

# SEX WORK AFTER SESTA

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**WHEN SEX WORKER RIGHTS ARE UNDER  
ATTACK, WHAT DO WE DO?  
GET DRESSED, FIGHT BACK!**

Sex Worker Rights Labor Chant

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# SESTA/FOSTA

STOP ENABLING SEX TRAFFICKERS ACT/  
FIGHT ONLINE SEX TRAFFICKING ACT

# The Nordic Model:

Criminalizes the buying,  
rather than the selling,  
of sexual services.

# “End Demand”

The belief that commercial sex and trafficking is underpinned by principles of supply and demand and that without the current demand to pay for sex, there would be no ‘supply’ of people to exploit.

“We are trying to eliminate the demand with these stings,” McLennan County Sheriff Parnell McNamara said. “It is kind of like the drug business, because as long as you have people on drugs, wanting it and paying for it, we are going to have drug dealers. We are trying to diminish this demand, but whether or not we will stop it, that may be impossible. If we can diminish the demand, it will cut down on human tracking.”

# FROM BAD GIRLS, TO SAD GIRLS

Moral Failures to Human Trafficking Victims

**ASYMMETRIC ENFORCEMENT OF A  
LAW WILL ALWAYS INFRINGE ON  
THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF THE  
NON-CRIMINAL PARTY**

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

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North

South

Virginia

West

Virginia

Washington

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W. Virgin

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Oklahoma

Missouri

Arkansas

Louisiana

Alabama

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Florida

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Illinois

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Minnesota

Iowa

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Nebraska

Wyoming

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Utah

Arizona

New Mexico

Oklahoma

Arkansas

Louisiana

Mississippi

Tennessee

Kentucky

West Virginia

Virginia

Pennsylvania

Ohio

Michigan

Illinois

Wisconsin

Minnesota

Iowa

Nebraska

Wyoming

Colorado

Utah

Arizona

New Mexico

Oklahoma

Arkansas

Louisiana

Mississippi

Tennessee

Kentucky

West Virginia

Virginia

Pennsylvania

Gulf of St  
Lawrence

NEW  
BRUNSWICK

P.E.I.

NOVA SCOTIA

Gulf of  
Maine

Sarga

Gulf of Mexico

MEXICO

Nassau

Havana

CUBA

# Escort Services Are Using Counter-Surveillance To Evasive The Cops

Harrison Jacobs Mar. 14, 2014, 2:08 PM

A new government-sponsored report on America's sex industry has revealed how pimps and escorts [avoid detection by cops](#) these days.

The report by the [Urban Institute](#) analyzes information on the trade in eight cities: Miami, Dallas, Washington, Denver, San Diego, Seattle, Atlanta, and Kansas City, Mo.



**Geisha, a prostitute working at the Chicken Ranch brothel, rests in her bed in Pahrump, Nev., Tuesday, March 31, 2009.** AP Photo/Jae C. Hong

**First street based buyer sting**  
1964, Nashville, TN

**First internet based buyer string**  
1995, Everett, WA

**Names and/or photos publicized**  
1975, Eugene, OR

**First "Dear John" letters**  
1982, Aberdeen, MD

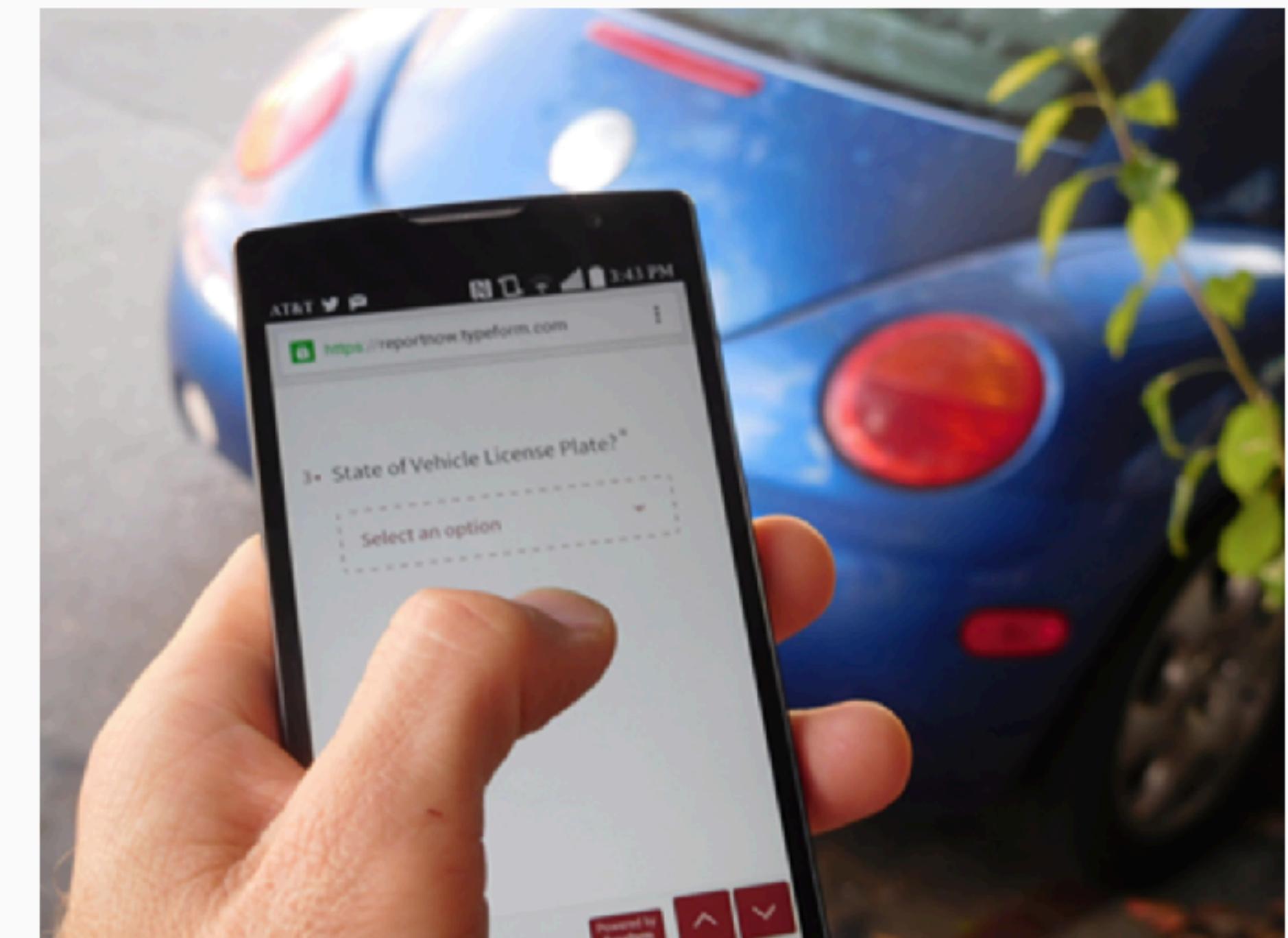
**Surveillance cameras targeting prostitution**  
1989, Horry County, SC

**Neighborhood Action Targeting Johns**  
1975, Knoxville, TN

## Sex Worker Advocates Say Oakland's ReportJohn.org Prostitution Snitch Web Site Does More Harm Than Good

By Darwin BondGraham

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Last week, the Alameda County District Attorney's office and the City of Oakland unveiled [ReportJohn.org](#), a web site for ratting on suspected sex-worker clients to the Oakland police. Users can snap photographs of people or vehicles suspected of solicitation and send them instantly from their cell phones. The police then use this information to generate and mail a "Dear John" letter to the home addresses of people accused of seeking out a sex worker.

"THIS TURNS NEIGHBORS AGAINST NEIGHBORS AND RECRUITS PEOPLE TO BECOME SPIES FOR THE POLICE. IT'S NOT HEALTHY FOR THESE COMMUNITIES."

Cynthia Chandler, human-rights attorney, San Leandro

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# Human Trafficking and the Hospitality Industry

Traffickers often take advantage of the privacy and anonymity accessible through the hospitality industry. Hotels and motels can be especially attractive locations for all forms of trafficking; however, human trafficking also occurs at sporting events, theme parks, cruise ships, and many other areas in the tourism industry. Staff are not necessarily educated on how to recognize and report signs of trafficking.

Our Hospitality Toolkit offers tips and resources that can help you inform and educate hospitality employees about human trafficking. It includes posters of human trafficking warning signs for hotel and motel staff; housekeeping, maintenance, and room service staff; concierge, bellman, front desk, security, and valet staff; and food and beverage staff.

[Download Our Hospitality Toolkit](#)



## HOUSEKEEPING, MAINTENANCE, AND ROOM SERVICE STAFF

Requests room or housekeeping services (additional towels, new linens, etc.), but denies hotel/motel staff entry into room.

Presence of multiple computers, cell phones, pagers, credit card swipers, or other technology.

Extended stay with few or no personal possessions.

Excessive amounts of sex paraphernalia in rooms (condoms, lubricant, lotion, etc.)



## FOOD & BEVERAGE STAFF

Individuals loitering and soliciting male patrons.

Individuals waiting at a table or bar and picked up by a male (trafficker or customer).

Individuals asking staff or patrons for food or money.

Individuals taking cash or receipts left on tables.



# SIGNS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

For Housekeeping, Maintenance, and Room Service Staff

Housekeeping, maintenance, and room service staff typically have the most access to guest rooms where signs of human trafficking may be apparent. By being conscious of human trafficking indicators, you can help identify possible human trafficking activities and victims.

## GENERAL INDICATORS

- "Do Not Disturb" sign used constantly.
- Requests room or housekeeping services (additional towels, new linens, etc.), but denies hotel/motel staff entry into room.
- Refusal of cleaning services for multiple days.
- Excessive amounts of cash in a room.
- Smell of bodily fluids and musk.
- Presence of multiple computers, cell phones, pagers, credit card swipes, or other technology.
- The same person reserving multiple rooms.
- Individuals leaving room infrequently, not at all, or at odd hours.
- Children's items or clothing are present but no child registered with the room.
- Individuals loitering in hallways or appearing to monitor the area.
- Excessive amounts of alcohol or illegal drugs in rooms.
- Evidence of pornography.
- Minors left alone in room for long periods of time.
- Excessive number of people staying in a room.
- Extended stay with few or no personal possessions.
- Provocative clothing and shoes.
- Constant flow of men into a room at all hours.
- Excessive amounts of sex paraphernalia in rooms (condoms, lubricant, lotion, etc.).
- Rooms stocked with merchandise, luggage, mail packages, and purses/wallets with different names.

*Each indicator alone may not necessarily mean a person is being trafficked.*

## WHAT TO DO IF YOU SUSPECT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- ✖ Do not at any time attempt to confront a suspected trafficker directly or alert a victim to your suspicions.
- ❗ Call 9-1-1 for emergency situations—threats of violence, physical assault, emergency medical needs, etc.
- ⌚ Follow your corporate protocol, such as by notifying management and security.
- ⌚ Call 1-866-DHS-2-ICE (1-866-347-2423) to report suspicious criminal activity to federal law enforcement. Highly trained specialists take reports from both the public and law enforcement agencies. Submit a tip at [www.ice.gov/tips](http://www.ice.gov/tips).
- ⌚ To get help from the National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC), call 1-888-373-7888 or text HELP or INFO to BeFree (233733).

# SIGNS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Everyone has a role to play in combating human trafficking. Recognizing the signs of human trafficking is the first step to identifying a victim. Victims can be U.S. citizens or foreign nationals of any age, race, or gender.



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For more details on the indicators of human trafficking, see our [website](#).*

## WHAT TO DO IF YOU SUSPECT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- ✖ Do not at any time attempt to confront a suspected trafficker directly or alert a victim to your suspicions.
- ❗ Call 911 for emergency situations – threats of violence, physical assault, emergency medical needs, etc.
- ⌚ Notify campus security.
- ⌚ Call 1-866-DHS-2-ICE (1-866-347-2423) to report suspicious criminal activity to federal law enforcement. Highly trained specialists take reports from both the public and law enforcement agencies.
- ⌚ If you are a victim and need help or if you want to find support for a victim, contact the National Human Trafficking Hotline. Call 1-888-373-7888 or text HELP or INFO to BeFree (233733).

“While it is necessary and just to assist survivors, and expansion of those services is acutely needed, the interventions are not designed to prevent or reduce the occurrence of exploitation.”

A National Overview of Prostitution and Sex Trafficking Demand Reduction Efforts,  
Final Report 2012

**Key Findings**

**Findings from Literature Review**

- **Market Forces.** The illicit markets of prostitution and sex trafficking are, like any other markets, driven by demand. Wherever demand occurs, supply and distribution emerge. While it may be an oversimplification to say that demand is the sole cause or influence on markets, and that there are feedback mechanisms and interactions among these three main components, it is indisputable that removing or reducing demand reduces or eliminates markets. The need for people to provide a “supply” and for pimps and traffickers to “distribute” the supply to buyers would not exist without demand. The historic emphasis on interfering with supply and distribution systems has been ineffective at producing substantial and lasting reductions in illegal commercial sex markets. Given that people are the commodity exploited, supply is difficult to contain. Distribution is also difficult to contain: since the markets are highly profitable, arrested traffickers and pimps are soon replaced. Distribution requires relatively little skill, and supply is plentiful and easily acquired, presenting few barriers to entry or startup costs for pimps and traffickers.
- **Limitations of Focusing on Supply.** Efforts to reduce prostitution and sex trafficking by constraining supply have not usually been successful, aside from temporary effects or displacing markets to other areas. Where demand is strong, interfering with supply chains usually results in shifting to other sources or other means of distribution. The “service gap” is too great to close by addressing supply only. Conservative estimates of the number of victims of sexual exploitation and sex trafficking are in the tens of thousands nationwide, while fewer than 100 beds in residential treatment or shelters are known to exist that are designed specifically to serve survivors of prostitution or sex trafficking. Massive increases in victim services would still leave the majority of survivors un-served. While it is necessary and just to assist survivors, and expansion of those services is acutely needed, the interventions are not designed to prevent or reduce the occurrence of exploitation.
- **Difficulty Addressing Distribution.** A very small portion of pimps and traffickers are ever arrested, due in large part to reliance upon frightened and/or reluctant survivors to make cases against their abusers. The rare instances where pimps and traffickers are taken out of action may cause short-term interruptions, but they are likely to be replaced as long as demand remains strong and there is profit to be made.
- **Demand Reduction is Primary Prevention.** Primary prevention refers to stopping negative events before they occur, ensuring that people do not become afflicted rather than addressing the symptoms of the afflictions that have occurred. The majority of effort to confront prostitution and sex trafficking in the United States has been devoted to tertiary or secondary approaches (trying to stem the progression of a problem, or recover from an affliction after it has occurred); while relatively little investment has been made in primary prevention (attacking consumer-level demand).
- **Evidence of Effectiveness of Interventions Targeting Demand.** When compared to evidence of the effectiveness of interventions addressing supply and distribution in curtailing commercial sex markets, evidence supporting the impact of demand-reduction initiatives is relatively strong. There is very little in the way of an empirical case for

- ***Reverse Stings: Replacing prostituted women with police decoys.***

- In web-based reverse stings, the basic model involves police posting a bogus advertisement on websites used to transact prostitution, and to place a female police decoy and support team in a hotel room or apartment for appointments with johns. This requires substantial planning, obtaining a phone for police to use that is not detectable as a police phone, constructing a realistic ad, and can pose challenges in getting hotel or apartment space. A variation used that is designed to solve some of these challenges is to have police search real web ads for prostitution; they respond to the ad, remove the survivor, and install a police decoy who continues making appointments with johns on the survivor's hotel or cell phone. A similar concept is used in storefront brothels, where the staff and survivors are removed and replaced with police officers who continue to make appointments and arrest johns.

- ▶ Most law enforcement response to commercial sex is driven by complaints from local residents and business.  
(At least 71% and more likely driving 90% of actions)
- ▶ Public shaming tactics drastically reduce complaint calls regardless of whether or not actual activity is reduced
- ▶ Individual victims/survivors are collateral damage in the larger war to “end demand” for commercial sex services
- ▶ No punitive response, up to and including a death penalty, has effectively halted commercial sex at any time in history

	<b>STD Risk Chart</b>	Salena ❤	10-Jul-13 12:14 PM by lavalovemassage
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	<b>STD Resources &amp; Clinics</b>	Snowfox ✅	08-Jan-09 04:23 PM by sexyshayla1
	<b>Doctors Say:Link Between Oral Sex and Throat Cancer</b>	Swivellhips ❤	19-Nov-08 07:27 PM by Salena
	<b>What To Do If You Are Sexually Assaulted</b>	Salena ❤	06-Jan-05 02:29 AM by LusciousCarmela
	<b>Welcome to Casa Rosa. Please read...</b>	Salena ❤	14-Sep-04 11:19 AM
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	<b>Do you need hair and makeup? A regular stylist? READ</b>	Styld_Gorgeous ❤	01-Oct-13 05:08 PM
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	<b>Massage Training</b>	My_Sacred_Pleasures ❤	26-Aug-13 08:20 AM by Katie_krush
	<b>Tip For Dry Skin..</b>	Carmeletaylor ❤	20-Aug-13 11:59 AM by FantasyMetro
	<b>Female condoms?</b>	SeXXiiKaylaXxx ❤	14-Aug-13 00:03 AM by rachelsonoma
	<b>Offering Elysium &amp; Bondassage sessions for Provider</b>	TantrikRedhead ❤	30-Jul-13 02:49 PM
	<b>Legal services</b>	CuriousGirl ❤	12-Jul-13 03:34 PM
	<b>Questions about your health concerns.</b>	lavalovemassage ❤	10-Jul-13 12:17 PM
	<b>Female Sex Worker Empowerment Group</b>	rentgirl ❤	10-Jul-13 12:16 PM

# Craigslist erotic services reduced the female homicide rate by 17.4%

Craigslist's Effect on Violence Against Women\*

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West Virginia University

John Tripp

Baylor University

November 2017

**IN SAN FRANCISCO THE AVERAGE YIELD  
OF ARRESTS PER STREET-LEVEL STING  
FELL BY HALF BETWEEN 2004 AND 2007**

- ▶ **WORKPLACE HOMICIDE RATE FOR FEMALE PROSTITUTES IS 204 PER 100,000**
- ▶ **WOMEN REPRESENT 22% OF ALL HOMICIDE VICTIMS BUT 70% OF SERIAL KILLER VICTIMS**
- ▶ **SEX WORKERS REPRESENT 78% OF ALL FEMALE SERIAL KILLER VICTIMS**
- ▶ **SEX WORKERS ARE 18X MORE LIKELY TO BE A VICTIM OF HOMICIDE THAN OTHER WOMEN**
- ▶ **50% OF SEX WORKER HOMICIDES GO UNSOLVED**

## SEX WORK AFTER SESTA: ADDITIONAL SOURCES

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