

## PREVALENCE

Ritual abuse-torture has been reported in every region of Canada; however, no statistics are presently collected in Canada.<sup>4</sup> Reports have also come from Australia, England, Germany, New Zealand, The Netherlands, Scotland, and the United States.

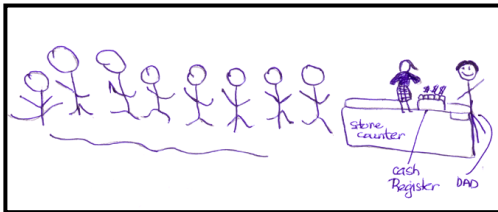
## PERSONAL TESTIMONIALS

**Trafficking and exploitation** of infants, toddlers, children, youth, and captive enslaved women into the pedophilic or adult pornography and the “sex” trade are routine violent acts of ritual abuse-torture families/groups.

Persons so victimized commonly refer to being trafficked and exploited as “being rented out, or as being bought, or as being sold”.

One person’s testimonial drawing and statement of being trafficked and exploited to pedophilic women and men is, as follows:

### “BEING RENTED OUT”



*My father owned a store and he and my mother would dress me up and sit me on the counter of their store and*

*“rent me out to the ladies and the men who came to rent me. I can still hear my father saying to them, ‘Bring her back when you’re done’.”*

... Sara, a participant in our “kitchen table” research project, 1998.

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# RITUAL ABUSE- TORTURE

## EXITING AND INTEGRATING

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### In a Nutshell Definition:

**RITUAL ABUSE-TORTURE** is inflicted by families/groups, occurs “in-house” and “on-site”, and is organized acts of:

1. **Child abuse,**
2. **Terrorization** to keep victims silenced and enslaved,
3. **Cruelty to animals** including bestiality,
4. **Physical, sexualized, and mind-spirit torture,**
5. **Pedophilia,**
6. **Necrophilism and pedophilic necrophilic acts** such as inducing “death-like” immobility in the infant to youth or adult victim by suffocating into unconsciousness or over-drugging,
7. **Violent ritualisms** that function as **group bonding** mechanisms, i.e. normalizes family/group raping of a toddler,
8. **Horrification** of victims,
9. **Counseling and enforcing suicidal and other Self-harming acts** unto their victims to ensure their silence,
10. **Enslavement and trafficking** of their victims in the pedophilic and adult pornographic and sexualized exploitation trade, both “off-street” and “on-street”, regionally, nationally, internationally, or transnationally, and their forced involvement in criminal acts such as the illegal drug trade.

**Exiting and integrating means learning and naming the ordeals a person endured—Other Definitions:**

**TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS** is the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons, by threat, force, coercion, abuse of power, position of vulnerability or giving or receiving of payments or benefits for the purpose of exploitation; and,

**EXPLOITATION** is the prostitution of others or other forms of sexualized exploitation, forced labour or services, slavery or practices similar to slavery, servitude or the removal of organs.<sup>1</sup>

**TRAFFICKERS** are recruiters; transporters; those who exercise control over trafficked persons; those who transfer and/or maintain trafficked persons in exploitative situations; those involved in related crimes; and those who profit either directly or indirectly from trafficking ...<sup>2</sup>

**WHO ARE THE RITUAL ABUSE-TORTURE TRAFFICKERS?** They are mothers and fathers and other like-minded family members, friends, or neighbors; they are groups of men and women from all walks of life; they are men and women who use positional power as a cover; they are professionals, clergy, or laypersons.

**TRAFFICKING/EXPLOITATION SITES:** in the victim’s home, in the homes of others, basements, garages, warehouses, churches, institutions, foster care homes, orphanages, cottages, cabins, campers, tents,

clubs, hotels, motels, on boats, in airplanes, in the out-of-doors, at violent “rituals and ceremonies” ... in any place suitable to the perpetrators.

**TRANSPORTATION** is by car, in the car trunk, truck, plane, helicopter, boat, winter and summer recreational vehicles, campers, or whatever means available to the perpetrators.

### **WHY DO RITUAL ABUSE-TORTURE TRAFFICKERS DO WHAT THEY DO?**

- ▶ For greed and the financial profit obtained from involvement in meeting the demand for pedophilic and adult pornography and the “sex” trade;
- ▶ To satisfy the family/group needs and desires to participate in violent cruel and inhumane pedophilic group pleasures and entertainment;
- ▶ To gain prestige and other benefits within their specific family/group or within other inter-connected regional, national, international, or transnational ritual abuse-torture families/groups;
- ▶ To gain other benefits such as a job, positional power, or wealth within mainstream society by meeting the exploitative demands of perpetrators other than those within ritual abuse-torture families/groups.

**RITUAL ABUSE-TORTURE** is “an emerging human rights violation and a newly acknowledged form of torture that is inflicted by “non-state actors” unto the girl and boy infant, toddler, child, youth, and captive enslaved woman.”<sup>3</sup>