

## PROFILES OF SUSPECTED VICTIMS OF CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION IN FLORIDA'S JUVENILE DELINQUENCY SYSTEM

**Overview:**

During 2011, the Broward County Sheriff's Office Juvenile Assessment Team placed nine calls to Florida Department of Children & Families Child Protective Investigation Unit, via the Florida Abuse Hotline, regarding youth who were suspected child victims of commercial sexual exploitation. These calls were made based on responses to human trafficking questions incorporated into a juvenile assessment tool. The profiles and chart below provide context regarding the suspected victims.

Juvenile	Trauma	Runaway	Foster Care	Mental Health	Substance Abuse	Prior charges	Gang Inv.	Acknowledged Pimp	Acknowledged Sex with Adults for \$	Truancy	Tattoos
J1	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	
J2	X	X		X	X	X			X	X	
J3	X	X		X	X	X			X	X	
J4		X		X		X			X	X	X
J5	X	X	X	X		X				X	
J6		X		X					X	X	
J7	X	X	x	X						X	
J8		X		X	X	X				X	X
J9	X	X	x	X	X	X			X	X	

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### Juvenile 1

**Age:** 15

**Race:** Black

**Juvenile Assessment Team Assessment:** February 2011 referral deferred to ChildNet

**Risk factors:**

- Foster care with history of abuse (denied during assessment)
- Frequent runaway
- Acknowledged trading sex for money
- Acknowledged a 25 year old pimp named "Bam"
- Most recently ran away from a SIPP

**Substance Abuse:**

- Opiates
- Cannabis
- Cocaine
- Alcohol

**Mental Health/Behavioral Health Diagnosis:**

- Bipolar Disorder

**Psychotropic medications prescribed:**

- Abilify
- Prozac

**Charges:** Taken to the JAC on pick up orders from municipal police department. Prior charges include:

- Possession of drug equipment and possession
- False I.D.
- Several battery charges
- Assault charge

**Gang Involvement:** Denied being in a gang, but identified that friends are in a gang

**Tattoos:** None noted

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### Juvenile 2

**Age:** 17

**Race:** Black

**Juvenile Assessment Team Assessment:** April 2011 referral to Chrysalis refused

**Risk factors:**

- Past history of trauma (rape when she was younger by someone outside of the family)
- History of abuse allegations
- Truancy and runaway
- Acknowledged trading sex favors for food/shelter/drugs/money, but declined to elaborate. (She was living with boyfriend and then motels.)
- Prior Level 8 Commitment and on Conditional Release
- Listed as Jimmy Ryce eligible as sexual offender
- Frequent "clubs"

**Substance Abuse:**

- Marijuana
- Alcohol
- Ecstasy

**Mental Health/Behavioral Health Diagnosis:** Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

**Psychotropic medications prescribed:** Denied

**Charges:** Prior charges for:

- Lewd and lascivious battery-promote sexual activity victim less than 16 x 2
- Petit theft
- Aggravated battery

**Gang Involvement:** Denied

**Tattoos:** No visible tattoos

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### Juvenile 3

**Age:** 16

**Race:** Black, Ethnicity: Haitian

**Juvenile Assessment Team Assessment:** April 2011 (referred to Kristi House) and July 2011

**Risk factors:**

- Not attending school
- Acknowledged trading sex for a place to stay during runaways
- Often stays in "motels"
- Prior DCF investigations
- Allegation of being molested by someone outside the family (mother's boyfriend) at the age of 8
- Poor relationship with guardian
- Youth reports that her guardian also uses marijuana and father has criminal history

**Substance Abuse:** Marijuana

**Mental Health/Behavioral Health Diagnosis:** PTSD, ODD

**Psychotropic medications prescribed:** None reported

**Charges:**

- Prostitution charge on 4/2011
- Battery-touch/strike
- Petit theft (civil citation)
- Disturbing the peace (diversion)

**Gang Involvement:** Denies

**Tattoos:** No visible tattoos

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### Juvenile 4

**Age:** 16

**Race:** Black

**Juvenile Assessment Team Assessment:** 08/2011-Linked to Chrysalis and Henderson Behavioral Health

**Risk factors:**

- Poor relationship with mother
- Often runs to father who does not provide limits/accountability for curfew/whereabouts
- Prior investigation regarding youth as ungovernable and mother abusive (unfounded)
- Frequent runaway to a "female" friend
- Denies having pimp but father states that often seen by others going into black car
- Advertised in Backpages.com

**Substance Abuse:** Denied

**Mental Health/Behavioral Health Diagnosis:** Oppositional Defiant Disorder

**Psychotropic medications prescribed:** None

**Charges:**

- 8/2011 procure for prostitution
- 2009 battery touch-strike (diversion)

**Gang Involvement:** Denied

**Tattoos:** Rose with the name Meagan in it

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### Juvenile 5

**Age:** 14

**Race:** Black

**Juvenile Assessment Team Assessment:** August 2011 referral deferred to DCF Dade County

**Risk factors:**

- Foster care with past history of abuse
- Truancy non-attendance of school
- Frequent runaway, prior human trafficking episodes with services received by Kristi House Project GOLD program
- Prior SIPP

**Substance Abuse:** Denied

**Mental Health/Behavioral Health Diagnosis:** Mood Disorder

**Psychotropic medications prescribed:** Abilify

**Charges:**

- Battery-touch or strike x 2
- Battery on person over 65
- Disorderly conduct

**Gang Involvement:** Denied

**Tattoos:** None noted

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### Juvenile 6

**Age:** 17

**Race:** Black, Ethnicity: Haitian

**Juvenile Assessment Team Assessment:** Oct. 2011, referred to Henderson Behavioral Health who had previously been involved with the family, mother did not refuse referral, but was resistant to assistance.

**Risk factors:**

- Youth acknowledged trading sex for money and clothing
- Runaway history-gone for 6 months
- Poor relationship with mother with allegation of emotional abuse
- Currently reported that she has 19 year old boyfriend
- Afraid of adult ex-boyfriend (unknown if he was her pimp and/or adult directly exploiting youth)

**Substance Abuse:** Denied by youth but parent suspects

**Mental Health/Behavioral Health Diagnosis:** Mood Disorder

**Psychotropic medications prescribed:** None reported

**Charges:** First offense-battery touch or strike

**Gang Involvement:** Denied

**Tattoos:** None

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### Juvenile 7

**Age:** 13

**Race:** Black

**Juvenile Assessment Team Assessment:** 10/2011 Youth and family receiving services with Center for Child Enrichment. Father encouraged to have youth evaluated by psychiatrist & consider targeted case management.

**Risk factors:**

- Previous foster care youth then reunification with her father
- Allegation of sexual abuse of sister by the father
- Conflict with father and step mother
- Father reported that youth as ungovernable and reports that she returns from frequent runaway with new clothing, shoes, make up and has been reported by others of associating with "known prostitutes"

**Substance Abuse:** Denied but father suspects cannabis abuse

**Mental Health/Behavioral Health Diagnosis:**

- Major Depressive Disorder
- PTSD
- ODD

**Psychotropic medications prescribed:** None

**Charges:** felony battery (domestic against father)

**Gang Involvement:** Denied

**Tattoos:** None

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### Juvenile 8

**Age:** 16

**Race:** Black

**Juvenile Assessment Team Assessment:** November 2011

**Risk factors:**

- Runaway
- Father incarcerated
- Alternative/behavioral school setting
- Mother reported that youth is "prostituting, herself and giving the money to her adult boyfriend"
- Prior abuse reports closed as "unknown"

**Substance Abuse:** Cannabis Abuse

**Mental Health/Behavioral Health Diagnosis:** Major Depressive Episode with rule of PTSD

**Psychotropic medications prescribed:** None reported

**Charges:**

- Trespassing
- Disorderly conduct 10/2010

**Gang Involvement:** Denied

**Tattoos:** tattoo on right hand

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### Juvenile 9

**Age:** 17

**Race:** White

**Juvenile Assessment Team Assessment:** 12/2011 youth being transferred to Level 8 DJJ facility

**Risk factors:**

- History of abuse from age 3-12 years old
- Youth reports being an "escort" and acknowledges having traded sex for money/drugs
- Reports she has hepatitis
- Father has attempted suicide

**Substance Abuse:** Cocaine and Opiates with prior accidental overdose

**Mental Health/Behavioral Health Diagnosis:** Mood Disorder, Cocaine and Opiate Abuse r/o Dependence

**Psychotropic medications prescribed:** Seroquel, Prozac, Trazadone

**Charges:**

- Disturbing the Peace
- Battery of educational/DCF employee
- 8 pick-up orders failure to appear and VOP

**Gang Involvement:** Denied

**Tattoos:** None