

## What about that often repeated BOGUS claim that 'the average age of entry into prostitution is 12/ 13/ 14'?

Wouldn't that prove that even adult prostitutes did not enter prostitution by choice- because children cannot consent to engage in sex, regardless of their willingness to do so?

The claim is false, which I will show, but, if it *WERE* true, why on earth would we arrest either minors or adults for engaging in commercial sex if they WERE forced into it?

Is that what we do to victims of pedophiles or rapists or violent spouses?



Evangelicals are especially eager to continue the arrest and incarceration of juveniles: Penny Young Nance- writer for the Christian Post, argues that it is important to continue to arrest juvenile victims regardless of whether or not they were forced into prostitution. She and her colleagues believe that it is best for victims to be further victimized so that the police have leverage to force them to testify against their alleged trafficker... *"And add insult to injury, VAWA promotes the decriminalization of prostitution of minors by prohibiting the charging of a minor for a prostitution offense."* I don't think these people have a clue what really happens within the so called 'criminal justice system.'

According to women like Evann Gastaldo, **arresting children for prostitution actually saves their lives...**

**"Why We Must Arrest Child Prostitutes: IT MAY SOUND CRUEL, BUT IT COULD BE THE ONLY THING THAT SAVES THEM."**

Here is what actually happens when 'victims' are incarcerated: "Sexual abuse in prison is distressingly common: the Justice Department estimated that **more than 217,000 prisoners, including at least 17,000 juveniles, were raped or sexually abused in America in 2008.** A total of 12% of juvenile detainees... surveyed between 2008 and 2009 reported being forced into sex. And that is the number of people, not incidents; most victims are abused more than once. More inmates reported being abused by staff than by other inmates. Sex between guards and inmates is illegal in all 50 states." The Economist, May 5, 2011

"What about the children?"