

# Terminology in the Commercial Sex Industry

The Game	General term for the prostitution industry
Bottom/Bottom Girl/Bottom Bitch	Set up as the head girl; may get certain privileges or less abuse; generally makes the most money; given most responsibility and tasked with training new girls.
The Track	Area in any given city where prostitutes actively work. Also known as "The Blade" or "The Stroll"
Break	The act of a prostitute giving money to her pimp
Choose up	When a prostitute starts working for a new pimp
Family or Folks	All members involved in "the game"
Wife/Wife in law	Used by prostitutes towards other girls in same stable
Stable	A team of prostitutes working under a pimp
Knock/Knocked	Attempting to lure a girl away from her pimp
Out of Pocket	Violating a pimp's rules; showing disrespect for your pimp or another pimp
Renegade	A girl who prostitutes but does not belong to a pimp
Pimp circle	A group of pimps harasses a girl and tries to force her to make eye contact so they can beat her if she does
Charge	Fine for breaking the rules; can be kidnapped by another pimp in order to make back the money that she owes
Pimps up, hos down	Girls need to be in the street while pimps walk on the sidewalk
John/trick	A man who purchases sex
Circuit	All of the prostitution tracks in the country; "working the circuit" is used when a pimp has a girl travel around to other tracks in the country.
Reckless Eyeballin'	When a prostitute looks at another pimp or any black male
PI, Mack, boyfriend, daddy	Various terms for pimp
Square	Anyone outside of the prostitution industry (police, social workers, family, etc.)