

### BODY WORK: Human Trafficking

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#### What is Human Trafficking?

- Human trafficking is the trade of humans, most commonly for the purpose of forced labor, sexual slavery, or commercial sexual exploitation for the trafficker
- Perpetrators use force, fraud, or coercion to manipulate and establish control over individuals

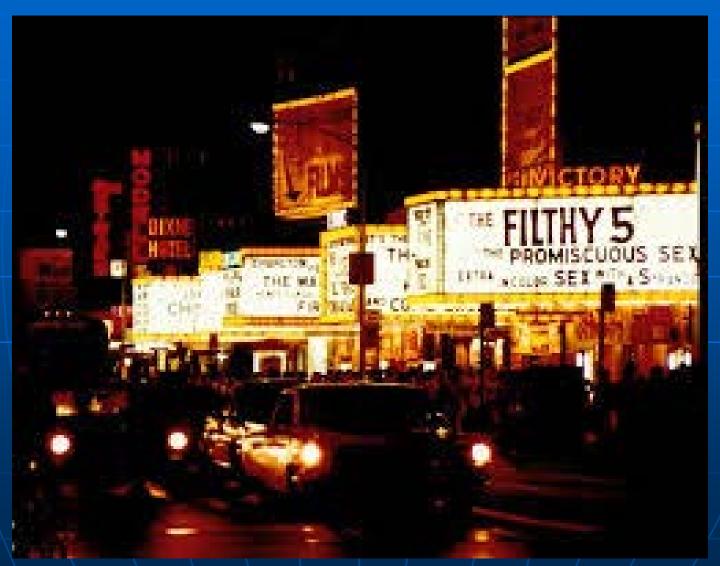


#### **BIG Business**





#### Where Is the Sex Traffic?





#### Craig's List/Backpages



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college girl for massages (hosting available)

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Discreet , girl next door! College Girls ♥

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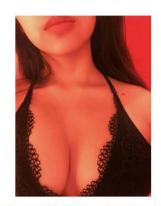


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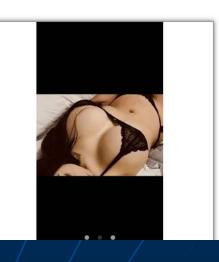
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College girl for body rubs snanchat

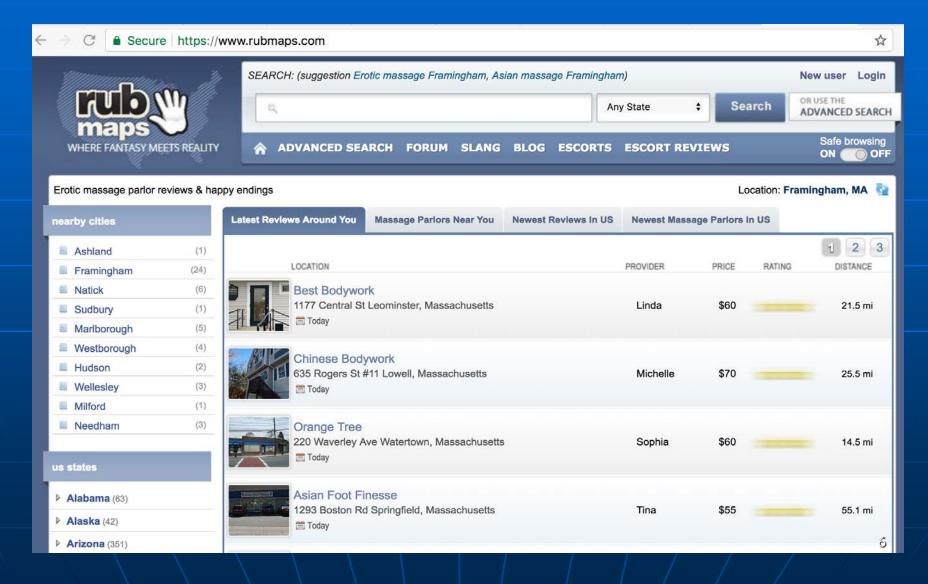


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#### RubMaps.com



#### Boston, Brighton, Waltham





#### Belmont & Framingham

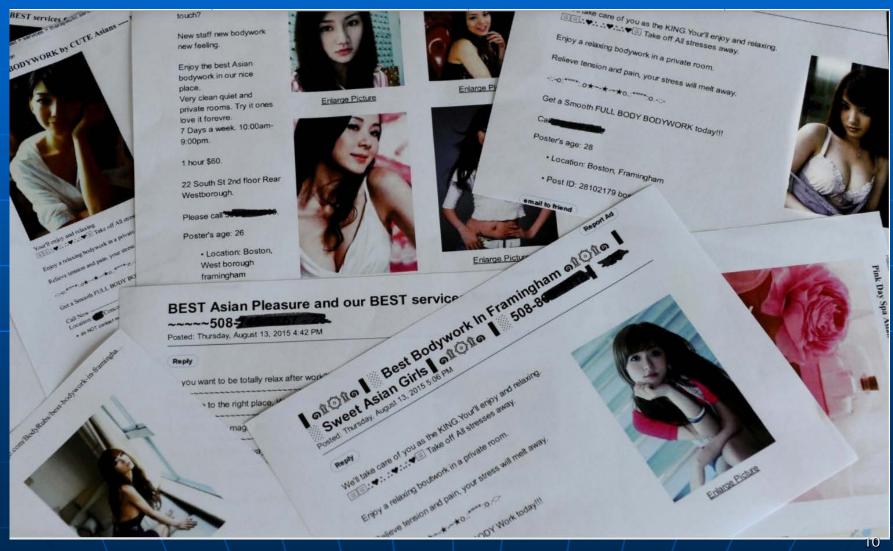


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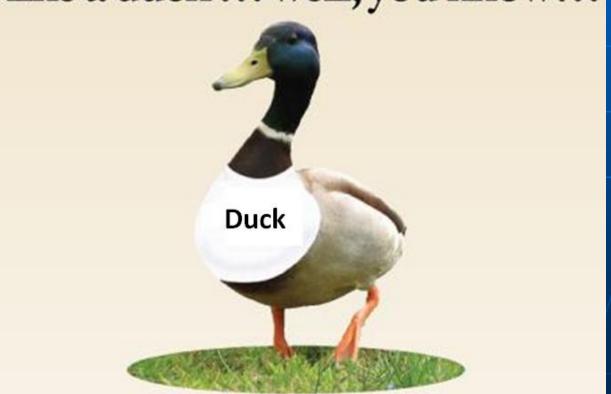


#### Out of Hand in Framingham

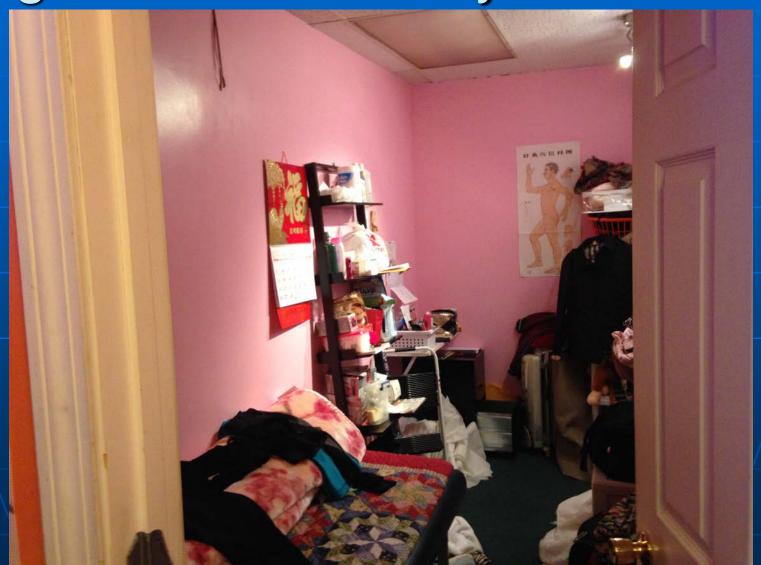


#### What are we looking at?

If it walks like a duck, and swims like a duck and quacks like a duck ... well, you know...





















## Critical Distinction Massage vs. Body Works

- Massage therapist
  - MGL c. 140 Sec. 51, 6/27/06
    - Exclusive regulation of Massage Therapists is now under Bd. of Registration
    - PREEMPTED BOH regulation
  - "Local Boards of Health may regulate other fields not licensed as massage therapy."





#### BOARD OF HEALTH ROLE

- Enact Regulations to make it harder
- Considerations:
  - Who's the victim/who's the criminal
  - Immigration Stance for Municipality
    - Sanctuary?
  - What services are available to the women?
  - Cooperation with local law enforcement
  - Criminal Act has different Constitutional protections for perpetrators of crimes



#### Authority of BOH – Nuisance

- G.L. ch. 111, §122:
  - "[t]he board of health shall examine into all nuisances, sources of filth and causes of sickness within its town . . . which may, in its opinion, be injurious to public health, shall destroy, remove or prevent the same as the case may require . . ."



#### Authority of BOH – Noisome Trade

- G.L. ch. 111, §143:
  - "[n]o trade or employment which may result in a nuisance or be harmful to the inhabitants, injurious to their estates, dangerous to the public health, or may be attended by noisome and injurious odors shall be established in a city or town except in such a location as may be assigned by the board of health ... and such board of health may prohibit the exercise thereof within the limits of the city or town ... in any event . . . "



#### Who has a Regulation

- Lexington
- Quincy
- Hingham
- Arlington
- Halifax
- Waltham
- Lowell
- Needham
- Stoneham
- Salem, and others



#### The Best Regs are Plagiarized

# If You Steal From One Author, It is Plagiarized;

If You Steal From Many,
It is Research!!



#### Framingham's Regulation

- June/July 2015
  - Began investigating existing regulations Massachusetts and other communities and began to draft Framingham
  - Collaboration between Framingham Community Health Department and Framingham PD Street Crimes Unit

#### Framingham's Regulation

- August 2015
  - Drafted Bodyworks Regulations;
  - discussed enforcement of regulations with Arlington's Health Department.

- October, 2015
  - Worked with town council to approve applications to be used for body works establishments and therapists.

#### Key Points of Regulations

- Have to stay within our jurisdiction
  - Stay in our role as Health Officials
  - We are NOT the Police
  - We need to be able to enter to guard the public health
  - Protect the victims of this crime
  - Close the establishments

#### Entry to the Premises

- Board does not have the legal authority to enter these premises without permission,
- Board may request an administrative search warrant as a matter of course
- In an emergency may inspect the premises.
- Board is required to examine into all nuisances, sources of filth and causes of sickness which MAY be injurious to public health.

#### Nuisance and Noisome?

 Inspectors have a concern for the physical and mental health of the individuals within these establishments.

 The circumstances also raise questions about whether these establishments are noisome trades.

#### Key Provisions of Regulations

- Must start with an APPLICATION
  - Fully responded to or denied
  - BOH to act w/I 30 days if possible "Reasonable effort"
- Certified copy of his/her birth certificate or its equivalent to establish that the applicant is at least eighteen (18) years of age at the time of application.

#### Key Provisions -Continued

- High school diploma or its verifiable equivalent.
- Communicate effectively in English.
- The applicant shall attach to his/her application a signed passport type photograph taken within the preceding 12 months.

#### Key Provisions Continued

- Evidence of being appropriately certified in accordance with Section 3 'Certification'.
  - Nationally recognized credentialling board
  - All certifications and/or credentials must be approved by the Director of Health or the Board of Health

#### Key Provisions Continued

- Proof of an individual professional liability insurance policy of at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence.
- CORI and Sexual Offender Registry Information (SORI) checks.

#### First Sweep

- Effective 12/1/15
- December 3, 2015
  - Sent cease and desist letters to establishments and went with Framingham Street Crimes unit members to post closed signage on businesses
  - Did pre-opening inspection of Naomi Spa
  - Denied Permit based on various violations.

#### 12/3/15 First Sweep

 2 establishments had incomplete applications and were closed

- Visited 10 operating establishments:
  - shut down unpermitted locations (total of 10 establishments out of 10)



#### Second Sweep, 12/18/15

- Re-inspection of Naomi Spa
  - Denied for failure to correct deficiencies
- Health Foot Spa, granted permit with minor violations to fix
- Sent cease and desist letters and went with Street Crimes Unit to post closed signage on businesses
- 2 establishments had incomplete applications and were closed

#### Today

- ONE Establishment
  - Enjoys frequent attention of our Community Health workers and Street Crimes Unit



#### Thank You!!!

You can wake up now...