

1 SEX INDUSTRY BIZ NEWS

1.1 Weird client: “Yours is a fake boob! Let me hand-test it!”

Recently, many sex workers mentioned that there was a man, acting weird, pretending to be a client. At the stage of negotiation, he usually requests to hand-test and examine the boob of the sex worker before buying the service. After the sex workers consents to his request, he hand tests her boob, and he will then say “yours is a fake boob!” and leave the scene at once.

Usually sex workers will shout at him, talk to other sex workers, or memorise his appearance, and then blacklist him. However, these courses of action may result in further suffering of other sex workers, or may even encourage another “sex worker killer” to emerge. Therefore the best way is to report the incident to the police, in order to work under a safer environment.

Sex worker should not be abused because of their work nature, and also should not regard these events as fate. Instead, you should turn to other sex workers, the police or AFRO for help

1.2 Sex Worker: “Can I report the incident anonymously?”

When crimes take place, people tend to report it to the police. However, as most sex workers are worried about the exposure of their identity, they either do not bother to report it to the police or report it anonymously. In fact, all the personal information will be kept confidential when citizens seek help from the police. Thus, you don’t have to be worried about your privacy when you turn to the police for help. When you or other sex workers are in danger, call the police straight away!

Having said that, it is actually not compulsory for the informant to provide his/her personal information to the police. Generally the police will respect your choice. However, if you decide to report it anonymously, it will only be treated as information provision, and would only be kept as record; no action would be taken while it would not be dealt with as a case of formal complaint to the police.

In contrast, if a complainant wants the matter to be investigated, such as in a case of assault, he/she has to launch a complaint to the police and press for charges, so as to empower the police to take action. In order to facilitate the police’s investigation, complainants have to provide their personal information such as their real names etc. It is police’s responsibility to protect every single citizen, while citizens have to come forward and testify against the criminals. With the mutual cooperation, we believe the case could be sorted out as soon as possible.

2 WORK REPORT

2.1 Chocolate Making Class

Here you go with our chocolate!



As in the photos, we were so concentrated in making our chocolates! Though there are lots of steps to follow, and a lot to be take care of, under the guidance of our friendly teacher, we finally managed to make a variety of chocolates! There are black and milk chocolates, orange and strawberry flavoured chocolates, plus chocolates with almond and chocolate truffles!

Thanks for the patience of our teacher Marco. In the future, through making chocolates, we can pass our care and love to our beloved ones! I hope there will be another chance for us to learn some new dessert making!

2.2 Hong Kong Wetland Park Day Trip

Thoughts of one of the participants:

I went to the Hong Kong Wetland Park with AFRO's staff and volunteers on the 2nd of May! Days of heavy rain worried me, since I had also invited my son and grandson in China to come along. Luckily, it was a good day with lots of sunshine; I haven't seen such a blue sky for ages.

I always work at night, sleep at dawn, it's rare for me to see a blue sky. I went to the wetland park today, surrounded by green trees with fresh air, couldn't help but gave myself a long and lazy stretch. My grandson loves the Pui Pui's home, but perhaps the high temperature made Pui Pui hide under the water all the time

Volunteers toured us around, and gave us detailed explanations on the plant and animals along the way, such as the fresh straw, and the little wildflower which can be extracted and used for the treatment of athlete foot.

Although it is only a half day trip, for people who don't have regular exercise like me, it is already hard enough, yet it worth spending a happy day with my family, and friends.

3 FUTURE WORK

3.1 AFRO Summer Fund Raising Bazaar (1 Aug 2010)

AFRO will hold a fundraising bazaar this summer. We look forward to your support!

We are now collecting items for the bazaar. If you know any free sources of merchandise supply, please kindly contact us. We will also need a lot of hands for the event. If you can squeeze some time and work as a volunteer for AFRO on that day, please call 27701065 and let us know.

Date: 1 Aug 2010 (Sunday)

Time: 1000-1800

Venue: Pedestrian's Zone, Charter Road, Central

4 AFRO's NEWS READING

http://www.thestandard.com.hk/news_detail.asp?we_cat=4&art_id=98694&sid=28384647&con_type=1&d_str=20100527&fc=7

Vice-girl killer gets life

Thursday, May 27, 2010

An interior decorator who admitted being a "very devilish person," was jailed for life yesterday after he was convicted in High Court of murdering two sex workers last year.

The seven-member jury deliberated for four hours before unanimously finding Hong Tsz-yin, 25, guilty of the murders of Kwan Suk- yee, 47, and Wong Amporn, 37, at their homes. Hong had pleaded not guilty, claiming he did not intend to kill the women.

In sentencing him, High Court Judge Maggie Poon Man-kay described Hong as being "cold-blooded."

Kwan was killed in Kwun Tong on January 9, and Wong was slain in To Kwa Wan 22 days later.

Prosecutor Simon Tam Man-fai said Hong smothered the women with a chloroform-soaked towel, and that both died of suffocation.

Hong left behind a trail of DNA evidence - including his semen - as well as a fingerprint on the doorbell at Wong's flat.

Hong was initially arrested in connection with Wong's murder, but during interrogation, he said he did not intend to kill "them" - leading police to suspect he was involved in another murder.

"I feel very sorry. I have let down my mother, who brought me up. I also let down my girlfriend. I am a very devilish person. But I want to have a chance to restart my life," he later told police. STAFF REPORTER

Comment:

During the period between March 2008 and early 2009, 9 sex workers were murdered. Unfortunately, there are still two cases that remain unsolved; we hope the murderer could be arrested and brought to justice as soon as possible.

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