation of this normal activity. This approach could also be used in high risk neighborhoods and specifically with girls considered at high risk of becoming teenage prostitutes.

Also, the more parents and young people are aware of teenage prostitution and its patterns, the more likely it is that opposition to pimp activity in an area or school will develop.

Education, however, must be coupled with other approaches and actions. For girls who are already involved with a pimp, education is probably not effective. For very young prostitutes, those aged 12 to 15, a law enforcement approach may be the only viable way to achieve temporary separation of the girl from the pimp. However, we believe that many girls who are pulled away by police will try to return to their man.

For all young prostitutes, shelters must be available so that those who want to leave can do so at once, with the knowledge that they will be secure and protected from reprisals by pimps, parents or police. Shelters, or "safe houses," modeled after shelters for battered women, may be a home, a hotel room or part of a runaway house.² There girls have opportunities to talk about their experiences and to receive medical help and psychological and vocational counseling. Youth workers can spread the word "on the street" that options to leave do exist and will continue to be available. The girls must know that shelters can be used more than once, and that they will not have to pay—with money or with loss of self-respect—for going there. Getting this information to

the girls and creating and sustaining such a service, however, are not simple tasks. In addition, there must be adequate protection—for both the girls and the workers—from retaliation by the pimp.

In the Twin Cities area, we are also making extensive use of street workers from youth agencies, who are available in the areas where the girls work to talk over feelings or problems, mediate crises with their families and pimps, and help them get to a safe house or obtain other assistance.

If all of these actions were undertaken simultaneously in a large city, it is likely that adolescent prostitution still would not disappear. Fewer young recruits might enter the life, but adolescent prostitution would probably continue on a lower level of activity and visibility. A community might be able to push out street prostitution, but it is much more difficult and dangerous to attack citywide, statewide and interstate organizations. To control these, Federal law enforcement powers are needed.

However, we do believe that effective action, in the form of public education, the provision of safe houses and the use of street workers, can be taken to reduce the number of young prostitutes. Clearly, there is no easy solution to adolescent prostitution, and we are only now beginning to address another problem: how to orient young girls, who may make as much as \$200 a day in prostitution, toward a limited number of legitimate jobs in which they may be expected to earn, at best, a minimum wage. (Although girls working for a pimp turn their "earnings" over to him they receive, in return, support, lavish gifts and recognition from him.) And we must face the fact that there are few jobs for girls aged 12 to 16.

We emphasize that prostitution is, indeed, a dead-end job and provide vocational counseling and training to help them acquire skills for jobs which hold more promise for the future. □

A metropolitan task force has recommended various legislation, including changes in laws which would increase time in prison for pimps and make it easier to convict them, and new legislation which would create service programs for the girls.

In Minneapolis, for example, one shelter for young prostitutes and their children is funded by the Youth Development Bureau, ACYF, as part of the Minneapolis Bridge Runaway Project.

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Prostitutes' survival — old but tricky business

"Oh, the Sisters of Mercy, they are not departed or gone."

— Leonard Cohen

by Krys Holmes
and Ellis E. Conklin
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Under the neon lights of the Scandinavian Club, Denise, a 22-year-old hooker, stood alone Monday night.

After a deep yawn, she lit up a cigarette, kicked the slush from her maroon leather boots and ambled down The Avenue.

Few people walked by her. And those who did didn't seem to notice. Denise is a Fourth Avenue fixture like the drunks and the hot chili at the Panhandle Cafe.

At \$50 a crack and several "tricks" a

night, Denise can make as much as \$600 to \$1,000 a week. All the money, however, goes to her pimp. And, as one police officer put it: "They all say they work alone, but there isn't one girl out there who doesn't have a pimp."

The pimp takes care of her room and board, clothing, and the modest accessories necessary to perform nightly in this ancient profession.

"Things are quiet now," she said. "They (police) made the big bust and there ain't nothing left for 'em, 'cept for me and couple of other girls."

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The "pressure" starts when the public outcry rises above a tolerant grumble. Until then, police are encouraged to spend the taxpayers' money going after the less visible crimes: robberies, rapes and burglaries.

But prostitution takes its toll on Anchorage's streets. Customers are rolled. Men are robbed by the women they willingly pay for, as the girls try to make more money for their "men."

Of the 23 murders that occurred in Anchorage in 1982, three of them were directly related to prostitution, police say. In two of the homicides, it was the hooker who killed. In the third, a pimp shot a girl's customer.

Casper said 30 to 40 percent of all the robberies and at least 60 percent of the pickpocketing in Anchorage is related to prostitution and street people on Fourth Avenue.

"We could put a lot of man hours into trying to build a felony theft case against one guy, and get very poor results. Or we could use the same number of officers and drag a few of the prostitutes off the streets and clean it up for a while," he said.

"My theory is to arrest them on loitering charges, and enforce their (probation) restrictions. Let them know Anchorage isn't going to tolerate it. Maybe then they'll leave, and with them the pimps will go, and the crime will go, too."

Most of the women are charged with loitering for purposes of prostitution, a misdemeanor. Because state laws about prostitution are ambiguous, and because a woman will almost always say she works alone, men are seldom arrested, and rarely prosecuted.

In this business, men may pay the money, but the women pay the price.

Joanne Baker, 26, is six months pregnant. She was arrested for soliciting Sunday night. It was her second arrest for prostitution since

coming to Anchorage from Miami last year.

There were no extra beds at the Sixth Avenue Jail Sunday night; she slept on the floor.

Looking haggard as she gazed through the plexiglass window in the visitor's room, Joanne scratched her stringy blonde hair. Her blue eyes were watery and her arms were speckled with small red blotches. She didn't want to talk, especially to a reporter.

She said she turned to selling her body after she couldn't find work as a bar maid. Asked about the weekend sweep, Joanne said, "Police, they told us it was because of Fur Rondy. That's why. That's why they're hitting on us."

And when she gets out on the streets again? "Well, we'll just move to a different area. There's always a different area to go to," she replied.

However, Joanne isn't sure how she is going to make bail. She appeared panicky. She says she has no pimp to fork out the \$300. "I don't know how I'm going to get it. I don't know. I don't know. Maybe, I'll call a friend."

Joanne and 20 other women were arraigned Monday before District Court Judge John D. Mason. They sat in the courtroom chained together.

Most of them were given bail and a court date, with the provision that they no longer sell their wares in the downtown area between Third and Sixth, from D Street to Barrow.

But most of them will. And many will go to jail. For the second, third, even seventh and eighth times.

Scott Sidell, a municipal prosecutor, said he has seen the same faces and names over and over again. Their names and ages are usually phony. But those arrested are all too often teen-agers posing as adults. Girls, posing as women, selling off their childhood bit by bit in exchange for an allowance, or a home, for a man who says he loves them.

It's shortly before midnight and Veronica stood in the doorway of an adult book store. She pulled her rabbit fur coat tighter around her. Her eyes searched for a possible customer. But no one was around.

During a brief conversation, Veronica said she's not worried about the police clampdown on her livelihood. "We'll be trickling back out again. The cops do this a couple of times a year. No big deal."

Standing alone again later, she spotted a man wearing an Army fatigue jacket, walking slowly near the Elbow Room. She waited until he passed right in front of her before she said, "Hey, you want to party?"

Her breath formed a tiny white cloud as she spoke.

They walked quickly together, neither of them speaking.

Jury deliberates pimp case

By JULIE ANNE GOLD
Daily News reporter

The fate of Willie B. Bell, an Anchorage man accused of setting up three teenage girls in lives of prostitution, was being contemplated Wednesday night by a jury of six men and six women.

Closing arguments brought an end Wednesday to the eight-day trial in which three former teen-age prostitutes explained the ins and outs of working the streets of Anchorage to the jury.

Bell was arrested in May for allegedly forcing two of the girls, and attempting to induce the third, to engage in prostitution. He was also indicted on a fourth charge of illegally running a prostitution business.

If convicted, Bell, who has pleaded innocent to all the charges, could face up to 25 years in jail, according to the district attorney's office.

The case is the first time in many years the state has brought an alleged pimp to trial on felony charges, the district attorney's office said.

Prosecutor Martha Beckwith relied heavily Wednesday on the testimony of the three teenagers to prove the state's case against Bell.

Under oath the girls, ages 15, 16 and 17, pointed to the defendant — usually slouched in his chair — as their former pimp who often beat them and threaten to kill them for not making more money from "johns" or "dates."

Bell's lawyer, Peter Mysing, claimed Bell never agreed to be their pimp and that



they were free to leave him any time, but decided live with him while they — on their own — engaged in prostitution.

Mysing acknowledged Bell on occasion drove the girls downtown, accepted money from them and slapped them during "domestic" quarrels. However, he denied his client ever "induced or forced" them to be prostitutes.

In order to convict Bell on first-degree pimping charges, the state must prove he intended to cause or force the girls to engage in prostitution.

In an effort to discredit the girls'

testimony, Mysing recounted Bell's testimony of driving one of the girls to the Big Timbers motel for a "date."

The room cost \$37 and the girl received \$20, Mysing said. Bell would have to be an "extremely bad pimp" if he had set up the meeting.

Beckwith defended the testimony of the girls. "She basically went through the wringer to come in and testify candidly," Beckwith said, defending the veracity of one of the girl's statements.

That girl admitted under cross-examination to being a prostitute and living with several men for a few months at a time before agreeing to live and work for Bell in January.

"Ladies and gentlemen, ask yourselves why Mr. Bell was involved with these young girls, these juveniles," Beckwith said. "Why did he give them rides" downtown, wait for them and pick them up?

"If it were not like men like Mr. Bell, perhaps juveniles would not run to the street. He performed a function on that street," Beckwith claimed.

If the jury reaches a verdict Wednesday, one court source said, the results would be sealed and not made public until this morning.

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Imp gets sentence of 3 years

By TERRY CARR
Daily News reporter

A 25-year-old father of five was sentenced to three years in prison Wednesday for running a prostitution ring of teenage girls.

Willie B. Bell, who has been in jail since he was arrested on pimping charges in May, is the first person to be convicted and sentenced to prison under a 1980 law outlawing the promotion of prostitution among juveniles, prosecutors said.

Superior Court Judge Milton Souter said he added one year to Bell's sentence because of testimony Wednesday by another jail inmate, William Smith. Smith told the court Bell Wednesday morning threatened to harm him and his daughter unless Smith gave testimony favorable to Bell.

Bell denied making the threat.

Souter ordered Bell to prison despite pleas from defense attorney Peter Myring, who called his client's offense "a detour in his life" and said Bell was an "adoring father."

If Souter gave him probation, Bell told the judge, "you'll never see me in another courtroom for anything."

Souter called the crimes for which Bell was convicted in October a "dirty business."

"This sentence has to serve as a deterrent" to Bell and others engaged in prostitution, he said.

Souter also said he was influenced heavily by trial testimony and evidence that the Bell used violence and the threat of violence to control the girls in his prostitution ring.

Teenagers who worked for Bell testified during the trial that Bell often beat them and threatened to kill them.

Souter said "the great majority of women would not engage in prostitution" unless threatened with violence, lured with the promise of narcotics, or by other means of persuasion.

"Here, the powerful persuasion was threats of violence and, on at least one occasion, the use of violence," he said.

Bell, who sat silently throughout most of Wednesday's sentencing, spoke only to plead for probation and to contest the testimony of Smith, the inmate who claimed Bell had threatened him.

"I've been in jail," Bell said. "I learned my lesson in jail. I don't need to spend any more time in jail."

Smith, who was arrested here in December on an Ariz. theft charge, said he became friendly with Bell in jail. "You better get me out of this," Smith quoted Bell as telling him.

Smith, who at first refused to testify but relented under Souter's order, said Bell also threatened Smith's 14-year-old daughter unless Smith testified favorably.

Bell denied he threatened Smith or his daughter.

"All I told him was to come to court and testify and tell the truth," Bell said.

Souter, however, said he believed Smith and that he added a year to his sentence because of the threats.

"I think Mr. Bell needs to sit in jail and think about that. We're not going to tolerate that kind of behavior," Souter said.

Souter gave Bell credit for the 240 days he has already spent in jail. Bell will be eligible for parole after serving one-third of his sentence.

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Willie Bell convicted in teen-ager prostitute case

By JULIE ANNE GOLD
Daily News reporter

Willie B. Bell, accused as a Fourth Avenue pimp, was convicted of inducing a 14-year-old girl into a life of prostitution by a Superior Court jury Thursday.

The 29-year-old Bell faces up to 10 years for the first-degree felony charge.

In a complex reading of six separate verdicts, the jury found Bell innocent of forcing two other girls, ages 15 and 16, into prostitution, but guilty of promoting them to become prostitutes.

These lesser, third-degree charges carry possible prison sentences of up to a year and 90 days.

Delivering its sixth verdict in the

case, the jury found Bell guilty of managing and supervising a prostitution enterprise, other than in a place of prostitution. The felony offense holds a maximum sentence of five years in prison.

Bell, nervously looking around the nearly empty courtroom Thursday, buried his head in his hands after the clerk read the first "guilty" verdict.

"We plan to appeal," said Peter Mysing, Bell's attorney.

"All three ladies' testimony was damaging against Bell," Mysing said. "The issue was who was the jury going to believe."

Even though Bell admitted taking money that he knew came from prostitution from the 16-year-old, according to Mysing, Bell never "caused" or

"induced" the 14-year-old to become a prostitute.

However, the jury thought otherwise.

"There was definite evidence to support she was forced into prostitution," one juror said Thursday. "The photos showed she was beaten and bruised."

Prosecutor Martha Beckwith said the 14-year-old's testimony and a tape-recorded confrontation between Bell and the three girls probably were the most damaging evidence against Bell.

"He beat me real bad," a voice — identified by the state as belonging to the 14-year-old — said on the tape.

A series of color snapshots, passed from juror to juror, depicted the teen-ager with cuts and bruises on her face and arms.

However, the testimony of the older girls apparently did not convince the jury that Bell "forced" or "attempted to force" them into prostitution.

One of the girls, who admitted to being a prostitute before she met Bell, told the jury she was his lover for several months before his arrest.

"In her case, it was hard to tell what was a lovers' fight from a business fight," another juror said.

Another juror agreed, saying "there was just not enough evidence for a first-degree conviction" in connection with the two other girls.

But the jurors, gathered around Judge Milton Sauter's third-floor jury room for the last time, all agreed there was plenty of evidence to convict Bell of the state's last charge —

pimping for the three girls.

"The facts showed he drove them around" Fourth Avenue, one juror said, and "then waited and picked them up."

Mysing called this conviction a "surplus charge." The only way his client could be convicted of inducing the 14-year-old to become a prostitute, Mysing said Thursday, would be by pimping for her.

If Bell is sentenced to both charges the state will be guilty of double jeopardy, Mysing claimed.

Beckwith disagreed, saying she "was pleased" with the verdicts.

It was the first time "in at least four or five years" the state has successfully prosecuted someone for street pimping, she said.

grams for prevention and treatment. Their paper is the first to address adolescent abuse from the standpoint of a combination of factors, involving parents, children and social stresses, and is intended to guide future work on the subject.

Teen-Age Prostitutes

Adolescent prostitution has been receiving a great deal of attention in Minnesota, and particularly in the Twin Cities area of Minneapolis-St. Paul. The area is notorious as the home of many young girls who are now working as prostitutes in New York City, Chicago, and California; so notorious that one section of New York with numerous adolescent prostitutes has become known as the "Minnesota Strip."

Based on 3 years of direct fieldwork, Michael Baizerman, Jacquelyn Thompson, Kimaka Stafford-White, and "An Old, Young Friend"—an 18-year-old woman with five years' experience in prostitution—have written of this problem in *Children Today*.

In the Twin Cities area, girls of all races are involved in prostitution; their ages range from 13 to 18. Some have a male pimp, others do not, and many make a transition from working independently to working for a pimp. Generally speaking, most of the young prostitutes work "the street"—both actual city blocks and other specific locations, such as shopping malls and the areas around some bars and after-hours clubs. Most sex acts take place in cars, although some girls use apartments and, more rarely, motel and hotel rooms.

Many of the girls practice birth control; pills, followed by the IUD, are the two most popular forms. Since girls may begin using the pill at an early age, they may be at risk of resultant medical complications. Use of the IUD could lead, through violence during the sex act, to such serious problems as perforation of the cervix. Condoms seem to be used less as a pregnancy prophylactic than as a preventive for venereal disease.

Many girls do not know much about venereal disease, and what information they do have seems to be obtained from "the street." Some learn from experience that one coarseness might be scar tissue on the fallopian tubes, which could prevent pregnancy. Generally, pimps take care of the medical and health expenses of their girls.

Many pimps working in neighborhoods and the metropolitan area do not use hard drugs and do not allow their girls to use them—hard drug use raises the risk of arrest and the cost of the pimp's operation. Hard drugs also compete with a pimp for the girl's dependency. This is not to say that many girls do not have a history of drug use or that some girls may not be intentionally intro-

duced to drugs as a way to secure and control them. However, this latter pattern is more characteristic of interstate than of local patterns.

All of the pimps are male and most of the younger ones are black. Those who live in the neighborhood where the girls work—"popcorn" or "bubble gum" pimps, or "players"—are about 17, 18 and 19 years old, while those who come from outside the state are usually older, having moved up the "career ladder" from neighborhood pimp to small businessman. Black pimps tend to work on the street while white pimps, usually older, are more likely to be involved with more formally organized action such as call girls, saunas, and massage parlors.

In general, the younger pimps come from disadvantaged neighborhoods; they have relatively poor formal education, lack basic skills, and have few opportunities to obtain legitimate work. As a result, they are likely to be frustrated, angry, resentful, and unsure of themselves. They tend to use force to control their girls and may attempt to hurt a girl or someone who tries to interfere with their operation. It is likely, however, that many of these young men will move out of pimping if other possibilities are found. Those who stay in it do so partly because there are few work opportunities. Most do not stay out of any great pathological or perverse need.

Older and more sophisticated pimps rarely use physical force on their women. Their method of control is psychological and emotional, with the goal of having the girls become totally dependent upon them.

The local buyers or Johns seem to be white men over 25 years of age, both married and single. We know that many have families of their own—and that some men ask for girls of their daughters' age.

Although a wide variety of sex acts are performed, most men seem to want oral sex or intercourse. The price varies according to the act and the time involved. For ordinary oral sex or intercourse, it is about \$25. Other factors—whether the girl works for a pimp, the location of the pick-up, the nature of the sex act, and whether or not there is a big convention in town—also influence the cost.

Most of the action seems to take place from lunchtime to late afternoon, and then later in the evening. These afternoon times fit well within typical male working schedules and allow married men the opportunity to be home in the evening and still engage in—and protect—their activities.

Business hours are also determined by the girls' schedules. Since they may also be students in junior and senior high school, the girls may choose to work only after school. Afternoon hours are convenient for girls who live at home and work at prostitution part time, without parental knowledge.

The Tragedy of Teenage Prostitution

by FATHER BRUCE RITTER with BOB WEINSTEIN

We must face the shocking facts, says a Catholic priest, and care enough to try to change them.

I am not going to make it. I am going to die out there. The streets are going to kill me." He was 17 years old. We'll call him Louis. He was talking to one of the co-authors of this article, the Reverend Bruce Ritter, a 52-year-old Franciscan priest. Two years ago, Father Ritter started Covenant House. It is a shelter for teenagers, most of them runaways, who roam the sinful streets around Times Square in midtown New York.

Wherever there are large numbers of runaways, teenage prostitution is a fact. The problem is already very bad—and getting worse—in cities such as New York, Los Angeles, Miami, and Houston. But it's not just a big-city problem. Those runaways come from almost every corner of the United States. Fleeing or kicked out of their homes, they come to the cities with dreams of glamor and fun.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation keeps statistics on runaways. Between 600,000 and one million young people run away from home every year, the FBI reports. Not all of these, of course, end up in prostitution. In fact, quite a few return home very soon. But almost all teenage prostitutes start out as runaways.

These teenage runaways cannot get honest work. They have not finished school. Rightly or wrongly, they don't want to go home. Or maybe they don't have a home, or parents, anymore. Or maybe their parents don't want them to come home.

Over the past 18 months, 8,000 homeless young people have come to Covenant House. There, they can get a good night's sleep, eat nourishing meals, and clean up. Perhaps most important of all, they can talk about their lives with the volunteers who work there. Like Louis, who fears "the streets are going to kill me," 60 percent of the young people who show up at Covenant House are involved in prostitution.

At 17, Louis has been a hustler for three years. He didn't finish school and can't write very well. He's an alcoholic. He drinks every day, he says, to try to forget what he has to do to survive. He is a naturally

Few things get Father Ritter to put aside his work for Covenant House—even for a little while. This article was one of them. We are grateful to Father Ritter and to his co-author, Bob Weinstein, a frequent contributor to this magazine.



Teenage runaways head for cities — and ruined lives. Father Ritter fights to save them.

bright person who, maybe, could have led a more "normal" life. But his chances, now, of leading anything like a normal life are just about zero.

What do volunteer workers say to teenagers like Louis who come to Covenant House and similar shelters around the country? The volunteers have only one hope: to try to convince a teenager that he or she has other choices in life. Maybe (a volunteer may suggest) going back home is better than staying

on the streets. But many of these teenagers just can't believe that they can change their lives, that they have any choices at all.

So, they go back on the streets. Hundreds of them have been held prisoner, tortured, raped. Some of them have been murdered. One 16-year-old girl—we'll call her Alice—was held prisoner for a week, after a pimp picked her up in New York's Port Authority Bus Terminal. Alice was drugged, raped repeatedly, but finally escaped. Her pimp found her again and told her he had to have her back. He said he owned her. Besides, Alice was worth thousands of dollars a month to him.

Police have identified about 1,000 pimps in just the New York City midtown area. Each one usually controls between two and four girls like Alice. The prostitute is the "property" of the pimp. Each girl is expected to bring the pimp a certain amount of money a day, usually around \$200. She has to. If she doesn't, a brutal beating is about the best she can hope for.

Prostitution has been called a "victimless crime." That means a crime that doesn't hurt anybody. But that leaves out all the young people who are beaten, tortured, held prisoner. And what about those who are murdered? What about the ones who commit suicide out of hopelessness and desperation?

These are the victims. But who, really, are they? Here are some statistics from Covenant House. Fifty percent of the teenage prostitutes are black; 18 percent are Spanish-speaking; 25 percent are white. The rest are of mixed ethnic backgrounds. Seventy-five percent are boys. The median age of both boys and girls is about 17. Almost one-half of

them are 17 or younger. Nineteen out of 20 come from one-parent families. If they come from two-parent families, there is almost always alcoholism in the family.

Seventy-five percent of teenage prostitutes are children of the poor. Most of them have suffered child abuse. They have either been thrown out or walked out of homes that have broken up, or homes where there seems to be no love or understanding left.

To an experienced pimp, these needs for attention and security are easy to spot—and easy to prey on. A lot of scared young girls, for example, want to believe that the smooth, expensively dressed young men who seem to fall for them really care. The rude awakening often comes when the girl is asked to prove her love by repaying the man for his generosity. She can repay him, he tells her, by selling her body and making money for them both. For her, it can seem like her only option.

Meanwhile, the "sex industry" is booming. And teenage prostitution and pornography, too, get bigger every day. Business has never been better. Why? There are probably just two answers. They are two of the seven deadly sins—greed and lust. There is big money in selling sex. Greed makes people go after that money. The money comes from other people who lust after children and teenagers. And, of course, the greedy ones want to make sure money keeps rolling in. They are for the most part linked to what we know as organized crime. They have a big stake in being deadly efficient—for them, sex is a \$4-billion-dollar-a-year industry. □

Father Bruce Ritter— On Stopping Teenage Prostitution

Senior: With all you've seen—all the pain and suffering—do you think it's possible to end the problem?

Father Ritter: I do. It seems, though, that very few people really want to do anything.

Senior: Do what? You make it sound as if individuals—young individuals—can do something. But is that realistic? What have adults, politicians, the police been able to do?

Ritter: Very little. But I think that's because they've only given lip service to the problem. But they've made little effort to stop it. The problem grows worse every day. But young people can care. Caring is a good way to start. If their sister or brother or close friend were on a street corner, it wouldn't be so hard to care. Caring is the first step in accepting responsibility—for yourself and for others.

Senior: That sounds good. But it also sounds like a lot of other things people have said before about love and caring making things all right....

Ritter: Wait a minute. That's only a beginning. The caring makes people act. And that's what it takes to make them realize they have power.

Senior: What kind of power?

Ritter: The power to put people into office—and to

take them out. Politicians respond to the people who write them—people who care, people who vote. Letters are a good way for your readers to start. And before long, they'll be voting. They can vote against the uncaring politicians and judges and the do-nothing district attorneys.

Senior: But statistics show that not many young people actually vote.

Ritter: I know! That's immoral and irresponsible. I hear young people say that their vote doesn't count. But they don't even try to find out if that's true.

They may shake their heads over a problem like teenage prostitution, but they don't try to do anything.

Senior: But why should they really care—about a problem that seems so far away?

Ritter: I thought I already gave them some good reasons. But here's another. Some day, they will have children of their own. And they have to decide if they want those children growing up in a world where young people are bartered like sacks of potatoes. They can't afford to wait until then... until those children are teenagers and maybe thinking of running away. That will be too late. The problem can't be—won't be—stopped overnight. It's going to take time. And the time to start is now. □

ALASKA NETWORK ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT

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POSITION PAPER

HB128: An Act raising the penalties for promoting child prostitution

The Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault is a non-profit corporation composed of twenty-one programs statewide that provide domestic violence, sexual assault, and adult crisis intervention services to members of their respective communities. Network programs are funded in part through grants and contracts awarded by the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

The Network was established in 1978, and has as one of its primary focuses the elimination of domestic violence and sexual assault through provision of shelter, advocacy, and education/prevention services.

The Network supports the intent of HB128 in its efforts to discourage the perpetration of abusive behavior towards minors.

STATE OF ALASKA
PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF FISCAL IMPACT

Bill No: HB 128 Date on Bill: 1/26/83
 Title: An Act raising the penalties for promoting child prostitution
 Sponsor: Rep. Lindauer
 Requestor: House HESS

1. Estimated fiscal impacts on:

a. Expenditures:

		(Thousands of Dollars)			
		FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86
Capital					
Operating					
Total		-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

b. Revenues:

Revenue					
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1. Estimated fiscal impacts on:

a. Expenditures:

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86
Capital				
Operating				
Total	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

b. Revenues:

Revenue				
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 Title: An Act to increase the punishment for sexual assault
 Sponsor: Rep. Lindauer
 Requestor: House HESS

1. Estimated fiscal impacts on:

a. Expenditures:

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86
Capital				
Operating				
Total	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

b. Revenues:

Revenue	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86

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FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. House Bill No. 128
 Title "An Act raising the penalties for promoting child prostitution"
 Requested by Representative Lindauer Date Jan. 26, 1983

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Health & Social Services
 Program Category Affected Offender Confinement, Reformation & Supervision
 BRU, Program or Subprogram(s) Affected Adult Confinement
 (Note: If more than one budget component is affected, separate line-item amounts and funding for each component in the analysis section.)

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS ETC.						
TOTAL						

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify Fund Source)						

POSITIONS

FULL TIME						
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

Enactment of House Bill No. 128 would raise the penalties for promoting child prostitution from a Class B felony to a Class A felony.

* (Unable to determine fiscal impact with data available.)

IV. DATE February 4, 1983 PREPARED BY Roger C. Lange
 AGENCY Division of Adult Corrections
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 cc: Budget and Management
 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS ETC.						
TOTAL	*	*	*	*	*	*

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER(Specify Fund Source)						

POSITIONS

FULL TIME						
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

If enacted, House Bill No. 128 would raise the penalties for promoting child prostitution from a Class B felony to a Class A felony.

* No data is available to indicate the frequency of this crime, the number of arrests or convictions. Therefore, no estimate can be made as to the fiscal impact if this legislation enacted. Since statistical data is not available, it is assumed that this offense is rarely encountered and any potential fiscal impact would be minimal, particularly since the bill is only raising an existing crime to a classification with longer sentences.

're HB 127

① - could you find if there are any statistics on actual deterrent effect of increasing sentences by $\frac{1}{5}$

② - what effect would these bills (117, 127, 128) have on # of prisoners in jail or under authority of corrections over a 5 year period (average)

TERMS OF IMPRISONMENT

OCTOBER 1, 1982

FIRST FELONY CONVICTION SECOND FELONY CONVICTION THIRD FELONY CONVICTION

MURDER I
 MUR. II & KIDNAP. &
 M. I. C. S. I
 SEXUAL ASSAULT
 1st **
 SEXUAL ASSAULT
 1st
 A FELONY **
 A FELONY
 B FELONY
 C FELONY

[20] -- 99	[20] -- 99	[20] -- 99
[5] -- 99	[5] -- 99	[5] -- 99
5 -- (10) -- 30	7 1/2 -- (15) -- 30	12 1/2 -- (25) -- 30
4 -- (8) -- 30	7 1/2 -- (15) -- 30	12 1/2 -- (25) -- 30
3 1/2 -- (7) -- 20	5 -- (10) -- 20	7 1/2 -- (15) -- 20
2 1/2 -- (5) -- 20	5 -- (10) -- 20	7 1/2 -- (15) -- 20
0 -- 10	0 -- (4) -- 10	3 -- (6) -- 10
0 -- 5	0 -- (2) -- 5	0 -- (3) -- 5

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Staff Report
House bills 117,127,128
January 27, 1983

HB 117:

Under current statute, sexual abuse of a minor under 16 years of age is a class C felony.

As proposed by HB 117:

1. Sexual abuse of a minor under 13 years of age is a offense in the first degree and is a class B felony.

2. Sexual abuse of a minor aged 13 to 16 is sexual abuse in the second degree and is a class C felony.

HB 127:

Under current statute, the first felony conviction for sexual assault in the first degree, not involving firearms, use of a dangerous instrument, or causing serious physical injury requires a presumptive sentence of 8 years. The proposal will change that sentence to 10 years.

Under current statute, the first felony conviction for sexual assault in the first degree involving firearms, a dangerous instrument, or causing serious physical injury requires a presumptive sentence of 10 years. HB 127 changes that sentence to 12 years.

HB 128:

Under current statute, promoting prostitution is a class B felony. HB 128 provides that inducing or causing a person under 16 years of age to engage in prostitution is a class A felony.

TERMS OF IMPRISONMENT

OCTOBER 1, 1932

FIRST FELONY CONVICTION SECOND FELONY CONVICTION THIRD FELONY CONVICTION

MURDER I	20 -- 99	20 -- 99	20 -- 99
MUR. II & KIDNAP. & M. I. C. S. I	5 -- 99	5 -- 99	5 -- 99
SEXUAL ASSAULT 1ST **	5 -- (10) -- 30 <i>HB 127 (12)</i>	7 1/2 -- (15) -- 30	12 1/2 -- (25) -- 30
SEXUAL ASSAULT 1ST	4 -- (8) -- 30 <i>HB 127 (10)</i>	7 1/2 -- (15) -- 30	12 1/2 -- (25) -- 30
A FELONY **	3 1/2 -- (7) -- 20	5 -- (10) -- 20	7 1/2 -- (15) -- 20
A FELONY <i>↑ HB 128</i>	2 1/2 -- (5) -- 20	5 -- (10) -- 20	7 1/2 -- (15) -- 20
B FELONY <i>HB 117 2 1/2 10*</i>	0 -- 10	0 -- (4) -- 10	3 -- (6) -- 10
C FELONY	0 -- 5	0 -- (2) -- 5	0 -- (3) -- 5

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2/9/83

No Fiscal NOTES

HB 117

GALE HORETSKI DEPT OF LAW

SUGGEST : 1) SEX ABUSE of MINOR - B FELONY

2) OFFENDER 3-4 YRS older

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES bill - DEALS WITH

AGE, MINOR FURNISHING d- to PERSON

3 YRS younger.

HB 127

No Fiscal NOTE

NO SUPPORT by Dept of LAW - REVISION of CRIMINAL code
IN 79 MADE UNIFORM, sentences NO deterrent value to increasing
PAST sentence

HB 128

No Fiscal Note

STATE OF ALASKA
PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF FISCAL IMPACT

Bill No: HB 128 Date on Bill: 1/26/83
 Title: An Act raising the penalties for promoting child prostitution
 Sponsor: House HESS
 Requestor: _____

1. Estimated fiscal impacts on:

a. Expenditures:

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86
Capital				
Operating				
Total	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

b. Revenues:

Revenue				
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2. Source of funds to offset fiscal impact of bill:

Source of funds not identified by sponsor

3. Assumptions:

No fiscal impact

4. Disclaimer:

This statement has not been reviewed by the OMB in the Office of the Governor. It therefore does not represent the final estimate of fiscal impact.

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 Department: Public Safety

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2/15/83

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House of Representatives

TO: House Health, Education & Social Services Committee
FROM: Representative John Lindauer *John Lindauer*
RE: HB 127 " An Act to increase the punishment for sexual assault
in the first degree."

The scope of this bill is to increase the punishment for those convicted of sexual assault in the first degree.

First degree sexual assault includes rape of any person, attempted rape with serious physical injury to the victim, any sexual involvement with a person under 13 years of age, and incest.

The specific punishment increases are outlined within HB 127.

Dave -

*Rep. Lindauer dropped
these off for the hearing
on Wed.*

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HB 128

HEADINGS TITLE 11.
CRIMINAL LAW.
CHAPTER 66.
OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC HEALTH AND DECENCY.
ARTICLE 1.
PROSTITUTION AND RELATED OFFENSES.

CITATION SEC. 11.66.110.

CATCH LINE

PROMOTING PROSTITUTION IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

TEXT

(A) A PERSON COMMITS THE CRIME OF PROMOTING PROSTITUTION IN THE FIRST DEGREE IF HE

(1) INDUCES OR CAUSES A PERSON TO ENGAGE IN PROSTITUTION THROUGH THE USE OF FORCE;

(2) AS OTHER THAN A PATRON OF A PROSTITUTE, INDUCES OR CAUSES A PERSON UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE TO ENGAGE IN PROSTITUTION; OR

(3) INDUCES OR CAUSES A PERSON IN HIS LEGAL CUSTODY TO ENGAGE IN PROSTITUTION.

(B) IN A PROSECUTION UNDER (A)(2) OF THIS SECTION, IT IS NOT A DEFENSE THAT THE DEFENDANT REASONABLY BELIEVED THAT THE PERSON HE INDUCED OR CAUSED TO ENGAGE IN PROSTITUTION WAS 16 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.

(C) PROMOTING PROSTITUTION IN THE FIRST DEGREE IS A CLASS B FELONY.

HISTORY (SEC. 8 CH 166 SLA 1978)

R0601 * END OF DOCUMENTS IN LIST - ENTER RETURN OR ANOTHER COMMAND.