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# Legislation on human trafficking

## Traffickers and pimps:

- Trafficking in human beings – maximum of 10 years in prison
- Aggravated procuring – maximum of 8 years in prison
- Procuring – maximum of 4 years in prison

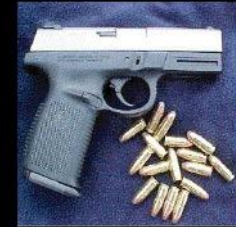
## Sex buyers:

- Child rape - maximum of 10 years in prison
- The purchase of sex from a minor - maximum of 2 years in prison
- The sex purchase act - maximum of 1 year in prison



# Zero tolerance on procuring

- Transporting women to and from sex buyers
- Arranging accommodation (i.e. apartment, hotel room)
- Creating internet advertisements
- Protecting the women
- Buying food, condoms etc.
- Living off the income of someone else's prostitution



# Sex purchase act

*“A person who, obtains casual sexual relations in return for payment, shall be convicted of purchasing a sexual service and sentenced to a fine or a prison term of at most 1 year.*

*The provision of the first paragraph also applies if the payment was promised or given by another person.”*

(Swedish Criminal Code, chapter 6, section 11)



# Sex purchase act

- Attempt is illegal
- Assisting someone else is illegal
- The payment can be other than money
- The law is gender-neutral
- 50 days of fines (maximum 1 year of imprisonment)



# Short case study

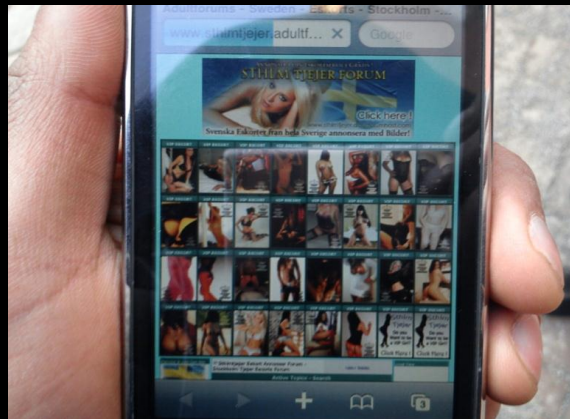
How we enforce the legislation

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# Arresting the sexbuyer

- Arrested when leaving
- Cellphone confiscated
- Interviewed on the spot
- Admits: fine
- Denying: possible trial



# Coordination with the Social services

- Social workers doing outreach work together with the police. A part of the police unit.
- Committed to motivate and help women and men out of prostitution by giving them correct tools and assistance.
- Working as a direct link between the person in need and authorities or/and NGO's.





# Myths about the law

- Prostitution will go underground and authorities will not be able to find it
- Violence against women in prostitution will increase
- Women in prostitution will not speak with the authorities if you arrest the buyers being their source of income
- Women in prostitution will not dare to report violent clients to the police
- To enforce this legislation will take a lot of resources



# Operational results

- The law has a strong normative effect. Buying sex is not socially acceptable.
- The sex buyers are afraid of the police.
- The law actually protects the women. Women in prostitution speak of Sweden as a safer place compared to other countries
- The law creates a bad market for the traffickers - It strikes directly at organized crime!
- Higher prices because of the criminalization.
- A rise in public awareness.



# The keys to success:

1. Criminalize the sex buyer
2. Strong social efforts
3. Enforce the legislation.





**Thank you!**



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