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PROSTITUTION: A NARRATIVE BY A
FORMER "CALL GIRL"

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Why do women get involved in prostitution? I believe there are two primary causes: money and drugs.

The power of money has a great effect on Americans. Especially the poor. Without money one feels empty, and alone, and therefore it's easy to get into walking the streets. Welfare does not cover all of a woman's personal needs. One does not need a high school diploma or a degree to become a call girl. Today, one can easily become a prostitute by phone or mail. T.V. is the most common source of 1-900 numbers. All it takes to become a call girl is courage and the ability to talk. Being able to earn \$200-\$500 a day, without taxes, is a blessing.

Money and power are similar. They go together hand in hand. I would be lost anywhere without money, and that becomes stressful. I have no regret for my experiences. Prostitution brought me social life, money, sex, and entertainment. I travelled, met professors, doctors, lawyers, businessmen, and students from all over. The power of money was my motivation, and it gave me the courage to do it. I wanted more and more money.

I first began to use drugs at age twenty-three. It's so easy to get into. I was alone, single, with a son, and my social life was a complete bore. I hung out on a college campus with older men who were students. They were dealers, which I was unaware of until later. I began to become a call girl. Being a call girl became a part of me.

I was alone, in college, on welfare, with a son. My son wanted football clothes. He got them, and he has become a good man. I do not regret the experience. I learned a great deal. I had no father, and my mother did not give me things which I desired. I got them on my own. "God bless the child that got his own."

Once I was hooked on drugs, I would go to any extreme to get money to pay for drugs. Prostitution is a quick way to obtain money for drugs. The drug dealer will often date. If he thinks it will be to his advantage he will become more than a date. He will claim a prostitute as his own. Many dealers will bail a prostitute out of jail. Everybody

* The grammar and style of this piece were essentially left in their original forms so as to preserve the tone and the message of the author.

needs somebody to bail them out of jail. So that's a debt. Some prostitutes even get physically abused by their pimp, and they love him regardless. The fight against drugs is annoying and there is no solution to stop it. I believe it will never stop until the world ends.

Sometimes police will harass a call girl, arrest her, and try to soak information to set up her dealer. This works sometimes, but it is very dangerous to give information to the police. A contract could be put out, and the police will not give a damn! The prostitute would be used. Therefore it pays to be silent. Life is too short to risk death by giving the police information.

Why do women return to prostitution? One always needs money to live. The drive for money will remain with us throughout our whole lives, and prostitution is an easy way to make money. The life of being a call girl is too good to give up. A call girl can move to another state, or go to the routes she knows. Even with education, many women would return to the streets. This is where we started, and money is needed to survive, so we go back. This is all we know. We have no one to guide us. We are our own spouses. On the street we are in our element, and feel mentally and physically strong. But the street is dangerous. If this country would allow us to have a prostitution permit, it would allow us to be more careful and more selective.

Today in Michigan, the law is that after three charges of prostitution it becomes a felony. I feel this is wrong, but man rules the world and it is men who prostitutes satisfy sexually. The politicians are our best clients. They are highly sexed and have ready teller 24-hour service bank cards at their disposal.

Hopefully, the law for prostitution will change in Michigan. In bigger cities, prostitutes are only fined \$100-\$500. Prostitutes are normal women just out to earn a little extra money for their needs. At all costs, I hope reform in the law takes place soon. Prostitution should be legalized with a permit to be submitted every six months. Most prostitutes are harmless and are charged with non-violent offenses. The accosting and soliciting charge should be abolished.

Prostitution is America today. ❧