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SUMMARY

The role that child sexual abuse can play in girls' involvement in prostitution, was explored in this study.

Freud's Psycho Analytical Theory, Hirschi's Social Learning Theory and Lemert's Labelling Theory were encompassed to formulate a model. This model is known as **The Child Sexual Abuse Counter-Active Model** and was designed by researcher as a theoretical framework to direct the research and serve as a basis for the interpretation of findings. This model postulates that the stage of psychosexual development wherein the abused finds herself may influence the effects the abuse has on the victim. These effects may be initial in nature or long term, and may play a contributory role in the victim entering into prostitution. The presence of social bonds namely: attachment, involvement, commitment and belief, expressed by significant others or through institutions, towards the victim, can help prevent the manifestation of negative effects within the abused. This in turn may play a conducive role in the individual withdrawing from prostitution. Once the victim of the child sexual abuse has entered into prostitution, the choice to withdraw may be influenced by the individuals' reaction to labels bestowed upon them by significant individuals, society or institutions. If the abused responds negatively to the labelling, then an internalisation of these negative concepts may prevail and the prostitute accepts this label and remains within prostitution. However, should the labelling be experienced as positive by the prostitute then the withdrawal from prostitution may become a possibility. Thus, the withdrawal from prostitution as well as the initial entrance into prostitution is determined by

the aforementioned factors all playing a contributory role through their presence in the sexually abused child's life.

From the interpretation of the data accumulated, it appeared that each respondent subjected to child sexual abuse, irrespective of the psychosexual developmental stage wherein the abuse occurred, exhibited initial as well as long term effects. The absence of significant institutions and individuals in attempting to prevent the entrance into prostitution as well as the role played by labelling could all account for the victims' choice to enter into and remain within prostitution.

These findings made it possible to advance practical recommendations with regard to preventing child sexual abuse. A heightening in awareness of the initial and long term effects child sexual abuse carries as well as the education required within the community could help combat this type of abuse. Professionals, professional institutions, parents and victims could also assist to prevent this crime. In addition the findings furthermore highlight subjects, which pose as possibilities for further victimological research.

Key words: child, child abuse, sexual abuse, prostitution, effects of abuse, initial effects, long-term effects, causes of prostitution, victim, childhood sexual abuse.

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Die rol wat kindermolestering kan speel in meisies se betrokkenheid in prostitusie is in hierdie ondersoek verken.

Freud se Psigoanalitiese Teorie, Hirschi se Sosiale Leerteorie en Lemert se Etiketteringsteorie is saamgevat om 'n model te formuleer. Hierdie model staan bekend as **Die Kindermolestering Teenwerkzaam Model** en is as 'n teoretiese raamwerk ontwerp om die navorsing te rig en die bevindinge te interpreteer. Hierdie model postuleer dat die stadium van psigoseksuele ontwikkeling waarbinne die gemolesteerde haarself bevind, die uitwerking van die molestering kan beïnvloed. Hierdie uitwerking kan aanvanklik in aard wees of langtermyn, en kan 'n bydraende rol in die slagoffer se betrokkenheid by prostitusie wees. Die teenwoordigheid van sosiale verwantskappe naamlik: verbondenheid, betrokkenheid, gebondenheid en geloof wat deur betekenisvolle ander en deur instellings teenoor die slagoffer weerspeel word kan daartoe lei dat negatiewe gevolge nie by die slagoffer manifesteer nie. Dit speel dan 'n leidende rol in die individue se onttrekking uit prostitusie. Sodra die slagoffer van molestering by prostitusie betrokke raak, kan die keuse om te onttrek word deur die individue se reaksie op etikettering wat deur betekenisvolle ander, die gemeenskap of instansies aan hulle toegeken word. Indien die slagoffer negatief op die

etikettering reageer, kan internalisering van hierdie negatiewe konsep na vore kom en die prostituut sal hierdie etiket aanvaar en by prostitusie bly. As die etikettering egter as positief beleef word, kan dit daartoe lei dat die prostituut moontlik uit prostitusie sal onttrek. Dus die onttrekking uit prostitusie sowel as die aanvanklike toegang in prostitusie word deur vorige faktore bepaal en dit speel 'n bydraende rol in die gemolesteerde kind se lewe.

Chapter 1

Uit die onderhawige studie het dit geblyk dat elke respondent wat gemolesteer was, ongeag van die psigoseksuele ontwikkelings stadium waarin die molestering plaasgevind het, aanvanklike asook langdurende nuwe effekte getoon het. Die afwesigheid van betekenisvolle ander en instansies wat pogings kan aanwend om toegang tot prostitusie te verhoed, sowel as die bydrae van etikettering kan die besluit om prostitusie te betree en daar binne te bly, beïnvloed.

Hierdie bevindinge het dit moontlik gemaak om praktiese voorstelle met betrekking tot die voorkoming van kindermolestering te maak. 'n Verhoogte bewuswording van die aanvanklike sowel as langdurende gevolge wat molestasie hou, sowel as die opvoeding wat binne die gemeenskap benodig word, kan help om hierdie tipe misbruik teen te werk. Professionele persone, en instansies, ouers en slagoffers kan almal saam werk om 'n gekombineerde poging aan te wend om hierdie misdaad verskynsel te voorkom.

Sleutel woorde: kind, kindermolestering, seksuele teistering, prostitusie, gevolge van molestering, korttermyn gevolge, langtermyn gevolge, oorsake van prostitusie, slagoffer, seksuele kindermolestering.