

I can tell you that the criminal complaint outlines and details a sophisticated, profit making scheme. The operational control, we believe, was centered in California. There ads were posted, dozens of phones were used to communicate and set up "dates" for these females. These men would be given the address and just show up. Sometimes overlapping each other. We have also have those responsible regionally. These people would set up the places, transport the women, collect the profit and disperse it. It seems to be the Uber of sex trafficking, frankly.

The profit scheme was centered on renting out human beings. My office has poured over thousands of messages and in those messages, those responsible describe those females as property.

The women involved in the disgusting work had one thing in common-they spoke little or no English. That's part of the scheme. These and several similar operations being run target women who don't speak English and constantly move them around. This ensures that the women do not develop any ties and are unable to reach out for help. This disorientation is the intention of those responsible.

If you are responsible for criminal groups like this one, be warned, we will find you and will prosecute you to the fullest extent of the law.

If you are a customer of these women, stop. This is NOT a victimless crime. In this particular case, these females were working from 9am-11 pm. They would have sex with sometimes dozens of men per day. Sometimes men would pay sometimes they wouldn't. Sometimes the women would be beaten, robbed or raped. They had minimums established by traffickers. This was their daily life. So to those men, stop--it is a crime and most important, it's wrong.