

COPENHAGEN POLICE

Central Investigation Department

Section for human trafficking and the criminals behind the
prostitution environment (and serious robberies)

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Copenhagen police district

- Area 171 square kilometers
- Population 630.000 inhabitants
- Approximately 100 brothels scattered throughout the police district
- Approximately 80 street prostitutes - mostly foreigners with predominance of African and Eastern European girls.



Police resources in Copenhagen

Involved in the fight against the criminals behind the prostitution environment.

- Investigation Group consisting of 8 investigators and one administrative assistant
- 10 police officers - placed at the 3 major local police stations in Copenhagen - who are responsible for monitoring the brothels. Often together with tax authorities.





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Project Human trafficking

Danish Tax – “an active player” – against Human trafficking

Projectgroup Human trafficking

“The backers”

Covering all of Denmark



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Project Human trafficking

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Project group covering Denmark

- Object:
- Assist the Danish Police with economic informations, such as:
- Private consumptions (f. e. how can he afford to buy an expensive car e.t.c.)
- Ownership of real estate
- Ownership of expensive assets



Tax Project group

- Exchanging informations with Danish Police to fullfil our obligations in the Danish Government action plan
- Only informations that we are allowed to exchange ref. To Danish Law – informations, which are crucial to the (tax)case

Operation Hungarian Studio

Case

3 brothels with the same backer and the same girls

- The project group (PG) receives a note from a Tax "fair play" group about irregular economic conditions and indicators of H.T.
- PG starts an investigation covering all economic transactions such as



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Operation Hungarian Studio

- Who is the owner of the place (real estate)
- What economic status has the owner (backer)
- From where does she have income
- Does she declare and pay tax etc.
- PG visit the places assisted by local police, finding working schedules and lot of other evidence that proofs that the backer not is paying tax

Operation Hungarian Studio

- We also observe indicators that could mean HT
- PG forward a report to the police covering serious offence of Danish tax laws and offence of law against HT.
- Co-operating begins with the Copenhagen Police, Central Investigation Department

Investigation – Hungarian Studio (1)

Police and tax inspection paid visits to EV's brothels, and the following could be observed:

- All the girls who work in the brothels were from Hungary
- There were consistently between 6 and 9 girls at work
- The girls had to pay 50% of what they earned to EV
- All the girls were forced to pay 50 DKK every day for “protection” to the biker group Bandidos



Investigation – Hungarian Studio (2)

To gain reasonable suspicion of procuring in brothels, the police contacted the following institutions for further information:

- Banks - associated with the accounts belonging to Hungarian Studio and EV.
- Financial police - about reports on money laundering
- Tax authorities - concerning possible establishment of companies in the brothel operation
- Preliminary calculations show that EV has made a profit of no less than 3.5 mio. DKK in 2 years



Investigation – Hungarian Studio 3

The Police contacted banks, the fraud squad and tax authorities to gain more detailed information on EV, and the following was found:

- Numerous money deposits which are quickly withdrawn again at ATMs in Vienna.
- Money laundering reports show that one of the girls at the brothel has transferred large sums of money to EV account in Vienna within a short period of time through a money transfer firm.
- Tax authorities forward a company report on Hungarian Studio Ltd., founded by EV and a Danish lawyer. As business is declared:
Production of films and videos.



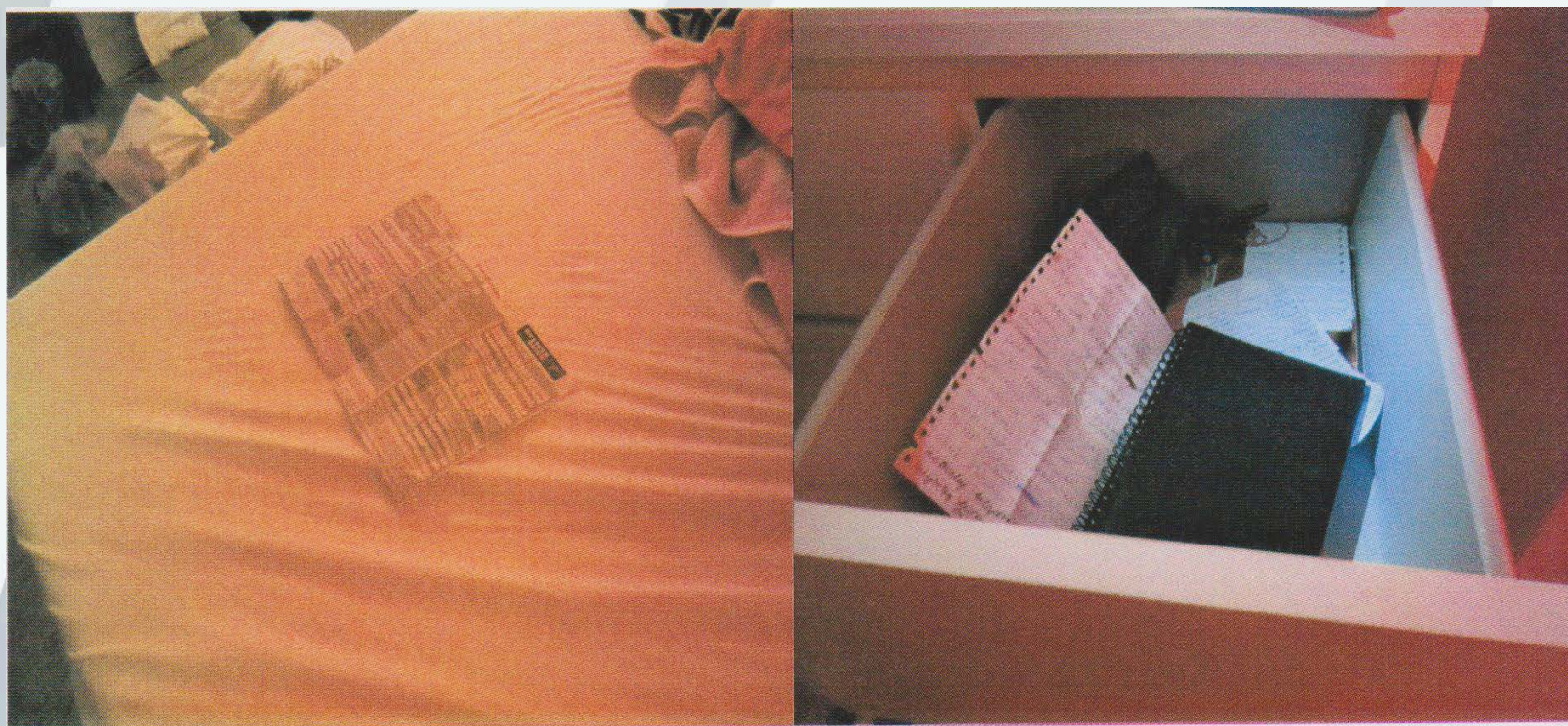
Arrest / Search

Tuesday, november 2011

Police and tax authorities went into action on November 22, 2011:

- The police apprehended 8 Hungarian prostitutes who testify that they have to deliver half of their earnings to Emilia Vas.
- Emilia Vas had unfortunately traveled to Vienna a few days earlier, so the police issued an international arrest warrant.
- Emilia's daughter was present when the police arrived and was accused of involvement in procuring. She was taken into custody.





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Findings of the investigation

Hungarian Studio

- The actual financial statements of earnings for the three brothels, which EV has owned since 2009
- The girls' private calendars in which they have registered their earnings
- Evidence that EV has recruited girls under 21 as prostitutes, which is illegal in Denmark.
- Cell Phones belonging to the prostitutes are seized and many of these show the daily sales. All sent to EV.



CALCULATION OF PROFITS

Hungarian Studio

On the basis of the finds of:

- financial records
- work schedules
- SMS messages
- number of prostitutes at work by police / tax authority visits
- money transfers
- the girls' own statements

profits are calculated to be:

- **11.780.672,- DKK**



Judgement

Delivered on 19th June 2012

- EV was sentenced to 1 year and 9 months in prison and deportation from Denmark plus an entry ban for 12 years. Police has not been able to prove human trafficking, so she is convicted of procuring. The court concluded that she has made a profit of 7 million. DKK.
- EV' daughter was sentenced to 6 months in prison, deportation from Denmark and entry ban for 6 years, because the court considered her to be a substitute for her mother when she was not present.
- The court confiscated the 7 mio. from Emilia Vas and some hundred thousand crowns from her daughter.



Results Denmark

In co-orporation with the Police

01.01.2009 – 31.12.2012

- Ongoing cases referring to procuring (pimps) and Human trafficking: 128 cases
- Sentences in 72 tax cases with result: 4.800.000 Euro.
- 56 cases has been reported to Danish Police

Results

In co-ordination with the Police

- Sentences in 25 cases, total prison in app. 23 years. To that fines 2.300.000 Euro
- In 9 cases the police have confiscated 1.100.000 Euro



2013

Within the first 3 month. 5 sentences, with prison in 9 år og 6 months, and confiscated 408.000 Euro

4 rather big – and new- cases ref. To Human Trafficking are now starting up in co-orperation with Danish Police



International co-orporation

- Need for co-orporation and networking across borders, with all relevant authorities
- Fast answers on inquieres !



Thank you

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