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# Building a Sex Trafficking Case Without the Victim

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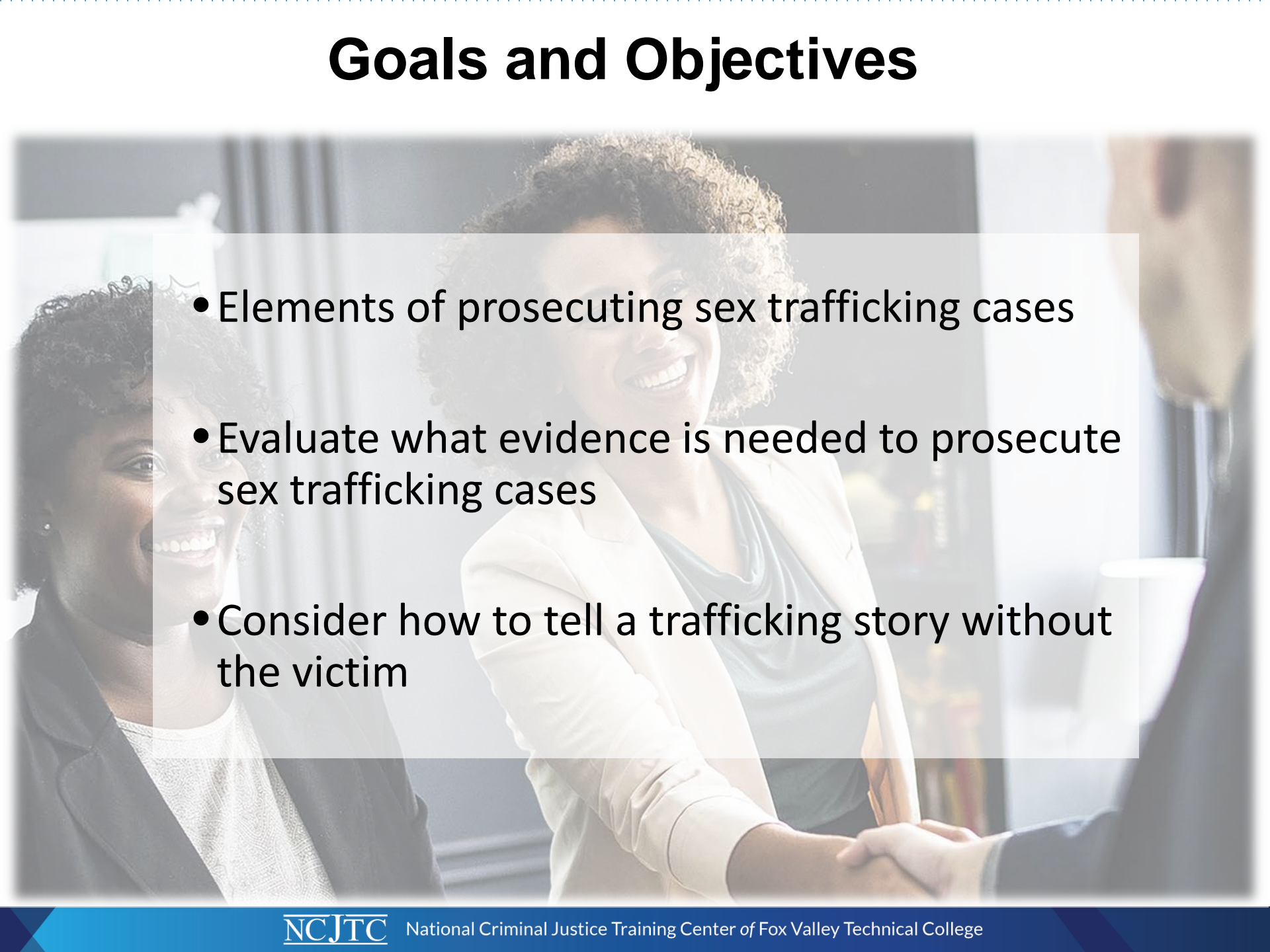
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- Presenter at numerous conferences addressing child exploitation



Poll

# Goals and Objectives

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- The background of the slide features a photograph of three individuals in a professional office environment. On the left, a woman with dark curly hair is smiling. In the center, a woman with light brown curly hair, wearing a white blazer, is also smiling and holding a folder. On the right, a man in a dark suit is partially visible, shaking hands with the woman in the center. The image is slightly faded to allow the text to be prominent.
- Elements of prosecuting sex trafficking cases
  - Evaluate what evidence is needed to prosecute sex trafficking cases
  - Consider how to tell a trafficking story without the victim



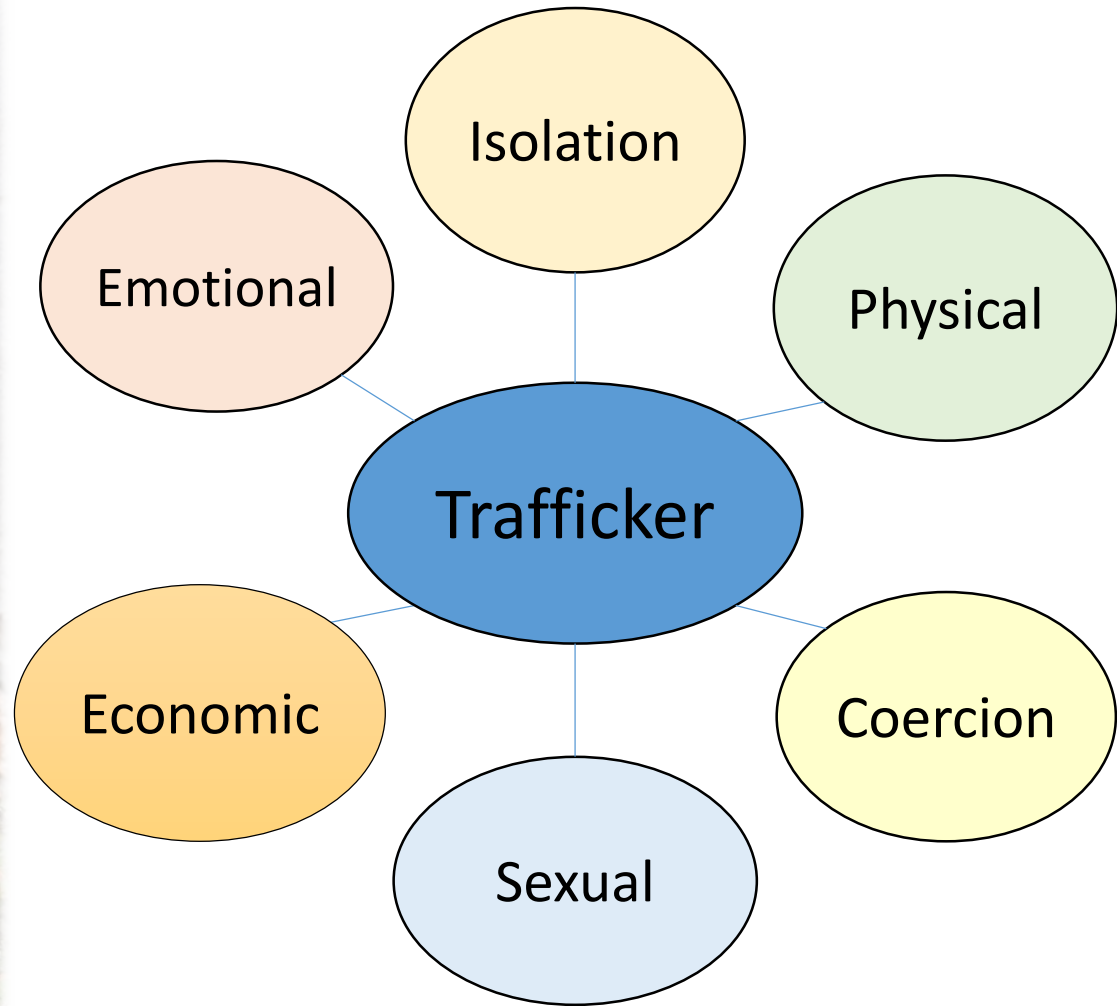
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# What do you need for a trial?





# Trafficker's use of power and control



# Why are these kids reluctant?

- Attachment issues
- Issues of complicity
- Fear of retaliation
- Brainwashing
- Isolation
- Fear of authorities
- Don't respect authority
- Difficult to locate





# What it takes for a case to go to trial

Case is set in court

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Court schedule

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ADA

schedule

+

Defense schedule

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**= TRIAL**



# What do you have to prove in sex trafficking?

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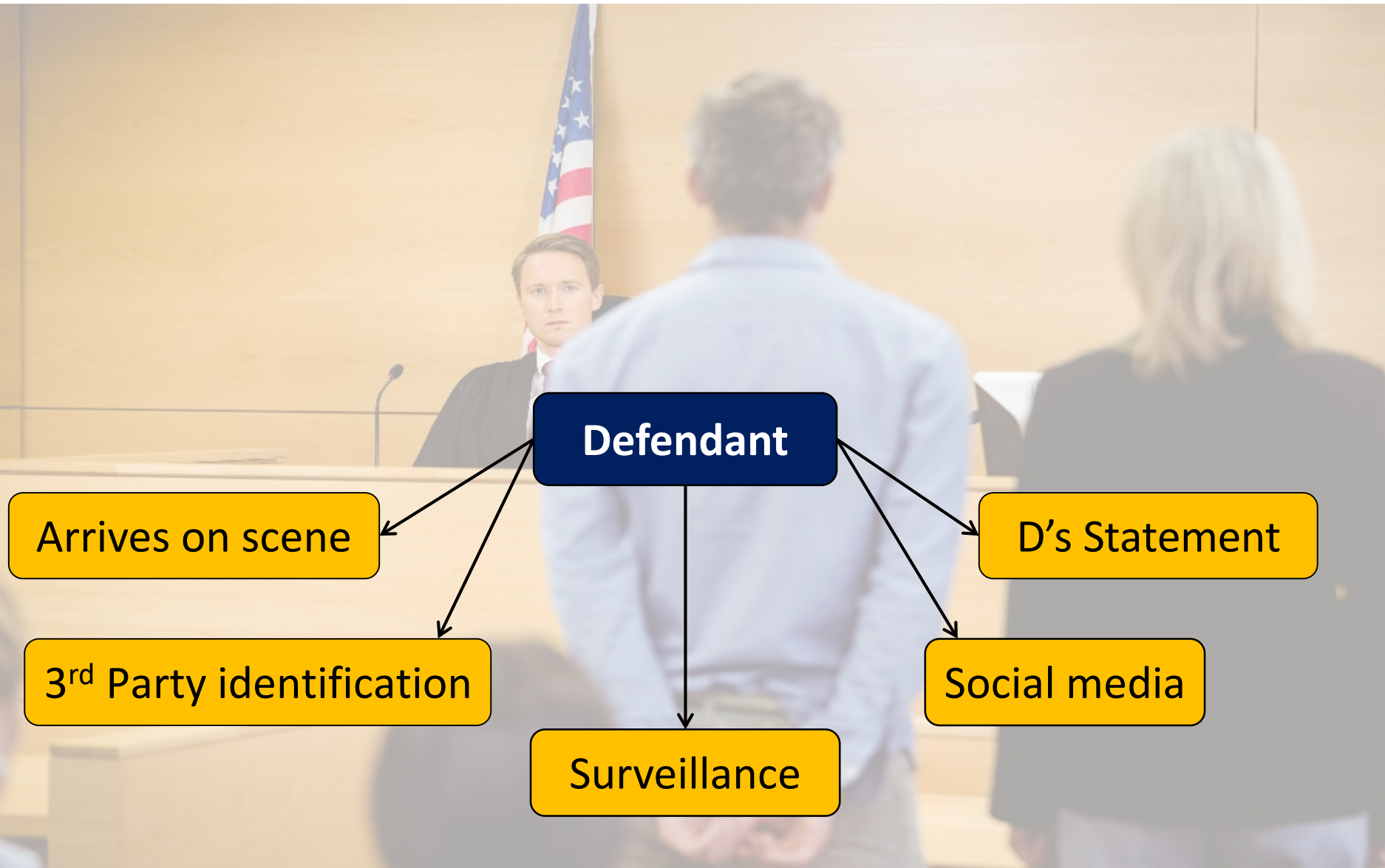
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Child

Recruit, Harbor, Transport

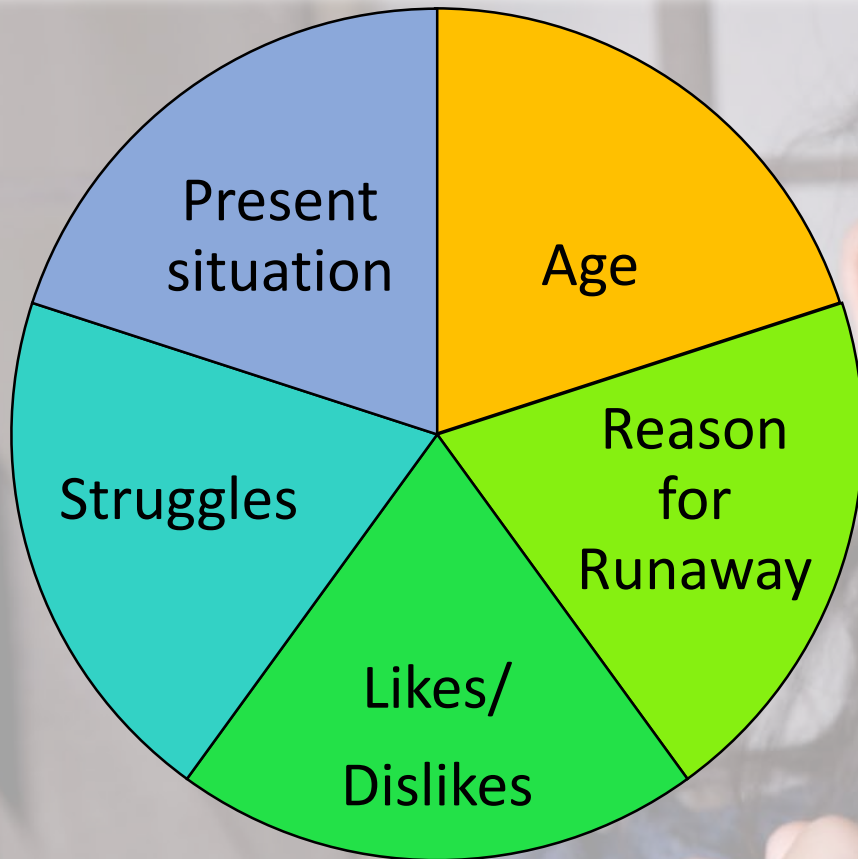
Prostitution

# Identifying Defendant





# Telling child's story



Mom

Relative

Advocate

Therapist

Probation  
Officer

Detective

# Recruit, Harbor, Transport

Location Data  
from Phone

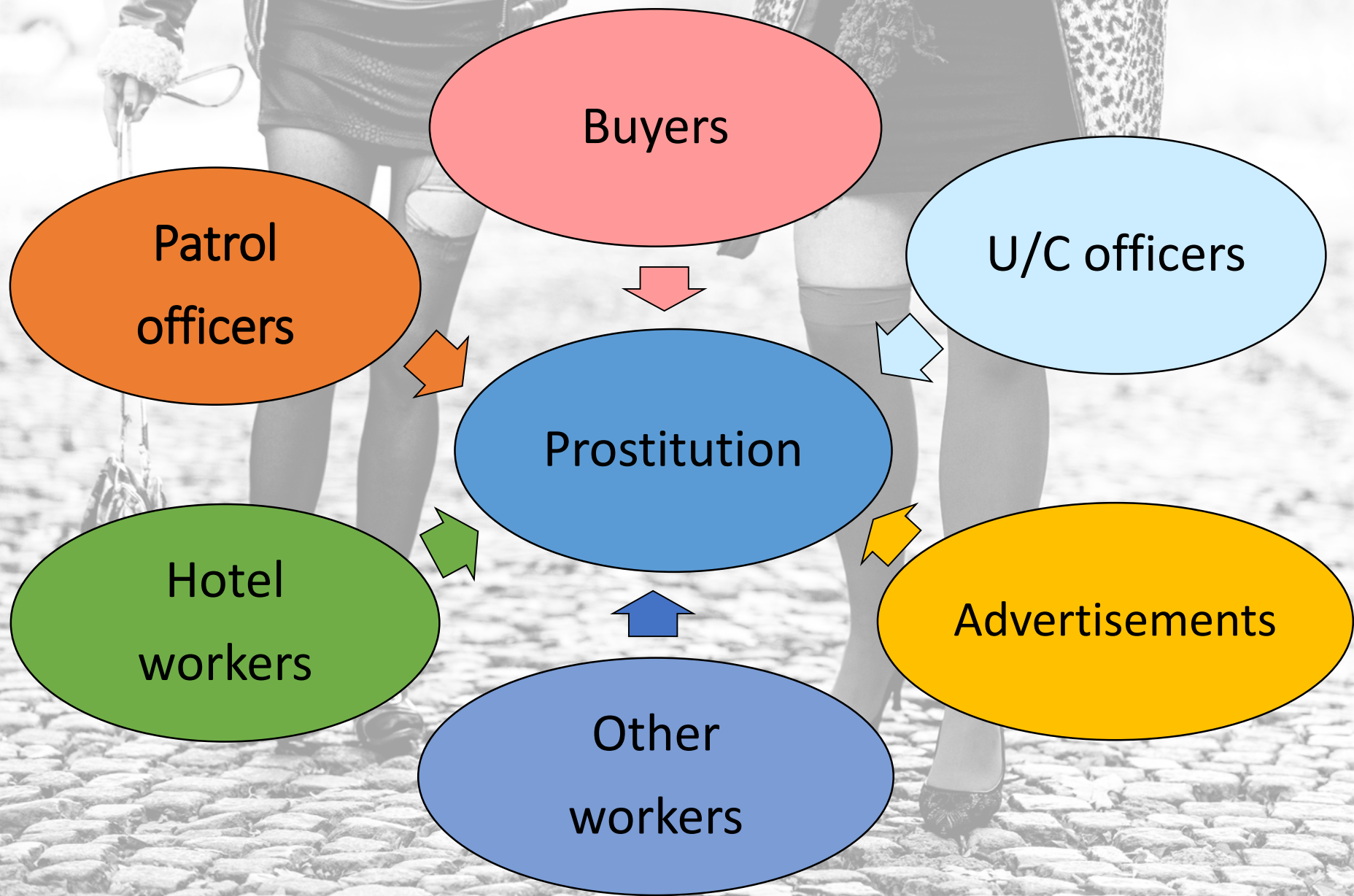
Ad Mapping

Hotel Records

Other Victims

Hotel  
Surveillance

Other  
Defendants





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Questions?



# Key to success is a thorough investigation

Investigate as if all witnesses will disappear tomorrow.



Be proactive in the investigation.

# Evidence in HT cases

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- One-party consent call
  - Surveillance and arrest
  - Advertisements
  - Phone records
  - Cell phone contents:
    - call logs
    - text messages
    - contacts
  - DNA
  - Medical Records
  - Hotel records
  - Area surveillance
  - Photos of crime scene
  - Ledgers and record books
  - Calendars and appointment books
  - Clothing
  - Criminal instruments
  - Condoms
  - Advertisements or drafts
  - Jail calls
  - Accomplice testimony
  - Money/ purchases

# Accomplice Testimony

- Establish trust much as possible
- Corner them in their testimony before trial
  - Multiple interviews
  - Other statements
  - Recording if needed
- Get to know them
  - Present to prosecutor and court
  - Present to defense investigator and defendant, including social media



# Determining Culpability



## Factors to Consider:

- Age
- Criminal history
- Involvement
- Victimization

# Determining Culpability

Age

Criminal history

Involvement

Victimization

Victim

Offender



Questions?



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# Thank you for your participation!

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