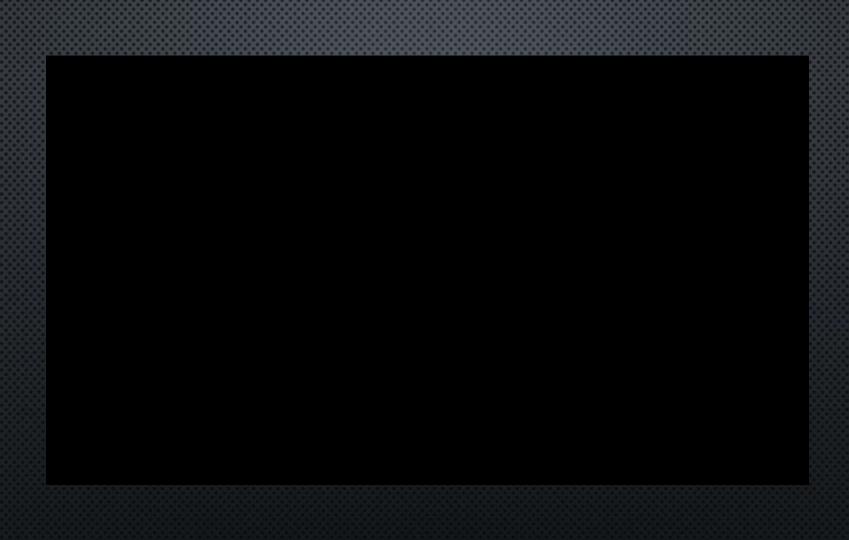
MYTHS AND TRUTHS: HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN CENTRAL WISCONSIN

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WHO WE ARE

SARAH

SARAH HAS BEEN AN OFFICER WITH THE WAUSAU POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR 7 YEARS, CURRENTLY
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PROSTITUTION AND SEX TRAFFICKING CASES SINCE 2013. SARAH HAS BEEN TO NUMEROUS TRAININGS
AND CONFERENCES ON THE SUBJECT AND HAS DONE MORE PRESENTATIONS THAN SHE CAN COUNT.
RECENTLY, SHE HAS PUT TOGETHER A HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN
AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS IN THE AREA TO TAKE A MORE PROACTIVE APPROACH TO TRAFFICKING.

BRENDA

• Brenda Bayer is the Human Trafficking Program Advocate at The Women's Community, Inc. in Wausau. She has been with The Women's Community since August 2017, advocating for and providing direct services to women who have been affected by human trafficking, as well as educating the community on the realities of human trafficking in our community. She worked with sexually exploited girls at Lutheran Social Services Homme Home, helping and mentoring them in their daily living environment, and conducting admission interviews of girls for the sexually exploited residential treatment unit. Brenda spent 25 years in the military, her main focus was helping develop and measure the effectiveness of a Life Skills curriculum presented to middle school and high school students, and providing one-on-one mentorship to fellow Soldiers.

WHAT WILL BE COVERED

- Definitions
- MYTHS VS TRUTHS
- Domestic vs international
- RECRUITMENT
- TRAUMA BOND VS CHOICE
- CENTRAL WISCONSIN TRUTH VS MYTH
- RED FLAGS
- MESSAGE



•Debt Bondage

•Labor

• Sex

DEFINITIONS

Human trafficking

- ONE WHO KNOWINGLY ENGAGES IN THE RECRUITMENT, HARBORING, TRANSPORTATION, PROVISION
 OR OBTAINING OF A PERSON FOR LABOR OR SERVICES, THROUGH THE USE OF FORCE, FRAUD OR
 COERCION FOR THE PURPOSE OF A COMMERCIAL SEX ACT
- EXPLOITATION BASED
- COMMERCIAL SEX ACT
 - Any of the following for which anything of value is given, promised or received by any person
 - SEXUAL CONTACT
 - SEXUAL INTERCOURSE
 - SEXUALLY EXPLICIT PERFORMANCE
 - Any other conduct done for the purpose of sexual humiliation, degradation, arousal or gratification

DEFINITIONS

PROSTITUTION

 Any person who intentionally does a sex act or offers to have or requests to have non-marital sexual intercourse for anything of value

DEFINITIONS

SMUGGLING

- IMPORTATION OF PEOPLE INTO A COUNTRY VIA THE DELIBERATE EVASION
 OF IMMIGRATION LAWS. THIS INCLUDES BRINGING ILLEGAL ALIENS INTO A
 COUNTRY, AS WELL AS THE UNLAWFUL TRANSPORTATION AND HARBORING
 OF ALIENS ALREADY IN A COUNTRY ILLEGALLY.
 - MOSTLY VOLUNTARY
 - TRANSPORTATION BASED

WORKING THE DIGITAL STREET CORNER...

- Here? In Wausau???? No…
- RECEIVING COMPLAINTS FROM MOTELS/HOTELS ABOUT FOOT TRAFFIC AND SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY
- DISCOVERED BACKPAGE.COM
- COMMUNICATION VIA TEXT/CALLS
- Training in setting up stings and speaking the lingo
 - What's your donation?
 - How many roses?
 - ARE YOU AVAILABLE
 - HH/FH/FS

BUT WAIT! THAT'S NOT ALL!

- BEDPAGE.COM
- SEEKINGATTRACTIONS.COM
- ADULTSEARCH.COM
- EROS
- WHISPER
- SKIPTHEGAMES
- SNAPCHAT
- FACEBOOK
- INSTAGRAM
- TWITTER
- KIK
- LIVE.ME
- TINDER
- GRINDR
- CRAIGSLIST
- PLENTY OF FISH (POF)
- Eтс....

MYTHS VS TRUTHS

VICTIMS

- BONDAGE
- BATTERED AND BRUISED
- STARVING VICTIMS
- DUCT TAPED AND BOUND IN A BASEMENT
- SEXY CLOTHING AND MAKE UP
- STREET WALKERS
- KIDNAPPING
- BLINDFOLDED
- YOUNG GIRLS, CHILDREN









MYTHS VS TRUTHS

- "JOHNS"
 - CREEPY
 - OLD
 - Druggies
 - ONLY BUSINESSMEN
 - MEAN
 - RAPISTS
 - PEDOPHILES
 - ADDICTED TO PORN
 - LOSERS
 - UNEDUCATED







MYTHS VS TRUTHS

PIMPS

- VIOLENT
- BLACK
- MEN
- KIDNAPPERS
- GANGSTERS
- OLDER MAN
- CANES, CAPES, FUR COATS









VICTIM? INSTAGRAM?





VICTIM OR FACEBOOK?



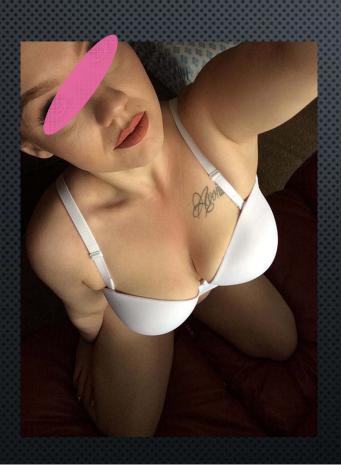


VICTIM? OR SNAPCHAT?





VICTIM? OR INSTAGRAM?





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GIRLS, GIRLS (AND SOME BOYS TOO)

- SINGLE MOMS
- STRIPPERS
- Drug addicts
- FAST/EASY MONEY
- "My friends introduced me"
- "Money is worth more to me than myself"
- Runaways
 - "SURVIVAL SEX"
- FROM BROKEN HOMES
- MENTAL DISABILITIES
- SEXUAL ABUSE HISTORY
- LOOKING FOR "FAMILY STRUCTURE"

JOHNS

- Married
- FAMILIES
- UP-STANDING CITIZENS
 - DENTISTS
 - Doctors
 - Business Owners
 - Dads, Grandpas, Uncles
- "MY GIRLFRIEND/WIFE WON'T DO THIS"
- "I'M FIGHTING WITH MY GIRLFRIEND"
- LONELY
- SEX ADDICTS
- EST. RELATIONSHIPS W/GIRL
- LIVING OUT FANTASIES
- THINK THEY'RE HELPING THE GIRL

PIMPS

- Support Drug Habit
- Money for kids
- PROVIDE A PLACE TO STAY
- Transportation
- FAMILY SETTING
- PROTECTION
- THREAT OF VIOLENCE
- BOYFRIENDS, HUSBANDS, FRIENDS, EMPLOYERS, MOMS, DADS...
- ROMEO VS GORILLA

HOW IT STARTS

MYTHS

- KIDNAPPING
- HAPPENS ONLY TO POOR PEOPLE
- GIRLS LIKE HAVING SEX AND LIKE THE ATTENTION
- DRUG HABITS
- TRAFFICKER KEEPS THEM CHAINED UP IN BASEMENT
- TRANSPORTED FROM STATE TO STATE IN THE TRUNK OR SHIPPING CONTAINERS
- TRAFFICKERS ARE STRANGERS

RISK FACTORS

- Youth who are chronically missing/run away, 3+ missing incidents
- EXPERIENCED CHILDHOOD SEXUAL ABUSE, ESPECIALLY IF IT RESULTED IN BEING REMOVED FROM HOUSE OR WENT UNREPORTED
- PRIOR SEXUAL ASSAULT OR RAPE
 - Multiple studies estimate that 70-90% of sexually exploited children have a history of child sexual abuse...
 - 10-30% COME FROM OTHERWISE "NORMAL" HOMES
- SIGNIFICANT SUBSTANCE ABUSE OR LIVING WITH FAMILIES WHO HAVE SUBSTANCE ABUSE
- Youth that identifies as LGBTQ or have been kicked out/stigmatized by family

HOW IT STARTS

TRUTH

- Runaways
 - HOME
 - FOSTER CARE
 - SURVIVAL SEX
 - o 1/3 runaways approached by trafficker within 48 hours
- SOCIAL MEDIA
 - <u>PIMPS/TRAFFICKERS WILL COMMONLY SEEK OUT VULNERABLE CHILDREN/INDIVIDUALS ON-LINE</u>
 - ANYTHING THAT YOU PUT ONLINE CAN BE SEEN BY SOMEONE
 - IF YOU DON'T WANT YOUR PARENTS SEEING IT, THEN IT'S TOO PRIVATE OR INAPPROPRIATE FOR A STRANGER
- New Relationships (romantic/friends)
 - O PIMPS/TRAFFICKERS WILL DEVELOP NEW RELATIONSHIPS (ROMANTIC AND/OR FRIENDSHIPS) WITH VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS
 - TRAFFICKERS WILL SEEK OUT VICTIMS IN POPULAR HANGOUT SPOTS
 - Malls
 - RESTAURANTS
 - PARKS
 - Movie theaters
 - SHELTER HOMES
 - SCHOOL FUNCTIONS

HOW IT STARTS (CONT'D)

GROOMING

- ACTS OF KINDNESS/LOVE, ATTENTION, AFFECTION, POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT
 - o He was really cute! And so nice to me!
- EXPENSIVE GIFTS, VACATIONS, JEWELRY, CLOTHING, HAIR/NAIL APPOINTMENTS, DATE NIGHTS
 - O HE BUYS ME WHATEVER I WANT!
 - He is going to pay for my new tattoos!
- PROVIDE FAMILY SETTINGS, FRIENDSHIPS, SECURITY, PROTECTION
 - o My parents don't care what I do, but he cares! And he says he will always protect me, like my hero
- TRANSPORTATION, FOOD, PAY BILLS
 - O I HAVE TO HELP PAY BILLS AT MY HOUSE. BUT NOW, NOW I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY AT ALL
- PROMISES
 - HE SAYS IF I RUN AWAY WITH HIM, WE ARE GOING TO GET MARRIED AND HE IS GOING TO LOVE ME FOREVER
 - HE PROMISES IT'S JUST THIS ONE TIME
 - HE PROMISES EVERYONE IS DOING IT

HOW IT CHANGES

- PIMP/TRAFFICKER WILL MANIPULATE VICTIM INTO "THE LIFE"
 - EX. MAY CONVINCE VICTIM TO START DANCING AT A STRIP CLUB FOR THE "EASY MONEY" OR INTO MAKING PORN "BECAUSE SHE IS SO BEAUTIFUL AND SHE CAN BE A STAR"
- MAY USE LACK MONEY AS A WAY TO CONVINCE VICTIM
- May use their relationship status against victim.
- SEXTORTION
 - BLACKMAIL WITH SEXUALLY EXPLICIT IMAGES OR VIDEO HE HAS OF HER
- DRUGS
- VIOLENCE
- Debt Bondage



WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- INAPPROPRIATE "SELFIES"
 - ASK THEM WHY? WHO ARE THEY SENDING THEM TO?
 - Anyone who receives nude or sexually explicit photographs of a child (17 & under) = Possession of Child Porn
 - JOINED A "MODELING AGENCY"
 - Case in Wausau
 - ENCOURAGE HEALTHY BODY IMAGE

CHANGES IN BEHAVIOR

- DRUG USE
- SUDDEN INCREASE IN CASH, EXPENSIVE ITEMS
- RUNNING AWAY FROM HOME
- BOYFRIENDS/MALE FRIENDS/STRANGE MEN BECOME CONTROLLING
- SIGNS OF PHYSICAL ABUSE
- PROBLEMS AT SCHOOL
- Dating older men
- Frequent trips to larger cities (Twin Cities, Milwaukee, Green Bay, Appleton, etc.)
 - CASE IN WAUSAU
- Multiple phones, phones as presents

WHAT TO LOOK FOR (CONT'D)

- PREOCCUPIED WITH "GETTING MONEY", DISPLAYING LARGE AMOUNTS OF CASH
- Multiple phones (one smartphone, several trac "burner" phones) obsessed with phone
- MAY CARRY ALL PERSONAL BELONGINGS WITH HER
- MULTIPLE HOTEL CARDS
- Her story will sound rehearsed
- VERY DEFENSIVE OF "BOYFRIEND" "HUSBAND" RELATIONSHIP
- Use terms such as "Daddy", "The Life", "The Game", "Unc, Uncle", "Sister-Wife", "Wifey"
- LOSS OF IDENTITY
 - VICTIM MAY NOT HAVE ANY ID, PHOTO ID, PASSPORT
 - CONTROL FACTOR
- PIMP/BOTTOM BITCH WILL CONTROL MONEY
 - VICTIM WON'T HAVE ANY EXTRA CASH.
 - NO CREDIT CARDS
 - PRE-PAID CASH CARDS IN SOMEONE ELSE'S NAME

TATTOOS ARE COOL...RIGHT?



- "Branding"
 - WILL BE VISIBLE
 - TATTOOS/MARKINGS
 - LOYALTY
 - QUEEN
 - My King
 - PIMPS NAME
 - Daddy's Girl
 - GANG SYMBOLS
 - Money Signs/Images
 - CROWNS
 - BARCODES
 - LITERAL BURN MARKS (BRANDING CATTLE)











AVERAGE AGE OF ENTRY

- Studies indicate average age of entry is 13-14 years (6-8th grade)
- MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT IS AFFECTED:
 - BODY IMAGE IS BECOMING MORE IMPORTANT
 - PUBERTY BEGINS/CONTINUES
 - BEGIN SPENDING TIME ALONE, NEEDS PRIVACY
 - Seek approval from Peers, less inclined to want time with parents
 - EMOTIONAL PENDULUM, STRUGGLES WITH SELF-ESTEEM AND EMOTIONAL CONTROL

TRAUMA VS. CHOICE

WHAT WE KNOW:

- 70-90% OF TRAFFICKING VICTIMS HAVE EXPERIENCED SOME SORT OF CHILDHOOD SEXUAL ABUSE, NEGLECT, OR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE HOME
- 10-30% of trafficking victims come from otherwise "normal" homes

TRAUMA VS. CHOICE

- ALL CHILDREN REQUIRE A SECURE FOUNDATION FROM WHICH THEY CAN EXPLORE THEIR ENVIRONMENT WITHOUT FEAR, AND TO DEVELOP A POSITIVE SELF-IMAGE.
- PRIOR TRAUMA IN A CHILD'S LIFE "GROOMS" THEM TO THE LIFE OF HUMAN SEX TRAFFICKING

TRAUMA VS. CHOICE

- VICTIMS LEAVE ONE ENVIRONMENT OF FAMILY VIOLENCE AND ENTERS ANOTHER ENVIRONMENT OF "MOCK INCEST" WITH THE TRAFFICKER
- SAME TYPE OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXPERIENCE AS STOCKHOLM SYNDROME
 - CHILDREN BOND MORE QUICKLY THAN ADULTS DUE TO DEVELOPMENTAL STAGE

STOCKHOLM SYNDROME

- 1973: 2 MACHINE GUN BANK-ROBBERS ENTERED A BANK IN STOCKHOLM SWEDEN, TAKING 4 HOSTAGES (3 FEMALE, 1 MALE) STRAPPED THEM WITH DYNAMITE, HELD THEM FOR 5 DAYS— 131 HOURS
- HOSTAGES BEGAN TO BELIEVE THE CAPTORS WERE PROTECTING THEM FROM THE POLICE
 - ONE OF THE HOSTAGES BECAME ENGAGED TO ONE OF THE CAPTORS
 - Another of the hostages developed a legal defense fund to aid their criminal defense fees

STOCKHOLM SYNDROME

4 SITUATIONS OR CONDITIONS ARE PRESENT THAT SERVE AS FOUNDATIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF STOCKHOLM SYNDROME:

- 1) THE PRESENCE OF A <u>PERCEIVED THREAT</u> TO ONE'S PHYSICAL OR PSYCHOLOGICAL SURVIVAL, <u>AND THE</u>
 BELIEF THAT THE ABUSER WOULD CARRY OUT THE THREAT
- 2) THE PRESENCE OF A PERCEIVED SMALL KINDNESS FROM THE ABUSER TO THE VICTIM
- 3) ISOLATION FROM PERSPECTIVES OTHER THAN THOSE OF THE ABUSER
- 4) The <u>perceived inability to escape</u> the situation



Emotionally bonding with an abuser is a strategy for survival for victims of abuse and intimidation

WHY DO THEY STAY?

THEY'RE ASHAMED OF WHAT THEY WERE FORCED TO DO

RELATIONSHIP MAY HAVE STARTED OUT GOOD—AS DESCRIBED IN THE "ROMEO PIMP" SCENARIO.

HE TAKES CARE OF HER---PIMPS ARE NEVER AMBIVALENT, THEY ALWAYS WANT YOU. AND, WHO DOESN'T WANT TO BE WANTED.

I WOULD JUST RUNAWAY....

- VICTIM IS "STUCK"
 - THREATS OF VIOLENCE IF THEY LEAVE
 - ABUSE IF THEY LEAVE OR DON'T MAKE QUOTA
 - Nowhere to go
 - No one will believe them
 - NO MONEY OR BELONGINGS OF THEIR OWN
 - No transportation
 - CRIMINAL HISTORY
 - No resources
 - IT'S EASIER TO STAY THAN LEAVE
 - Drug Habit
 - FAMILY AND FRIENDS MAY HAVE DISOWNED THEM
 - EMBARRASSMENT
 - DON'T KNOW THEY HAVE THE CHOICE TO LEAVE
 - SURVIVAL SEX

WHY DO THEY STAY?

Dr. Abraham Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs

This theory states that a person has a hierarchy of needs that need to be addressed, and they can't move on until their basic needs are fulfilled.

"My job is to make sure she has what she needs, personal hygiene, get her nails done, take her to buy an outfit, take her out to eat, make her feel wanted...but I keep the money." -Convicted pimp, Antoin Thurman

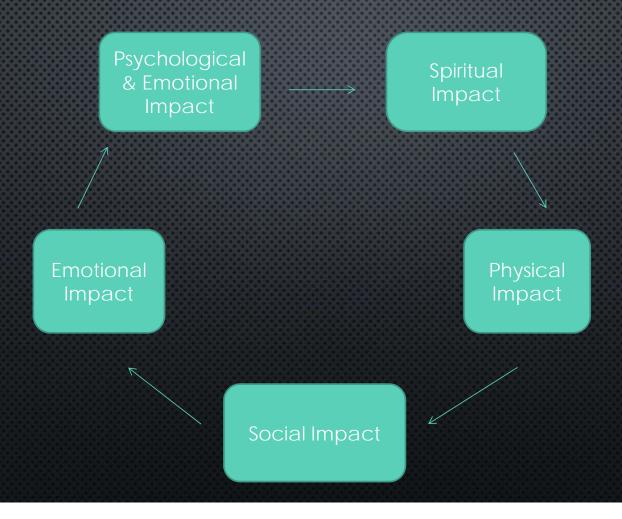


WHY THEY SOMETIMES GO BACK

THIS MAY HAVE BEEN HER FIRST LOVE

- JEALOUSY THAT HE'S MOVED ON: "MAYBE | WASN'T AS SPECIAL AS | THOUGHT | WAS"
- "PERHAPS HE NEVER LOVED ME"
- Life is hard! The reasons why she left fade, she remembers the good times.
- "Maybe he's changed"
- SIMILAR TO SOME DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS--SHE DIDN'T WANT THE RELATIONSHIP TO END,
 JUST WANTED THE VIOLENCE TO END

HOW TRAFFICKING IMPACTS VICTIMS



PSYCHOLOGICAL/EMOTIONAL IMPACTS

- ANXIETY
- Paranoia
- EXPLOSIVE OUTBURSTS
- HYPERSEXUALIZATION
- BOND WITH PERPETRATORS
- Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
- DISRUPTION OF HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT
 - Intimacy, Beliefs, Self-Concept, and Goals

SPIRITUAL IMPACTS

- DESPAIR
- HOPELESSNESS
- LACK OF BELIEF IN HUMANITY

PHYSICAL IMPACTS

- CONTINUAL ABUSE
- STDs, STIs
- HIV & AIDS
- Loss of bowel control
- STERILITY
- Pregnancy
- TATTOO'S, BRANDING
- SELF CUTTING
- FACIAL OR DENTAL RECONSTRUCTION

SOCIAL IMPACT

- ISOLATION FROM PEER GROUP
- LACK OF LIFE SKILLS
- DISCONNECTION FROM COMMUNITY
- HOMELESSNESS
- DISEMPOWERMENT
- TRUST ISSUES
- EDUCATION DEPRIVATION
- INCARCERATION

EMOTIONAL IMPACT

- ANGER/RAGE
- SELF-BLAME
- DEEP EMOTIONAL GRIEVING
- SHAME
- STIGMA OF EXPLOITATION
- Loss of sexual desire, feeling, or response

RECOVERY

- TRAUMA RECOVERY IS CRITICAL IN ORDER TO REPAIR A HUMAN TRAFFICKING SURVIVORS
 LIFE
 - Building long-term, trusting relationships is the heart of recovery
 - INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP THERAPY
 - TAKE THEIR POWER BACK, BUILD POSITIVE SELF
 - IMAGE
 - RECONNECT WITH THEMSELVES AND SOCIETY
 - LEARN BASIC LIFE SKILLS, I.E. OPEN A BANK ACCOUNT
- ASSOCIATION WITH OTHER SURVIVORS INVALUABLE

BOTTOM LINE

- APPROXIMATELY 86% OF PROSTITUTES ARE WORKING FOR SOMEONE OR BEING TRAFFICKED
- VICTIMS DO NOT SELF-IDENTIFY
- APPROXIMATELY 7% ARE ON THEIR OWN
- YOUR CHILDREN MAY KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS EXPERIENCING THIS....OR IS EXPERIENCING THE BEGINNING STAGES
- LOCAL FEMALE RUNAWAYS KNOW EACH OTHER AND ARE BEING TRAFFICKED
- NOT EVERY FEMALE/CHILD IS BEING "PIMPED" OR TRAFFICKED
- IT TAKES MULTIPLE ATTEMPTS, CONTACTS, OR MONTHS/YEARS FOR VICTIM TO ACCEPT HELP OR REACH OUT
- THERE HAS BEEN A HUMAN TRAFFICKING CASE IN EVERY COUNTY IN WISCONSIN

If It walks like a duck, looks like a duck, sounds like a duck....then damnit it's a freaking duck!

CALL IF YOU HAVE SUSPICIONS!

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QUESTIONS?