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# PORN TRAFFICKING

*A woman arrives on a mostly male porn set in a private location to do a straight boy/girl scene. The director tells the woman she has to do anal sex. When she protests the director tells her she won't get paid if she doesn't do it. Under pressure, she reluctantly gives in and within seconds is screaming from the pain and demands the scene be stopped. The director refuses and directs the male porn star to continue.*

*In the middle of a hardcore act with several male performers, a young woman is in so much pain that she covers her face while she is crying. She begs them to stop but they ignore her. One of the male performers makes fun of her, calls her "Poor baby" and forces his penis into her face.*

*A male porn star is physically forcing a woman to give him oral sex during a scene. The woman tries to pull away but the male porn star grabs the back of her head and forces himself down her throat. The woman gags and vomits on the man and herself.*

*Two women show up to do a girl/girl scene on a porn set. Upon arrival, there are no cameramen or crew. Instead they encounter several men who wish to engage in prostitution also known as a "private". The women call their agent to complain and are threatened that if they do not perform sexual acts with the men, he will take legal action against them.*

**This is sex trafficking,  
and these women  
are its victims.**



If properly identified, investigated and prosecuted, the traffickers in these examples face 15 years minimum mandatory imprisonment and up to a life term in federal prison. Such severe facts and corresponding punishments confirm that sex traffickers in pornography are indeed, engaged in modern-day slavery.

Sex trafficking is defined by U.S. federal law as recruiting, enticing, harboring, transporting, providing or obtaining either: (1) an adult for commercial sex by force, fraud or coercion, or (2) a child for commercial sex, regardless of the means. Examples of sex trafficking in adult pornography include the following:

Agents, porn directors, porn producers, pimps and performers who recruit and entice a woman to cause them to engage in a commercial sex act by means of:

## Force and threats of force

- Beating, slapping and punching
- Beating with objects (bats, chains, belts, hangers, whips)
- Physical restraint e.g. forcing a woman to give oral sex by restraining her head.
- Rape and gang rape e.g. anal sex performed on a woman without her permission
- Attempted rape e.g. male porn actor repeatedly attempts to insert his penis into a woman's anus and she repeatedly has to tell him no

## Fraud

- Fraudulent offers of employment or other promises of money and fame
- Deceitful enticing and affectionate behavior e.g. a porn producer is affectionate to a woman to entice her into a hardcore sex act.
- Lying about working conditions and risk of STDs. Offering a false sense of security
- Sending women to fraudulent clinics for medical care

## Coercion

- Threats of serious harm to include physical or psychological, reputational and financial
- Intense manipulation by pornographers to lure in naïve women into the porn business e.g. telling women they will only be doing bikini modeling but upon arrival they are told to perform in sex acts
- Threatened legal action in an effort to intimidate and control a woman
- Intimidation and humiliation by older males to cause a woman to be fearful
- Emotional and physical coercion used to break the woman's resistance to hardcore sex acts
- Occasional Indulgences e.g. porn employers reward women by starring them on the box cover
- Emotional abuse to cause women to become defenselessness
- Drugs and alcohol offered to women to help them get through scenes



## Victims of pornography also face numerous health risks.

Physical risks include drug and alcohol addiction; physical injuries (broken bones, concussions, burns, vaginal/anal tearings); traumatic brain injury (TBI) resulting in memory loss, dizziness, headaches, numbness; sexually transmitted diseases (e.g., HIV/AIDS, gonorrhea, chlamydia, herpes, syphilis, UTIs, pubic lice); sterility, miscarriages, menstrual problems; other diseases (e.g., TB, hepatitis, malaria, pneumonia); and forced or coerced abortions.