

Kudos to the Pekin Police

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CHICAGO, Ill. — To the editor:

As a member of the End Demand Illinois campaign, we applaud the Pekin Police Department for their innovative approach to curbing prostitution (“Area men get stung: Pekin Police Department nets 19 in prostitution sting” April 17, 2011).

The sting that netted 19 purchasers this spring will send a strong message to others in the community that exploiting women and children will not be tolerated. While this approach takes planning and thought, arresting customers or “johns” can be highly effective in deterring people in your community from buying sex.

Law enforcement plays a key role in ending the violence that is perpetuated in the sex trade, and we are pleased that Pekin is using effective strategies to end demand.

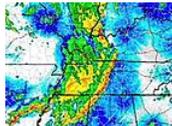
—**Lynne Johnson, advocacy director**
Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation

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You can go after a thousand men who are willing to buy sex or you can run a dozen tramps out of town. I guess it looks better on paper and more money to be made arresting johns.

cr2

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Amen to that. if you want the prostitutes out of town, then arrest them. I doubt it would be very hard to get them to make an offer. Like you said, it makes bigger headlines if you get the men.

pac

3 hours ago

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excuse me but there wasn't a dozen prostitutes in town. one fabricated prostitute. and really, kudos from chicago! we have a meth and drug problem not a tramp prostitute problem.. target the real issues for kudos.

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