

Sex Trafficking in America

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FRONTLINE presents *Sex Trafficking in America*, a new documentary that tells the unimaginable stories of young women coerced into prostitution—and follows one police unit that’s committed to rooting it out.

In the film, award-winning director Jezza Neumann and producer Lauren Mucciolo (*Poor Kids*) embed with the Phoenix police unit that’s tackling child sexual exploitation, offering an inside look at the lucrative industry through unique access to a series of undercover, high-stakes police operations. They also film with young women who have escaped the trade.

What’s revealed is a crime that’s both hidden in plain sight and growing—due in part to social media, where traffickers often start to groom and recruit young women and girls.

As the film reports, using fake, online ads as decoys, the Phoenix police unit targets both the traffickers luring young women into prostitution, and the “buyers”—many of whom claim to not know that the girls they interact with are victims of trafficking.

With extensive and intimate access to local law enforcement, prosecutors, service providers and the women themselves, the film shines a light on the hidden reality of sex trafficking in America.

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