

SAMPLE QUESTIONS FOR VICTIM INTERVIEW

I. BASIC BACKGROUND INFO

II. INFO ON JOB

- HOW LONG WORKING AT JOB?
- WHAT FORMER JOBS HAVE YOU HELD?
- IN FORMER JOBS WERE YOU FREE TO COME AND GO AS YOU WISHED?
- WERE YOU EVER ABUSED/THREATENED BY A FORMER EMPLOYER?
- HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT THIS JOB?
 - FROM WHOM?
 - WHAT TYPE OF WORK DID YOU THINK YOU WOULD BE DOING?
- HOW DID THE PERSON WHO RECRUITED YOU CONVINCED YOU TO TAKE THE JOB?
- WHAT PROMISES WERE MADE?
- WERE YOU EVER TOLD THAT YOU WOULD OWE SOMEONE MONEY AFTER YOU STARTED WORK?
 - WERE YOU TOLD HOW WOULD IT BE PAID BACK?

III. TRANSPORTATION

- HOW DID YOU GET TO THE PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT/U.S.?
- DID YOU HAVE YOUR OWN PASSPORT?
 - HOW DID YOU GET ONE?
 - WERE YOU ALLOWED TO HOLD THE PASSPORT DURING TRAVEL?

IV. ARRIVAL AT WORKPLACE

- WHO MET YOU?
- WERE YOU EVER TOLD THE "RULES OF THE HOUSE?"
 - WHO TOLD YOU THE RULES?
 - WHAT WERE THE RULES?
- WERE YOU GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT WHERE YOU SHOULD AND SHOULD NOT GO?
- WERE YOU REQUIRED TO OBTAIN PERMISSION BEFORE VENTURING OUT?
- WHAT WERE YOU TOLD WOULD HAPPEN IF YOU DISOBEYED THESE INSTRUCTIONS?
- WHO WAS "THE BOSS?"
- WERE YOUR PASSPORT AND MONEY TAKEN?

V. WORK

- WHAT TYPE OF WORK DID YOU DO?
- WHAT WERE YOUR HOURS?
- WHAT WAS YOUR PAY?
- DID ANYONE TAKE ANYTHING OUT OF YOUR PAY?
- WHO SUPERVISED WORK?
 - HOW DID THAT PERSON TREAT THE WORKERS?
 - WERE PEOPLE EVER FORCED TO WORK WHEN THEY DIDN'T WANT TO?

VI. OTHER LIVING CONDITIONS

- DESCRIBE YOUR LIVING CONDITIONS.

- WERE THERE ANY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN YOUR LIVING CONDITIONS AND THOSE OF OTHER WORKERS?

- WHY THE DIFFERENCES?

VII. HARM AND THREATS

- DID ANYONE EVER SAY THINGS TO TRY AND KEEP THE WORKERS FROM LEAVING?

- DID ANYONE EVER THREATEN ANY OF THE WORKERS? HOW?

- WERE PEOPLE AFRAID TO LEAVE? WHY?

- DID ANYONE SAY WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF PEOPLE TRIED TO LEAVE?

TO
FOR
- DID ANYONE EVER SAY ANYTHING ABOUT REPORTING PEOPLE IMMIGRATION OR TO THE POLICE IF THEY MISBEHAVED TRIED TO LEAVE?

- DID ANYONE EVER TELL YOU WHAT TO SAY IF YOU WERE PICKED UP BY THE POLICE/IMMIGRATION?

- PHYSICAL BARRIERS:

WINDOWS
- WERE THERE ANY FENCES, OR LOCKED DOORS OR THAT KEPT YOU FROM LEAVING?

- WHY DID YOU THINK BARRIERS BEING PUT UP? DID ANYONE SAY WHY THEY WERE PUT UP?

- ESCAPES:

- EVER ASK FOR PASSPORT/INS DOCUMENTS BACK?

- DID YOU EVER THINK ABOUT TRYING TO LEAVE?

- WHY DIDN'T YOU?

- DID YOU EVER ASK TO STOP WORKING THERE?

- DID ANYONE ELSE EVER TRY TO LEAVE? DID THE BOSS OR ANYONE ELSE CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR THAT PERSON?

- HOW DID YOU GET AWAY?
- FAMILY THREATS:
 - ANYONE EVER THREATEN TO DO ANYTHING TO FAMILIES OF WORKERS? THEIR HOMES?
- GUARDS:
 - ANYONE RESPONSIBLE FOR WATCHING WORKERS TO MAKE SURE YOU DID NOT ESCAPE OR LEAVE?
 - DID THESE PEOPLE EVER CARRY ANY WEAPONS?
- ASSAULTS:
 - WAS ANYONE EVER HIT OR ABUSED?
 - WAS ANYONE EVER HIT OR THREATENED FOR DOING BAD WORK OR WORKING TOO SLOWLY?
 - WAS ANYONE EVER HIT OR ABUSED FOR TRYING TO ESCAPE?
 - DID YOU EVER HEAR ABOUT ANYONE BEING HURT OR KILLED BY THE BOSSES?

VIII. COMMERCIAL SEXUAL ACTIVITY (IF ANY)

- WERE YOU TOLD YOU HAD TO PERFORM SEX FOR MONEY OR SOMETHING OF VALUE? BY WHO?
- HOW MUCH WAS CHARGED?
- HOW MUCH WERE YOU ALLOWED TO KEEP?
- WAS PART OF THE MONEY KEPT TO PAY OFF DEBTS?
- WERE YOU EVER TRICKED INTO HAVING SEX?
- WERE YOU EVER FORCED TO HAVE SEX?
- WERE YOU EVER THREATENED THAT SOMETHING BAD WOULD HAPPEN TO YOU IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE SEX?

- WERE YOU EVER BROUGHT TO A PARTICULAR PLACE JUST SO THAT YOU COULD HAVE SEX?
- WHO ELSE HAD TO DO THIS WORK? (WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM?)
- DID YOU EVER HAVE SEX WITH THE EMPLOYER?
- WERE YOU FORCED TO HAVE SEX WITH ANYONE AS PUNISHMENT?