

PROJECT MONA'S HOUSE PRESENTS:

NAMES YOU SHOULD KNOW:

A SHORT LIST OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE
EXPERIENCED DOUBLE VICTIMIZATION.

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WHAT IS DOUBLE VICTIMIZATION?

THE BACKGROUND:

Are you familiar with these names? Delicia Carmichael, Keiana Aldrich, Patrice Smith, Chrystal Kizer, and Alexis Martin. WE ALL SHOULD BE! This is just a short list of people who have experienced double victimization.

We use the term Double Victimization when a person is first victimized by a trafficker or purchaser, and then victimized by the judicial system. In many cases, the individual is sentenced to jail for being a victim. Our team did extensive research and found names of many people you should know who have or are enduring this.

We believe these victims should not have spent even one day in jail, much less, YEARS. Our hope is that you will know their names, say their names, and do all that is within your power to help them.

HOW WE HELP:

THE STEPS WE TAKE:

Step 1: INFORM

- We learn as much as we can about each case. We track down family members, friends, and lawyers so that we can be responsible in the information that we share.

Step 2: SIGN

- We find existing petitions and encourage you to sign them. If one does not exist, we create it.

Step 3: WRITE

- We write the victims to encourage them and let them they are not forgotten.

Step 4: GIVE

- We raise funds to send care packages, and donate to legal funds to help those affected by double victimization the freedom they deserve.

Step 5: SHOUT

- We are loud when we see injustice. We cry for Freedom until those who deserve it have it. We encourage our followers to do the same. Let freedom ring for all.

THEIR NAMES:

DELICIA CHARMICHAEL:

Delicia (Lici) Carmichael is a human trafficking victim who was offered as a slave to fulfill the sexual desires of older men. Lici's own mother began selling her at the tender age of 4. When Lici was 14, her mother introduced her to an eighteen year old named Joseph. It is believed that Lici's mother was well aware of the potential danger she was putting her daughter in by connecting them.

Like many trafficking victims who are sexually exploited, Lici initially believed that Joseph was her boyfriend. Joseph didn't criticize Lici for self-harming, and would often provide her with clothes and food.

Joseph began trafficking Lici at age 14, and devised a plan to sell her for sex. One day, Joseph picked up a 34 year old man who believed that he was being taken to a park to have sex (RAPE) with Lici, despite the fact that children cannot consent to sex with adults. Once they arrived at the park, Joseph pulled out a gun and demanded that the man give him his money and phone. Despite being shot at by Joseph, the man fled and was unharmed.

For being present during this crime, Lici was eventually sentenced to 20 years in prison for aggravated robbery and kidnapping, while Joseph was sentenced to 15 years for robbery. Lici was present for this crime for the sake of her own safety, as she feared being abused further by Joseph.

At this point in her life, Lici did not understand that she was a victim. It seems no one did. Not law enforcement, the prosecution for her case, nor her own legal counsel identified Lici as a victim - much less a victim of human trafficking. Even if she were identified as a victim, Texas has no laws implemented that protect trafficking victims that are involved in crimes because of their exploitation.



ZEPHI TREVINO:



Zephaniah (Zephi) Trevino is a victim of human trafficking, and is being charged with a crime she did not commit. Her story is heartbreaking, and her case is still being fought today.

Zephi used to be very involved in the community. She always loved to play sports, was an honors student, and sang in the church choir. However, when she was a freshman in high school, Zephi's ex-boyfriend introduced her to drugs. During her sophomore year, Zephi's family started to notice her becoming more withdrawn.

During this challenging time, Zephi met her trafficker, 18-year-old Philip Baldenegro. Zephi, who was 16 at the time, met Baldenegro through social media. When Baldenegro met her family, he was introduced as a friend. One night, Zephi did not come home and her family had no idea where she was. After two days had passed, Zephi came home wearing different clothes than the ones she left with and had not eaten anything.

One night, Zephi was brought to an apartment where two grown men intended to purchase sex from the 16-year-old. Supposedly, Baldenegro planned on robbing the men, which led to a physical altercation. Soon after, Baldenegro shot and killed 24-year-old Carlos Arageni-Arriaza Morillo. Nearby neighbors called the police after hearing gunshots. Zephi and Baldenegro were both charged with capital murder.

Despite pleas from Zephi's family and attorneys, Judge Cheryl Lee Shannon ruled to have Zephi tried for capital murder as an adult in the state of Texas. Under this ruling, Zephi could face life in prison without parole; all for a crime she did not commit.

CHRYSTUL KIZER:

Chrystul Kizer became a victim of human trafficking at a young age and therefore, was not given the opportunity to enjoy her childhood. Chrystul has been surrounded by abuse her entire life. Devore Taylor, Chrystul's mother, was in a domestically violent relationship that the kids were also subjected to.

In 2015, they moved from Indiana to Milwaukee, where they had to stay at a Salvation Army shelter for months before affording a place. In 2016, Chrystul was 16 when she posted an advertisement on "Backpage.com" because she needed money for school and snacks.

On this website, she met a thirty-three year old man named Randy Volar. Volar always complimented Chrystul and offered her gifts, money, food, and even let her use his car in exchange for sexual favors. Since then, Volar claimed that Chrystul owed him after she refused to do specific sex acts. When Chrystul tried to cut connections with Volar, Volar threatened that he would kill her. Chrystul stated in an interview, "He was a grown-up, and I wasn't, so I listened."

Volar told Chrystul that he could support her and she no longer needed to put out ads. However, he later began selling Chrystul online himself. Volar drove her to the hotels and took all the money she earned. In June 2018, Chrystul resisted Volar's attempts to forcibly engage in sexual activity. During this struggle, Chrystul shot Volar in an act of self-defense.

Due to fear, she set his house on fire and left with his vehicle. However, she was facing life in prison on charges of murdering her alleged sex trafficker. Chrystul is a victim, but is not treated as one.



ALEXIS MARTIN:



Alexis Martin, or as she likes to be called, Ke, as her middle name is Ke'Erica, is a 22 year old woman who has experienced double victimization. Ke was a victim of sex trafficking, and yet she was charged with the murder of her trafficker.

Ke grew up in Akron, Ohio with her older sister and younger brother and sister. Her mother was involved with drugs and went to prison for drug trafficking. Ke also spent years in prison, but she is now out on parole.

Alexis was molested by her stepfather, and was also raped at the age of 9. Her rapist was taken to court, as there was there was DNA evidence of the attack, but the man was found not guilty. This diminished Alexis's faith in the judicial system.

Eventually, at the age of 14, Ke met her trafficker, Angelo Kerney. Kerney would refuse to let Ke go to school if she was not making money for him. At the age of 15, Alexis reached out to her friends for help. In 2013, two of her friends staged a robbery so Alexis could escape. While the robbery was taking place, Ke was raped by Kerney's brother. During the robbery attempt, Kerney was shot and killed. He was 35 at the time of his death, while Alexis was 15. As a result of Kerney's death, Alexis was charged with his murder.

During the trial, it was argued that Ke helped plan the robbery and was therefore responsible for his murder. The court ruled that there was not enough evidence to prove that Kerney's death was related to Ke's victimization. Ke was tried as an adult, which carries a life in prison sentence in the state of Ohio. Ke pled guilty to the charge and was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole after 21 years served. Her current attorneys tried to appeal the case to the Ohio State Supreme Court, which was sadly unsuccessful.

HOPE ZEFERJOHN:

Hope Zeferjohn was neglected throughout her childhood, and became a victim of human trafficking at a young age. She was exploited by a person she thought loved and cared for her, but instead was manipulated.

At the age of 14, Hope was introduced to her older sister's boyfriend, 24 year old Anthony 'Angel' Long. In August, 2014 The Kansas Department for Children and Families arranged for Hope, 15, to be sent to an 'out-of-home placement' in Salina, Kansas.



At this time, Angel discovered where Hope was and deceived authorities into thinking he was her father. Soon after, Angel forced Hope to have a sexual relationship with him. Angel began making home videos of them having sex where he would sell them for money. Hope was exploited and forced to bring home money to Angel. Hope was then manipulated into recruiting other girls for Angel's "prostitution business," which was organized through Facebook. Hope desperately tried to refuse but was threatened that there would be "hell to pay,". Hope suffered two miscarriages as a result of numerous beatings.

In June 2016, Hope was charged as an adult with 10 felonies: "aggravated human trafficking; conspiracy to commit rape; conspiracy to commit aggravated criminal sodomy; indecent solicitation of a child; electronic solicitation of a child; aggravated intimidation and criminal threat. Hope was also charged with two misdemeanors: "endangering a child and contributing to a child's misconduct or deprivation". The charges stem from when Hope helped Angel recruit a 14 year-old girl from her foster home through Facebook and offered the girl a place to live in exchange for sexual favors. Angel threatened he would kill her if she was to tell the authorities.

YVETTE SMITH:



Twenty-eight year old “Yvette” currently sits behind bars in the state of Texas. The name “Yvette” is a pseudonym used to protect the identity of this young woman who is a victim of double victimization.

Yvette grew up surrounded by chaos. As a child, she was a victim of sexual abuse and was never given the stability that a young woman needs in order to grow and thrive in society. At the age of 15, she ran away from her San Antonio home to escape sexual abuse.

In the years following her escape, Yvette began working as a dancer to support herself. During this time, she fell victim to a drug and alcohol addiction. By the time Yvette was 23, she had been targeted by a pimp in San Antonio, Texas, who went by the nickname “Red Nose”. This man trafficked Yvette and other victims in a prostitution ring that was run out of Texas. He listed Yvette as a “sexy lil Latina” in online ads and forced her to perform sexual acts for money that he would then collect. Red Nose also physically and mentally abused Yvette during the time that he was trafficking her. Despite this cruel victimization, Yvette was still charged with a crime and now sits behind bars.

One night, a deal went wrong between Red Nose and a buyer, and the police were called. Yvette, who was present at the scene, was charged with aggravated robbery and the trafficking of a minor. Despite the fact that Yvette was a human trafficking victim herself, the state of Texas views her and her trafficker as equally guilty. Yvette is now serving out a 23 year sentence in federal prison, while her pimp, “Red Nose ”, only received a 10 year sentence for the trafficking of a minor. Yvette is a victim of both human sex trafficking, and a flawed criminal justice system that seeks convictions over justice.

TAKE ACTION TODAY!

WHAT CAN BE DONE:

1. SIGN EXISTING PETITIONS!

- We have hyperlinked various active petitions below that you can sign TODAY:
 - [Release Delicia Carmichael](#)
 - [Justice for Zephi Trevino](#)
 - [Free Chrystul Kizer](#)
 - [Clemency for Alexis Martin](#)
 - [Free Hope Zefferjohn](#)
 - [Justice for Yvette Smith](#)

2. FINALLY, SHOUT!

- We encourage you to be loud when you see injustice.
- Share stories when you see them, and make it KNOWN that you are stand with survivors of human trafficking,