PRACTICAL EXERCISE

Interview Human Trafficking

OBJECTIVES

The primary objectives are:

To test participants’ knowledge of the law with regard to Human Trafficking and Kidnap.
To test the participants’ knowledge and ability in gathering evidence and procedure.
To test the participants skills and abilities for doing an investigative interview with a suspect.

The secondary objectives are:

To examine the participants’ affective zone of learning when interviewing a person suspected of being involved in a crime.

METHOD

Inside the classroom, make the front of the group an interview room in a police station. The suspect is to be interviewed regarding his suspected involvement in the trafficking of human beings.
PRACTICAL EXERCISE

Police Officer

You are part of a pro-active Human Trafficking Investigation Team, and you have been assigned to interview a man arrested during the search of an apartment where a 20 year old girl had been found bound and gagged in a cupboard. From her interview, you know that she had answered an advertisement in a newspaper to work as a chambermaid in a hotel, but had been forced into trafficking on fear of being killed if she did not do so. The girl had escaped, but the man had found her and taken her back to the apartment where she had been beaten, bound and gagged and placed in the cupboard when the police had come to search the house.

Other information that you have is that this man has been observed during a surveillance exercise to go to the office of the One to One recruitment agency which advertises for girls to work in the hotel trade. It is suspected that this is a cover for a Trafficking gang. He has been traced to the house where the search had taken place. The search was lawfully done with a warrant.

Interview the man to get his account of the incident and what information you can.
PRACTICAL EXERCISE

Suspect

The time and date are the current time, and your name, age and address are your own.

You are part of a Human Trafficking gang, and your job is to attend an office once a day to pick up mail from the office in answer to an advertisement for work in hotels. This is the office of the One to One recruitment agency for girls to work in hotels, but in reality it is a front for recruiting girls to work as prostitutes in brothels in the town. You meet the girls and take them to an apartment where they are treated well for a day. In the apartment they are told that the agency charges a fee of 1,000 euros for their employment, and they have to pay it before they can work in the hotel. If they don’t pay it, their families will be attacked. They are able to work off the money by being prostitutes, and if they don’t agree they are beaten and intimidated until they do, or threatened with members of their family being killed.

One girl had escaped, but you had found her talking on the phone to her mother. You had taken her back to the apartment where she had been beaten to teach her a lesson, then bound, gagged and placed in a cupboard when the police had come to search. The police found her in the cupboard and you were arrested.

Admit nothing unless full evidence is shown to you to prove your involvement in trafficking and then try to cut a deal. If you wish, even say you have no idea how the girl got there and it was a big surprise to you as well when they found her!! You may be silent if you wish, or make idle and polite conversation, but if the police are inappropriate, say nothing. React to them in a realistic way.
ROLE- PLAY EXERCISE

Human Trafficking

OBJECTIVES

The primary objectives are:

To test participants’ knowledge of the law with regard to assault.
To examine the participants’ sensitivity and attitude towards a victim of trafficking and gender issues
To test the participants' knowledge of law and procedures with regard to powers of arrest.
To examine the participants’ ability to resolve conflict

The secondary objectives are:

To examine the participants’ communication skills with a victim of Human Trafficking

METHOD

Inside the classroom, make the front of the group a park bench. The time of day is midnight and it is winter. The first snow has just fallen and it is cold. A lone female is sitting alone on a park bench not wearing a coat. Police officers see her.

If radio messages are sent by the Police Officer, the trainer will act as the receiver accordingly.
ROLE- PLAY EXERCISE

Victim
Your name is ________________, you are _____ years old, single and from a poor family. As times were very hard and no-one in the family had a job, three weeks ago you answered an advertisement in a newspaper to the north of your country. The advertisement was for waitresses to work in Italy and you had applied for the job. You were interviewed and accepted, but part of the deal was that you had to borrow your fare to Italy from the man and pay it back from your first months pay, but you were assured that you would earn so much money that this would not be a problem. You were taken by a respectable looking man in a black Mercedes to a town in the south. There your passport and ID card were taken from you and all of your clothing and possessions. You were kept in a locked room and not allowed out or to telephone anyone. You were then taken hidden in a van across the border into the next country and again kept in a locked room in a house. You have been told that you must work as a prostitute to pay back the money that was loaned to you to pay for your fare and when you refused you were beaten. You were also told that if the police find you, you will be raped and beaten by them before being given back to the man who took you as he is the Chief of Police in the area where you are now. If you tried to escape you were told that your family would have to pay for the debt and may be killed or beaten as well.

You have managed to escape from the room by climbing out of the window, and have no idea where you are. It is cold and has just been snowing and you do not have a coat. You have come into a park and are sitting on a bench wondering what to do. You are lonely and very frightened.

You see two Police Officers coming towards you. React to how the police treat you.
ROLE- PLAY EXERCISE

Police Officer

You are on duty with your partner and are on patrol. It is a cold night, the time is midnight and it has just been snowing. You go into the local park to have a cigarette when you see a female sitting on a bench. Although it is cold, she is not wearing a coat.

Deal fully with the situation that you find.