

Police corruption involving the enforcement of vice laws, including drugs, gambling and prostitution, have been the bane of law enforcement agencies worldwide. There is a direct cause and effect relationship between increased penalties for any prostitution and prostitution related activities and an increase in police abuse, extortion and rape of prostitutes. The age of the prostitute doesn't seem to make a difference to those officers inclined to use the law for their own nefarious purposes.

The fact that law enforcement is permitted to extort cooperation out of ‘suspected’ or ‘known’ prostitutes, madams, pimps and clients, forcing them into becoming informants- has not helped the problem. The courts have upheld the use of prostitutes to have sex with other ‘criminal suspects’ to obtain a legitimate reason to arrest the ‘more dangerous criminal,’ for which the prostitute is paid by law enforcement (taxpayers) to break the law and be ‘exploited’ for the benefit of law enforcement.

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Other states allow law enforcement agents to have sex with a suspected prostitute to make an arrest. They may also utilize the services of ‘civic minded’ men in the community to have sex with a suspected prostitute - *men who receive compensation for having sex...* in order to testify against the alleged prostitute, because, according to Northampton County (PA) District Attorney John Morganelli “*the completion of sexual acts allows police to bring more substantive charges against suspects -- felony-level prostitution rather than misdemeanor attempt, for example. That can give authorities ammunition to close a spa.*” **“The case is further strengthened if the informant has sex with multiple employees because it shows prostitution is prevalent and not the work of a maverick,”** according to a former FBI agent.

Is this what defenders of ‘sex trafficking’ laws have in mind as a way for law enforcement officers to coerce testimony from suspected victims of sex trafficking? Defense attorney Coggins said the tactic further victimizes women. **“I guess you can argue it can make the case stronger, but at what cost?”** Indeed.

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