

Tucson Police Department

Safety

Through

Deterrence

Warning

The Tucson Police Department is taking an aggressive stance against the crime of prostitution. This includes those persons who seek out prostitutes for their services. The Tucson Police Department has established strong community support in this stance and through this collaborative effort will work hard to reduce the number of prostitutes and their clients.

In an effort to inform you of the risks associated with your conduct you have been provided a fact sheet containing information related to Sexually Transmitted Diseases and information about the prostitutes who frequent this area. You have also been provided a letter from local business and neighborhood associations requesting you refrain from engaging in this activity in their community.

Although this contact has not resulted in your arrest for a prostitution related offense, all information related to this contact will be recorded in an official police report. Future contacts for similar activity may result in your immediate arrest.

Additional Facts and Information

Danger

Sexually Transmitted Diseases are not the only danger you face. Last year the Tucson Police Department Operations Division West had approximately 780 calls for service involving violent crime. Prostitutes and their customers are frequent victims of violent crime. It is not uncommon for prostitutes and their pimps to "rip off" their customers. Many times these robberies involve weapons and injury.

Embarrassment

Under Tucson City Code Section 11-28 - A person convicted of offering, agreeing, or conspiring to commit an act of prostitution, or of loitering for the purposes of committing an act of prostitution, faces the following minimum mandatory penalties:

- 15 days in jail; \$360 in fines and surcharges
- In addition, the person can be sentenced to up to 3 years probation

Penalties double for a second offense.

If you are convicted of soliciting for prostitution, the City of Tucson will post your photo on the City web page. To see an example of this web page go to www.ci.tucson.az.us/johns/index

Tucson City Code

Crimes and Offenses

Please Read

Sec. 11-28. Indecency, lewdness--Acts prohibited.

Sec. 11-28(1).(a) Being reckless about whether any person present, as a reasonable person, would be offended; aids, offers, agrees or solicits an indecent or lewd act;

(b) Commits any lewd or indecent act;

(c) Aids, offers or agrees to commit or conspires to commit or commits any act of prostitution; or

Sec. 11-28(2). Offers to secure or secures another for the purpose of committing any act of prostitution, fornication, assignation or for any other lewd or indecent act with any other person; or

Sec. 11-28(3). Is in a public street, public way, public sidewalk or other public place, or adjacent thereto, or in the public view, including in a vehicle, in a manner or under circumstances which manifest the purpose or intent of inducing, enticing, soliciting or procuring another to commit an act of prostitution; for the purposes of this subsection the following actions or circumstances shall be considered with any other evidence to determine whether such purpose or intent is manifested:

- (a) That the person has a previous arrest or conviction under section 11-28, any section of A.R.S. chapter 32 of the title 13 or their predecessors, or equivalents from other jurisdictions;
- (b) That the person has declared himself or herself to be a prostitute, or available for the act of prostitution;
- (c) That the person has quoted a price or list of prices for sexual acts;
- (d) The person attempts to stop or stops people or vehicles by beckoning to, hailing, shouting at, waiving to, gesturing or in any other manner;
- (e) That the person repeatedly engages in conversation with pedestrians or occupants of motor vehicles;
- (f) The person has in possession sexual paraphernalia except condoms;
- (g) The person inquires whether a potential patron, procurer or prostitute is a police officer;
- (h) The person searches for articles that would identify a police officer; or
- (i) The person requests the touching or exposure of genitals or female breast.

Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) Fact Sheet

- During a recent prostitution sweep on the West side of Tucson, 48% (Almost half) of the prostitutes had a Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD). They tested positive for Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, and Syphilis.
- These same prostitutes were not tested for HIV/AIDS.
- The Center for Disease Control (CDC) states that "Correct and consistent use of latex condoms *can reduce* the risk..." This means that there is still a risk. That condoms provide some protection but are not a guarantee of protection.
- The CDC also states that the presence of STDs increases the likelihood of giving HIV to someone.

Syphilis

- You can be infected during vaginal, oral, or anal sex.
- Most people infected do not know that they have the disease.
- You can pass it on even if you do not know that you have it.
- Pregnant women with syphilis have a higher rate of babies who die.
- You have a bigger chance of getting HIV/AIDS.
- Can only be treated by a doctor.

Gonorrhea

- You can be infected during vaginal, oral or anal sex.
- Can spread to other parts of the body, like the eyes.
- Symptoms include burning when urinating, discharge (dripping) from the penis, swollen/painful testicles. Or not even knowing that you have it.
- Many women do not know they have it.
- You have a bigger chance of getting HIV/AIDS.
- Can only be treated by a doctor.

Chlamydia

- You can be infected during vaginal, oral, or anal sex.
- Most people do not even know that they have chlamydia.
- You have a bigger chance of getting HIV/AIDS
- Can only be treated by a doctor.

Genital Herpes

- Do not need to have a visible sore to infect someone.
- Can kill the baby if the mother has sores when giving birth.
- There is no cure.

HIV

- You can be infected during vaginal, oral, or anal sex. Also from an infected persons blood.
- People infected with STDs are 2 to 5 times more likely to get HIV if they are exposed to the virus through sexual contact.
- A person can be infected and not look sick.
- There is no cure.

Condoms (rubbers) do not guarantee you will not get a STD if you have any oral, vaginal or anal sex with an infected person.

Many infected people do not look sick, or know that they have the disease.

Almost every other prostitute tested during a recent round up had a Sexually Transmitted Disease.

If you think that you have a Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) see your doctor, or go to the Pima County Health Department at the Theresa Lee Clinic 332 S. Freeway 624-8271.

To whom it may concern:

As a result of your conduct, the Tucson Police Department has contacted you. Tucson City Code Section 11-28 (3), Indecency, Lewdness-Acts Prohibited clearly prohibits this type of activity and as residents and business owners in this neighborhood we object to your activity.

Prostitution related activity has a detrimental impact on our community and is a serious concern to those citizens living and working in this area. Violent crime, drug usage and sales have increased as a result of the prostitutes who frequent this area. Your participation in this crime only serves to promote this substandard lifestyle and subject honest hard working citizens to unnecessary danger. We value our homes and businesses and are working hard to improve the quality of life in our community. The Tucson Police Department will be aggressively enforcing all statutes and ordinances related to the prostitution problem. For these reasons, we as community members will strongly support the efforts of our police in reducing this problem.

Prostitution is not a victimless crime. It impacts all of us in this community. The citizens of the Oracle Project ask that you refrain from this activity and by doing so, help us preserve the integrity of our neighborhoods.

Miracle Manor
Neighborhood Association

Ocotillo Oracle Blvd
Neighborhood and Merchants
Association

Balboa Heights
Neighborhood Association

San Ignacio Yaqui
Neighborhood Association



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Tucson Convictions for Soliciting Prostitution

PHOTO	NAME	AGE	ARREST DATE	CONVICTION DATE
	Your Name	?	2002	2002

Prostitution is not a victimless crime. It substantially diminishes the quality of life in neighborhoods, hurts small businesses, and requires an expenditure of significant City resources to arrest, prosecute, and incarcerate offenders. If you are convicted of soliciting for prostitution, the City of Tucson will post your photo on the City web page.

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The City Attorney's Office cannot give you legal advice, but can answer general questions about the prostitution laws and penalties. You may contact the Criminal Division at 791-4104.