

Melissa Farley
By email

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Dear Maren,

I think that this is an excellent proposal. Congratulations to Ash and her team!
Here are three thoughts.

1. Many of us have observed that enforcement problems occur with implementation of Nordic Model laws, which have resulted in minimal penalties or even erasure of criminal records, I would suggest that one or two sentences re the following be inserted into the Consultation: We suggest that under no circumstances, ever, will the record of arrest for the crime of paying for sexual services, be erased from the perpetrator's criminal record, regardless of whether a fine was paid or jail time was served or both.

2. The torture in prostitution research that I spoke about in April 2024 has now been accepted for publication, here's the reference:

Farley, M. and Kennedy, M. A. (2024) Torture and its sequelae among prostituted women in the United States. *European Journal of Psychotraumatology*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/20008066.2024.2404307> [it should be a live link very soon]

3. We have a peer reviewed article on sex buyers in Scotland that may be of interest and may be relevant to cite.

Farley, M., Macleod, J., Anderson, L., & Golding, J. M. (2011). Attitudes and social characteristics of men who buy sex in Scotland. *Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice, and Policy*, 3(4), 369. <https://prostitutionresearch.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/03/FarleyMacleod-et-al-2011-Men-Who-Buy-Sex-In-Scotland.pdf>

With my very best wishes and much appreciation,
Melissa

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If we recognize that domestic violence has a perpetrator and a victim,
we hold the batterer accountable.

If we recognize that rape has a perpetrator and a victim,
we hold the rapist accountable.

If we recognize that prostitution has a perpetrator and a victim,
we hold the sex buyer accountable.

(Melissa Farley, from keynote speech at opening of the International Abolitionist School, Barcelona, March 2021)