

Perth Amboy Planned Parenthood Transcript

“Pimp”: Live Action undercover actor

“Prostitute”: Live Action undercover actor

“PP”: Planned Parenthood of Central New Jersey in Perth Amboy, clinic manager, Amy Woodruff

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Footage taken at Perth Amboy Center,

450 Market Street

Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

14500 **My name’s Amy, how can I help you guys?**

Prostitute: Amy?

PP: Yes.

[laughter]

Pimp: So, um, I guess -

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Prostitute: Well, I wanted to bring him in here for STD testing, I've been trying to push him to come in here –

PP: Ok

Prostitute: - Get him in here, but yeah, he has a lot of questions and stuff like that, so -

PP: Go for it.

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Pimp: Yeah, um, so, [inaudible] it’s kinda a complex situation, but um, I guess the first part of it is, uh, I've kinda experienced like a little burning sensation.

PP: Um, like burning on urination? Just internal, like penile burning?

Pimp: I didn’t really stop to think about it, I just like, ok, there might be a situation.

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PP: Here's my first question: Is there anything externally that you see that shouldn't be there?

Pimp: I really didn’t check, it was just uh, it wasn’t that long ago.

PP: Ok.

Pimp: So...

PP: Well, cause the first thing I want to tell you before you go any further.

Anything that actually involves us physically looking at something that might be problematic-- we can't help you.

Pimp: Oh.

PP: Cause we don't, you know we do STD testing, like blood and urine,

Pimp: Yeah, yeah..

16500 but **sadly none of us are actually trained to actually like, look at a man.** And we've all seen men! You know.. It's just, we're not medically trained and licensed to do that, that's all.

Pimp: Alright, I feel you on that, I feel you on that.

PP: So, a couple of options with the burning. Um, very possible – you know, most commonly the um burning usually goes hand in hand with like Chlamydia or Gonorrhea. Which we can test you for, you would just pee in a cup for us.

Pimp: OK.

PP: No urethral swab, like most places that does that. (mm 4:24)

Pimp: Ok, how much is that?

PP: Um, it all goes on a sliding scale fee depending on income and family size. If you're really just concerned about that – the Chlamydia and Gonorrhea I'd say ranges anywhere from like 20 to 60 dollars.

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Pimp: OK and then uh... OK this is the second part of it, alright? Um, this is all confidential [in audible] alright?

PP: M'hm, yes.

Pimp: OK

18200 Uhh so, we're involved in sex work, alright, and there are some girls that we manage, that uh we're not quite sure if I got it from one of them –

PP: OK

Pimp: Alright, so they might need to come in here...

PP: M'hm.

Pimp: and get tested as well,

PP: Yeah right.

Pimp: **do you guys provide**

PP: yeah so..

Pimp: **services for that?**

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PP: Excuse me, so for women we have two options: you can either do a full GYN exam, so that would then involve the breast exam, the pelvic exam, pap smear and stuff like that. And then we can also do the STD testing at that part. And then that way if they're having any issues that need actual further looking into –

Pimp: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

PP: That can be taken care of at that point in time. If they're not interested in that, and they're just straight up interested in testing, not taking off their clothes for the exam – then we would do the same kind of visit that we would do for a man, pee in a cup and [inaudible].

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Pimp: **Now the thing is, um, okay, so some of 'em are like, eh, some of 'em are young, they're kind of like, something like 15, 14, and then some of them don't speak any English.**

PP: **Uh, huh, ok**

Pimp: **You know, cause they're not even from here, so it's like -- how can they come in here? Cause it's like, they don't always feel comfortable coming into facilities.**

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PP: **One, minors are always accepted without parental consent.**

Pimp: Ok, ok

PP: **The only thing you do have to be careful is**

20300 if they are minor, we are obligated, if we hear any certain information

Pimp: OK, OK...

PP: **to kind of report, so, the first thing that is, what if they do speak English or even Spanish,**

20800 it doesn't matter what they speak, it doesn't matter what they speak

Pimp: Yeah, yeah.

Prostitute: yeah, yeah.

PP: – if we’re going to have it translated, they just have to be aware, that they have to be careful with whatever – you know, I’m not going to be like leading--

Pimp So how would you-

PP: -- I'm don't want to get anybody in trouble, --

Pimp: No, no, that's fine - so how would you recommend like, I mean, cause you want them to get the help, so -

PP: It's just--

[in audible, cross talking]

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PP: Well, exactly, but so, like mainly, like on the paperwork there's going to be a point that asks, uh, you know, like are you sexually active, stuff like that -

Pimp: Yeah, yeah

PP: ...if they're under a certain age...[in audible] - you know, me and my other counselor, like for the most part we want as little information as possible – cause we don't want to be involved in that shit.

PP: Cause once-

Pimp: Appreciate that, appreciate that.

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PP: Cause once we get to the nurse practitioner, she's a little bit more anal, so she likes to kind of dig-

Pimp: Dig... oh, OK.

PP: a little bit more. So, "How old is your partner?" ... You know, that kind of stuff.

Prostitute: Oh...

22300 so that's where, so, even if they lie, just say, "Oh he's the same age as me, 15, you know, so if they're...it's just that mainly 14 and under we have to, doesn't matter if their partner's the same age, younger, whatever, 14 and under we have to report. [edit]

Prostitute: 14 and under... That includes being 14 and under.

PP: Yeah- 14, you know--

22800 once they get to 15, then there's a little bit more play room. So as long as they just lie and say, "Oh, he's 15, 16....you know, as long as they don't say 14, and as long as it's not too much of an age gap, then we just kind of like, we just kind of play with it a little bit.

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Pimp: So what if they do say they're 14 cause -

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PP: Well, you know, then from there, it's just really watching what they say, you know like, the whole problem is just more once they get into the back with the nurse practitioner and then when they are 14, it's a little bit more problematic....when they're coming in for that particular type of visit.

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Pimp: So, what should they say?

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PP: Well, here's the thing, if they're not having any issues and they're coming in just for STD testing,

Pimp: Yeah.

PP: I would say they would probably be more just to come in for the testing, no exam.

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Pimp: What if they need an abortion though?

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PP: Oh, that's a com- that's a completely different story now. No, no, now this is more - [crosstalk] If they come in for pregnancy testing --- um, shit, at that point it still needs to be,

24600 **you never got this from me, just to make all of our lives easier.**

Pimp: OK

PP: **If they're 14 and under [circles clinic paper] just send them right there if they need an abortion, ok? [laughter]**

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Pimp: This is the spot? Okay!

Prostitute: Ok, will they ask questions or anything... will they need ID or something?

PP: They won't need ID, them, they're gonna be a little bit more different, but

25200 their protocols aren't as strict as ours, and they don't get audited the same way that we do, like with the [inaudible] (children?)

Pimp: Ok, take them to the Metropolitan Medical Associates?

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PP: Pregnancy – 14, this is 14, this is for 14 and under, once they hit 15 it's kind of a whole different like playing field with the age and New Jersey guidelines. Ok, you know what I want to see....let me get you guys a copy of this too.

Pimp: OK

PP: Let me just do that now before I get sidetracked.

25900 This is actually just a minor's rights, this way you guys have a copy of this.

Prostitute: Oh good....

PP: So you kind of already know before you get into any situation, like oh, alright, like, “Let’s not go this way, let’s do it this way....” – you know like that kind of stuff.

Pimp: Yeah, thank you, thank you

Prostitute: What does this say?

Pimp: It says the Metropolitan Medical Association.

[inaudible]

Pimp: Surgical abortions up to 23 weeks. Wow. 23 weeks is what? 23 weeks is up to like 6 months.

Prostitute: Um 4, 8, 12... [inaudible] – yeah, wow

Pimp: Wow... wow, cool. [in audible]

PP: Trust me, like, I use this like my Bible. [laughter, in audible] You get so many parents, [inaudible], I mean I understand where they’re coming from, but they’re like, “Oh, but she’s a minor” – ok, yeah, so?

[laughter]

Prostitute: Yeah, but they still need to be seen

Pimp: Yeah, you know.

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PP: exactly, **you know she's still entitled to care without mom knowing what they hell's going on,**

28300 so, alright so for pregnancy 14 and under just go straight there, just **keep us out of the loop** – because they’re going to see –

Pimp: Exactly, exactly, yeah they’d have to report it

PP: 15 and up, pregnancy testing- that’s where we...

Prostitute: the STDs

PP: Yeah the STDs, if they did need an abortion, these are the two places we pretty much refer to no matter what, um...

Pimp: OK

29000 12 weeks and under, \$400. Like \$390, \$400.

Pimp: OK we could do that.

PP: You know uh, If they do go past, if they are further, prices go up after that.

Pimp: they go up after that.

PP: but um, they put them to sleep. [Stuttering, inaudible, crosstalk]

Prostitute: [inaudible]

PP: you know, once you get over 12 weeks, they start seeing the bump --

Prostitute: yeah we can't have that...

PP: and you already see that in the shadows already-

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Pimp: So you guys usually refer to these clinics here...

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PP: Yeah, I mean we do have our **and we do have our Shrewsbury office,**

Pimp: The Shrewsbury office.. ?

PP: in all honesty we don't refer there just mainly because they don't put them to sleep and most of our patient are around here--

Pimp: They don't put them to sleep? oohh...

PP: Yeah-- aren't willing to travel that far. My personal opinion, most people, especially the young girls, put 'em to sleep, let them go, you know -- you don't want them to have any bad experiences

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Prostitute: Yeah, yeah. ...[in audible] especially if they don't speak English [in audible]... so confused.

Prostitute: Exactly, they're not gonna know what's goin on.

PP: Exactly.

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PP: And they do have bilingual staff down there, but **the whole thing is, in all honesty, they're not the nicest people.** [stuttering]... they are nice people, it's just their mannerisms, and then, it's

just, you're better off just skipping that whole part – cause there's even times as coworkers when it's like "Shut the fuck up"

31300 I mean, you've talked to people, like, "Dude, if you ever talked to me like that I'd knock you down on the fucking ground." You know, sometimes you're just better off going someplace where you don't have to hear people talking to you or nothing.

31400 Now are most of them, when you said they don't speak English, do they at least speak Spanish?

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Pimp: Ah, some of them are like, Asian.

PP: Oh, okay. No matter what, we do have access to like telephone translators, so if they don't speak English or Spanish we can make do. Preferably more with the STD testing and the pregnancy testing, because once we get to exams not only then do they have to translate when we're in here, but then there's like no communication in the exam room, and we need the translator for that, you know, so or even

32400 if they could bring somebody who would translate for them, you know, that would be great too.

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Pimp: Now what about birth control? Could we get all of that? How would you recommend we go about that?

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PP: Um, that they would need to make an appointment for the full exam. And they come in and we just take it from there.

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Pimp: Is there any difference between the ones that are like 15 and 14? Will there be anything different that they need?

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PP: No the only thing is the fees are cheaper.

Pimp: Oh!

PP: Yeah, cause we go on a sliding scale fee depending on income and family size.

Pimp: Ok

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PP: 19 and under, here's a thing too. If they're minors, just tell them to put down that they're students.

Pimp: Students?

PP: Yeah, just kind of play along...that they're students. We want to make it look as legit as possible –

Pimp: Yeah, we want to make it look as legit –

PP: So say that they're students, and then as long as they're 19 and under they go into what we call like the student fee scale. So they're paying the lowest price. So birth control pills are like 13 dollars a pack, the exams only like 50 bucks, and stuff like that.

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Pimp: Ok

PP: Um, if for any reason any of them ever come back positive for Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, or anything that we can find on-site, like Trichomoniasis, we treat here. Herpes, warts, we treat here. Um, warts the medication is extremely expensive, most of the time they have to give a scrip, it goes to the pharmacy, it can be like 300, 400 dollars, just for that. So, try to keep them clear of that. You know, many things we can treat here, um, and that's all very feasible, you know that treatment's not outrageously priced. Syphilis, HIV we don't treat here, we would refer out. Um, we don't do any like pure documentation for example for HIV testing, it can just kind of, it's like a random fact sheet that we give. We don't put any patient information except for – like we can write on there “negative” and the date. Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, anything else we send out to the lab, they can always get copies, you know and then you can keep track say like “So and so's clean – such and such dates”.

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Pimp: Ok, ok, so we might just need to get 'em in here as soon as they get in here, **from out of the country, why not just get them checked out immediately.**

PP: M'hm

Pimp: You know, that way we know ahead of time.

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PP: I'm assuming most of them are coming in illegally, right?

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Pimp: Exactly, exactly...

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PP: And we don't do, um, you know, immigrants welcome, we don't require social, you know -

Pimp: Cool, cool

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PP: We try to keep everything as confidential as possible, the only thing that ever gets shared is like with the State Department – you know, positive results and stuff like that -

Pimp: Oh, ok, so just for the results?

PP: M'hm

Pimp: Yeah, ok, we don't care about it at that point, we just care about the information.

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Pimp: Okay, so we can just come in with the girls, for the birth control and the testing, and –
[inaudible]

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PP: Yeah, just say like, “Oh this is a friend”, you know, and most of the time I'm the one here.

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Pimp: Oh, ok. Do you have a card?

PP: Yeah, you know, and

37700 I'm the office manager here, so if you guys have any questions, just let me know. So for the most part, I'm usually the one doing most of the interviewing before they go back to the exam room.

Prostitute: **Ok, great**

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PP: Occasionally you do have somebody, you know, who's helping out, I might have like an extra person, you might end up getting somebody else – but you know -

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Prostitute: Yeah I'm sure they'll be fine. I mean, if I'm comfortable with you, then -

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PP: Exactly, and you just kind of, so the whole thing is with me we already know, I see you, **we already know we're gonna kind of alter the story and kinda see what we can do to kinda tweak information.**

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Prostitute: Yeah.

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PP: And if there's ever anything when they're filling out the paperwork, that you're questionable, **for the most part we just kind of harass you at the front desk: "You left this blank, you left this blank" - but just be like "Well, you know I want to wait till I talk to the nurse" - and that's fine.**

39300 You know my nurse practitioner is a very good woman clinically, but between the three of us, because we're already cool, she's a fucking cunt, we hate her.

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Pimp: Yeah, okay.

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PP: Like I said, clinically she's good, she knows her shit, but she likes to dig, she likes to, you know,

39600 sometimes she likes to be the hero when she's really the villain. So that's why I say, you know, we'll kinda tweak the stuff, so she might be like, "Oh well, you need to fill this in" -- "Well, I'm not comfortable answering that until I'm with the nurse." You know or whatever.

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Pimp: I like that, I like that.

PP: You know, you just--

Pimp: Yeah, we don't want people getting all in our business and all of that -

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PP: Yeah, and, she, you know, and with good reason, but, **it's just, you know, shut the fuck up.** you know?

Pimp: Yeah, we don't want to deal with it, you know? You know, do your job.

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PP: Yeah, you know, just get exams, don't ask me a bunch of questions...

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Pimp: Yeah, I like that we're on the same page.

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PP: Yeah, you know, and do you guys work mainly around here?

Pimp: Yeah, in the area. In the vicinity you know.

PP: Because we do have other offices too but like I said everybody's a little different. Here, I can definitely say my nurse practitioner, she digs more.

41100 Some other places they might not dig as much, they might dig more -

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Pimp: Do you know of any other places where the nurse practitioner is not as--

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PP: See, but it's really hard to tell because **it's gonna be on a client by client basis,**

41600 worst ever comes to worst, you guys come see me. You get to this point, if I think there's gonna be a massive bump in the road, I'll jump in, we'll see what I can do, with you know, nobody looking and shit like that.

41200 But that's why you come in you ask for me only.

Prostitute: Okay.

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PP: **Keren is my right hand.** She's the one who was at the front desk that you just spoke to, dark hair. But, if I'm not available, you just say, "Hey listen, I know Amy, just have her give me a call back, she's--"

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Pimp: Yeah, Keren seemed cool.

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PP: Yeah, **she's my partner in crime,** and we try to do the best that we can. So she was telling me the story how you kind of needed, you know, somebody who knew what the hell they were talking about.

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Pimp: Yeah, yeah.

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PP: The other girl she's good, but she would cover everybody in shit and have no idea.

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Pimp: Alright so Keren is the one. Does she have a card?

Prostitute: And then, question, if it comes down that **they do need an abortion, how long till they can be sexually active again?**

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PP: Aaaaoh, minimum two weeks, minimum two weeks.

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Prostitute: Do you have any suggestions about what they could do in that time, like, cause they still need to work?

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PP: Yeah, um, waist up.

43800 Waist up?

43800 **Waist up, or just be that extra action walking by.** Because then they're at more risk for infection, and you don't want to do that. So, and they can't even wear tampons during that time period, so, yeah -

44200 **so extras, and invest in the morning after pill. And we provide that here also, so**

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Prostitute: Do we have to bring them in for that?

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PP: Yeah, but you can buy it in the pharmacy, you're gonna pay more money no questions asked.

Pimp: Cheaper here...

PP: Exactly.

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PP: If they come in for the exam. Birth control or no birth control, we write a standing order for the year, so whenever they need it they just come pick it up.

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Pimp: We might just need to uh, **is there any way we could stream line this? Like, holla at you, slide you a little, you know, and you can just get em streamlined -**

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PP: We can solve - Depending on what the situation is, we might be able to do that.

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Pimp: We could slide you like a \$100, to just like uh, help us.

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[crosstalk]

PP: And exactly, and then, I'm sure you guys are going to have a decent amount of money -

Pimp: Yeah, yeah –

PP: And **the nurse practitioner will be like, said she's stupid, but you know, at some point she's going to be like "That car looks pretty fucking nice!"**

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Pimp: Yeah, I mean we could make this work for the both of us, I mean it's like, I mean if you could fill out a number -

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PP: Do, let me just find a pen.

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Prostitute: Oh that's a cute purse.

PP: Thank you. I don't like purses. I like sticking shit in my back pocket. As a mother and a wife, at some point you gotta carry some shit around. I gotta keep it nice and simple: jeans, wife beater, and everything that you need in the back pocket.

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Pimp: Exactly.

Prostitute: Ah, keeping it simple, we like that.

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Pimp: Put a number on there.

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PP: I'm going to put my cell here, I prefer text, um, just be like – hey, what's your name?

Pimp: Joe.

PP: Joe and, Gina?

Pimp: Gia.

PP: Gia, I love that name.

Prostitute: Thank you! I like it.

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PP: Alright, so that's my cell.

Pimp: So we could slide you like what a \$100, \$200? Like, what you need?

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PP: I think we'll figure it out as we see what we need –

Prostitute: **Yeah**

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PP: Yeah, so right now, **you guys need any condoms right now to get you started?**

Pimp: **Right now, we're going to come back, get the cash -**

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PP: Yeah, so, **and if you guys give me a couple days notice, that way I can even have it all set up -**

Pimp: **You can have it all set up, streamlined - get them in, and out.**

you can get here before we open

Prostitute: That would be good.

PP: Cause there's even days when I'm here before we open, so if we can even keep it [inaudible], it might be easier -

Prostitute: That's be good.

PP: We'll work it out.

Pimp: Yeah, work it out.

PP: Yeah, and obviously, if you something before the weekend, I'll need a couple days notice -

Pimp: Sure. Yeah, we gonna -

PP: Pleasure meeting you guys! We'll work something out, and take care of your girls too.

Pimp: Alright

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PP: Have a good one, take care.

Prostitute: Thank you, you too.