

## Richmond Planned Parenthood Transcript

“Pimp”: Live Action undercover actor

“Prostitute”: Live Action undercover actor

“PP”: Virginia League for Planned Parenthood counselor “Kimberly”

Footage is marked by approximate video frame.

Some text is bolded for emphasis by transcriber.

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Footage taken at Richmond Health Center,

201 N Hamilton St

Richmond, VA 23221

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Prostitute: Hi, you guys do STD testing?

PP: Yeah, Ok, we can do that

Prostitute: ok, great

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Prostitute: Um, no – it’s for him though

PP: Okay, [laughter] what’s your last name?

Pimp: Uh, Jesse.

PP: and what’s your first name?

Pimp: Uh, Jones

PP: Your address?

Pimp: Uh, we just, we’re just staying around here. We’re just visiting, you know.

PP: Okay. I need an address though, can I have your permanent address?

Pimp: Can I just fill it out?

PP: yeah, sure.

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Pimp: Do you have a clipboard?

Worker: yeah, if you want you can just take it and fill it out and bring it up when you’re done.

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\*waiting room\*

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Pimp: Is there anyone I can talk to? ..... I just kinda want to be able to talk to somebody

Worker: Well, I can’t like, I can’t – I would still like have to charge you for like an office visit. I mean, I could like answer your questions about scheduling, and like what we do – but if it’s like a medical question you still have to like make an appointment....

Pimp: Yeah, it’s not really a medical question. Um, ....

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Worker: I can take you back to the room, and we can talk for a sec if you want.

Pimp: Ok

Worker: If you don't feel comfortable

Pimp: Yeah, is there somebody I could talk to ... like a manager or supervisor I could talk to?

Worker: She's not in right now

Pimp: She's not in?

PP: No, she's not.

Pimp: Any idea when she'll be back?

PP: Later, like ½ an hour to an hour – she's like out at the bank and post office and stuff, running errands for here.

Pimp: Well, yeah – if we can like talk.....

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PP: What's going on?

Pimp: I just sit right here?

PP: yeah

Pimp: It's kinda like, uh, I duno. It's kinda a complicated situation. So like, I think I might have a STD?

PP: M'hm

**Pimp: That's kinda like the first part of it – so I think I might need testing. Aight, so – is this all confidential in here?**

**Worker: Yeah, yeah – it's a medical office, I mean, HIPAA, everything applies, so.**

[laughter]

**Pimp: Yeah, she's been trying to get me to come in here for awhile now. So yeah, I need the testing from you, right of the bat, but there's some, uh, we're involved in sex work.**

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**PP: Okay.**

**Pimp: So therese some girls that we kinda we manage, and they kinda need help too.**

**PP: Right.**

**Prostitute: Yeah, I've been trying to get him in here for awhile now, 'cause we gotta keep them safe.**

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**PP: Yeah, of course. So we see people from every walk of life**

**Prostitute: Oh wow.**

**PP: And like, for a while we were treating like all the girls at Paper Moon, and like, you know**

**Prostitute: Whoa!**

**PP: And like, various places around town, so, you know**

**Prostiute: That's good.**

**PP: So, no judgment, no sharing of information, like, uh, nothing here.**

**Pimp: Yeah that's what we were worried about, you know, the health- the government, stuff like that.** Yeah, so like what do you guys offer? I haven't been in here before – she's been in here before.

Prostitute: Yeah, like I've been trying, I'm like, "Come in! They'll talk to you!" [inaudible] and he's like, "I want to talk to somebody official." [?]

PP: Yeah, I mean we do like full STD screenings, which test for the most commonly transmitted diseases, so that's Herpes 1, Herpes 2, HIV, Gonoreaha, Chlamydia, Syphilis. That's just like the full package.

If you think that you were just exposed to just one thing, we can test just for that one thing. So it's your choice what you want to get tested for.

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Pimp: ok

PP: If you're kinda unsure, like if you notice something is different, something feels wrong, you can just come in for a general visit and we kinda help you diagnose, you know, and we can recommend testing, based on what symptoms you're telling us, or even, um, you know a lot of times people come in, they have a rash, they think it's herpes, but you could think it's herpes, but it ends up being like, it's an inflamed hair follicle, or something. So, you know, there's a whole gamut of things in terms of testing. And then we do abortion services, well women exams, birth control-

Prostitute: Yeah, just in case we might need it.

PP: Um, you know, pretty much everything, related to women's health – and then STD testing for guys

**Pimp: Now, now, the more complicated part of it though is um, some of the girls, they're around like 14, 15, and like some of the girls are from like out of state, out of country. They don't know about the facilities, they don't know how to get help – I don't even know how to do it. So like, what are your like-**

**PP: Like are they legally here? Or, are they legally residents?**

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**Pimp: Some of them don't have like their residency yet, or something like that**

**PP: OK.**

**Pimp: but um – like, how, do you guys have like teen services?**

**PP: I mean we can give them the same information, the only thing that requires a legal guardian is an abortion. I mean you can get birth control, testing, like anything - without a parent. The only thing that requires over 18, if they're a minor, is an abortion. But there's also ways, like judicial bypasses, that we can get around that – if you guys ever need it. There is a way to avoid that.**

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Pimp: How can we do that? 'Cause I mean if they need the help then, I don't know, I don't know

PP: I mean, like the best thing for them to do is call here or walk in – the same way you're doing. There's also online appointments, scheduling, um, if they just have questions and want to talk to someone they can come in. **Or, we can talk to them over the phone – I mean, everything's confidential. Um.**

Pimp: What was that? What was that – what did you say it was, bypass?

**PP: Judicial bypass. It's, um, if someone is a minor and they don't want their parents to know - they're on their parent's insurance – so an abortion would show up. You fill out paperwork and we help you kinda set it up and we have a confidential hotline that will call you at whatever number you give us and handle the whole thing. So, for someone who's a minor, that's a really good option. We do 'em probably once or twice a month here.**

Pimp: Wow

**Worker: So we're pretty good at handling if someone, you know, doesn't want someone else to know, or doesn't want parents-**

**Pimp: OK.**

**PP: Yeah.**

**Pimp: OK.**

**PP: Uhuh.**

**Pimp: And you said, they can get like the other stuff too? They can get access to that?**

**Worker: yeah, yeah, they have access to birth control here, there's like no cutoff for age. So if they're involved in sexual activity, we want to see them. I mean that's pretty much it. I mean if they're going to be doing it – we want them to be safe about it.**

Prostitute: And yeah that's why I wanted to come in here – we have to come in here to be sure they're safe about it.....

Pimp: Yeah, I wasn't sure about it –like prices, so what are the prices

PP: So, it depends on the service basically. SO birth control um, itself is a different price than the visit to get. We have to prescribe it, make sure that you don't have any medical conditions that would make them not able to take a certain kind. So, for that first visit, if they are minors – it will be \$50.

Pimp: That's fine

PP: And, that's to get the birth control. To do STD screening, it'll vary – if you do the full package it's \$165. And, that's for those most common ones that I listed. If someone's like “Well, I've been exposed to this, I just want to be tested for it,” it'll be the cost of the test and the office visit. So, that's kind of variable, depending what test you choose, how many of them you choose. But in the end, usually it's more economical to do the whole thing, cause like once you have that office visit – it's \$50 dollars. Most tests are around like \$20 to \$40, so you're already kind of like halfway there at that point.

Pimp: Ok

PP: So...But, it all depends on, you know, what you have money for, for now, and what you're comfortable with what you want.

Pimp: So, what would, how would you best suggest we go about it? Like, let's say, you know, one of our girls, she's like, “I think I might be pregnant.”

PP: Mhm.

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Pimp: What would we do?

PP: Free pregnancy tests here, anytime during our business hours – you can walk in, don't need an appointment, just get a pregnancy test and then we go from there. So if she's pregnant, if she wants to continue the pregnancy – we don't do any prenatal care, but we can set you up with the right people. If she wants an abortion, we can counsel her on that and start that process here.

R: Ok, what if one of the 15 year olds wants the abortion – how would you set up the other thing?

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PP: Well, I mean the judicial bypass?

Pimp: Sure.

PP: You'd have to come in for what we call a pre-op visit first. It's an ultrasound, bloodwork, paperwork to fill out – at that time she'll start the judicial bypass process, um, and then we do some counseling with them as well. And then, like I said, that separate organization will call them on whatever number they give us and do the process, and they come back for the actual abortion itself at a later date. So, you know if she's taken some tests at home, already knows she's pregnant, she should come in for her pre-op visit – 'cause it is time sensitive. The state of Virginia only lets you go to 13 weeks, 6 days at the most--and at that point, **you need to go to Maryland, DC – they have looser laws in terms of how far you can do an abortion.** So, if she's going to do it in the state of Virginia with us, we have to make sure she's here, got the bypass, in time to actually do it legally. So, the sooner the better she sees us, if she already knows she's pregnant. Um, if she just needs the test though, she can come in – and we can make her an appointment for that first preoperative visit once she comes in. So it's up to her to either come in or call.

Pimp: Ok, so that would be good. What would you recommend is like the best birth control and all that to

get on?....

PP: Um it depends on the woman really. I mean, young people usually find it difficult to take a pill everyday at the same exact time.

Pimp: Yeah, that's true, especially when we don't know that much, they might not read the--

Prostitute: [inaudible]

PP: Yeah, and it's different you know, by country, like what kind of pills and how they are taken. So, um for young people who have a hard time with the pill, cause some people do fine with it. But, if you don't take it everyday at the same time, it's not effective – you can still get pregnant.

Pimp: Yeah, that's what I heard.

PP: So the shot is every 3 months, it protects you for that whole time. So, you are only here 4 times a year. Come in for a 5 minute visit – we inject it – you're good.

Prostitute: Yeah, how much is that?

Pimp: That's for all ages? All ages?

Prostitute: Yeah, how much is that?

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PP: It's \$65, for every shot. But, then if you divide that out, by every month it's pretty cheap – in terms of birth control.

Prostitute: Ooh, I like that.

PP: Um, if someone is a little bit older, and not looking to get pregnant in the next 5-10 years, we have IUDs, it's an intra-uterine device, it's actually this thing right here. It's placed in the uterus and just kinda sits up at the top – it protects you for 5-10 years. There's also the NuvaRing, which is inserted vaginally, it protects you for a month at a time. So, you know those are all options for people who aren't good with pills. But we do have the pills, we have like 15 different kinds here.

Pimp: Oh, wow.

PP: So, pretty much everything. **We have condoms here for free.**

Pimp: That's good.

PP: We kinda got it all.

Pimp: Yeah. Yeah, no that's a lot of information.

PP: And, a lot of this information is also on our website. 'Cause I know I'm like throwing a lot at you right now, if you want to visit our website, you can also book appointments through our website too.

Prostitute: Oh, that would be good, like, if I needed to.

PP: Yeah.

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**Pimp: Aight, yeah, that's a lot of information. Aight, so yeah, um, I guess, I guess we gotta, our time is almost up**

**PP: You have to get back to work?**

**Prostitute: Yeah, [laughs] we gotta go, have to get back.**

**PP: Well, let me give you a card.**

**Pimp: Yes.**

Prostitute: Ah, perfect

Pimp: And, what was your name again?

PP: I'm Kimberley. Haha, I'm here most of the time. Our number's on there, if you just like google Virginia League for Planned Parenthood, our website pops up right there.

Pimp: Do you guys like have a pen to get your number? Thank you.

Kimberley: M'hm.

Prostitute: Uh thanks. I appreciate it. Thank you so much.

PP: Yeah. Alright, so when you guys are ready, go ahead and give us a call

Pimp: And this is on your website and everything like that?

PP: Mhm.

Prostitute: We can set up the appointments with the website.

PP: Mhm, yeah.

G: Thanks.

PP: No problem!

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