



It wasn't safe at home, so I was on the run and was doing what I had to — having sex with older men for money to survive.

When I got picked up and put into the juvenile system, I was treated like a criminal. I felt attacked. Nobody took the time to recognize there were other things going on. I was 14 when I was arrested.

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THE DAY ONE HOTLINE FOR LOCAL SHELTER & SUPPORTIVE SERVICES:

***What is Sexual Exploitation?*** Sexual exploitation happens when anything of value or a promise of value (like money, drugs, food, a place to stay, rent, or a higher status in a gang or group) is given to you or another person in exchange for any type of sex. ***If you are 24 or under and need help, we are here when you are ready.***

***THIS IS A SECURE LINE. NO JUDGMENT, NO SHAME, JUST SUPPORT.***

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