HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND PROSTITUTION: NEW LAW, NEW WAY OF THINKING

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Prostitution

- Performance of, offer of, or agreement to perform vaginal intercourse, any sexual act as defined in 14-27.1, or any sexual contact as defined by 14-27.1, for the purpose of sexual arousal or gratification for any money or other consideration
- •Class 1 misdemeanor (14-204)

First Offender Conditional Discharge

- Available under prostitution section
- Must not have been previously convicted of or placed on probation for a violation of this section
- After defendant pleads guilty to or is found guilty of prostitution, the court shall offer this deferred-type option

First Offender Conditional Discharge • No judgment entered and with consent of defendant • Defendant is placed on probation for 12 months and must complete certain mandatory conditions (14-204(b)(3)), plus any additional conditions (14-204(b)(4)) imposed •Upon a violation of probation, the court may enter judgment on original finding of guilt Safe Harbor: Immunity for Minors • Immunity from prosecution for prostitution for minors • If detained by law enforcement and later determined to be under 18 years old, law enforcement must take them into temporary protective custody as an undisciplined juvenile • Law enforcement must report the allegation of a violation of 14-43.11 or 14-43.13 to DSS · DSS shall conduct an investigation into child abuse or child neglect within 24 hours Solicitation of Prostitution •14-205.1 • Class 1 misdemeanor for first offense •Class H felony for second or subsequent offense • Class G felony when defendant is 18 years of age or older and victim is a minor

•Class E felony when victim is severely or profoundly

mentally disabled
• Not eligible for PJC

Patronizing a Prostitute •14-205.2 •Engages in listed sexual activity or enters and remains in a place of prostitution with the intent to engage in listed sexual activity •Class Al misdemeanor for first offense •Class G felony for second or subsequent offense •Class F felony when defendant is 18 years of age or older and victim is a minor •Class D felony when victim is severely or profoundly mentally disabled RACHEL B LARSEN CHILD ABUSE RESOURCE PROSECUTOR NC CONFERENCE OF DISTRICT ATTORNEYS 919-890-1500 Rachel, B. Larsen@nccourts.org