The Demanding Justice Project by Shared Hope International examines the criminal justice outcomes in prosecutions of buyers of sex acts with juveniles from 2008 to present. The research is accompanied by a website, demandingjustice.org.

RESEARCH FINDINGS

- The Demanding Justice Project analyzed over 500 cases of arrested buyers of sex acts with minors.
- 99% of the buyers identified were male.
- Approximately 35% of the buyers who attempted to buy sex with a minor were communicating with a law enforcement decoy.
- A total of 404 real victims were identified in connection with these cases.

BUYER:
For the purpose of this study, a buyer is defined as: a person who solicits or engages in, or attempts to engage in commercial sex acts with a minor under the age of 18. This includes buyers arrested as part of a sting operation who believed they were attempting to buy sex acts with a minor, buyers who directly solicited a minor to engage in commercial sex, and buyers who purchased or attempted to purchase sex acts with a minor through a third person.

COMMERCIAL SEX:
Any exchange of sex acts, including sexual performance, for something of value.
**SENTENCE TIME:**

- **3 YEARS**
  - Total Sentence Average: 1702.4 days (4.7 yrs)
  - Total Sentence Range: 0 days-10 years
  - Total Sentence Median: 1,095 days
  - Suspended Sentences: 26 cases (74.3%)
  - Avg % of Total Sentence Suspended: 79.10%
  - Range of Total Sentence Suspended: 7.1-100%
  - Credit for Time Served: 6 (17.1%)
  - Actual Time to be Served Average: 457.13 days (1.3 yrs)
  - Actual Time to be Served Range: 0 days-10 years
  - Actual Time to be Served Median: 180 days

- **1.5 YEARS**
  - Total Sentence Average: 733 days (2 yrs)
  - Total Sentence Range: 0-3600 days
  - Total Sentence Median: 212 days
  - Suspended Sentences: 4 cases (50%)
  - Avg % of Total Sentence Suspended: 96.60%
  - Range of Total Sentence Suspended: 93.4-100%
  - Credit for Time Served: 5 (62.5%)
  - Actual Time to be Served Average: 154.3 days (4.7 yrs)
  - Actual Time to be Served Range: 0-1,147 days
  - Actual Time to be Served Median: 14 days

- **.6 YEARS**
  - Total Sentence Average: 228.9 days
  - Total Sentence Range: 2-780 days
  - Total Sentence Median: 195 days
  - Suspended Sentences: 14 cases (30.4%)
  - Avg % of Total Sentence Suspended: 92.50%
  - Range of Total Sentence Suspended: 75-98.6%
  - Credit for Time Served: 13 (54.2%)
  - Actual Time to be Served Average: 86.3 days
  - Actual Time to be Served Range: 33.3-100%
  - Actual Time to be Served Median: 88.5 days

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**D.C.-Baltimore**

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**Phoenix**

- Total Sentence Average: 1,917.62 days (5.25 yrs)
- Total Sentence Range: 0 days-24 years
- Total Sentence Median: 1,110 days
- Suspended Sentences: 14 cases (58.3%)
- Avg % of Total Sentence Suspended: 92.50%
- Range of Total Sentence Suspended: 75-98.6%
- Credit for Time Served: 13 (54.2%)
- Actual Time to be Served Average: 1,728.1 days (4.7 yrs)
- Actual Time to be Served Range: 0-8,757 days (24 yrs)
- Actual Time to be Served Median: 90 days

**Seattle**

- Total Sentence Average: 228.9 days
- Total Sentence Range: 2-780 days
- Total Sentence Median: 195 days
- Suspended Sentences: 14 cases (30.4%)
- Avg % of Total Sentence Suspended: 92.50%
- Range of Total Sentence Suspended: 33.3-100%
- Credit for Time Served: 32 (69.6%)
- Actual Time to be Served Average: 86.3 days
- Actual Time to be Served Range: 0-270 days
- Actual Time to be Served Median: 88.5 days

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**Total Cases**

- **81** total felony
- **32** total misdemeanor
- **66** cases sex offender registration
- **13** cases asset forfeiture

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