

# **Grassroots Science: Torture committed by non-State actors is the intentional infliction of severe pain or suffering**

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- Water tortures
- Suffocation/choking tortures
- Sexualized tortures: Rapes, gang rapes, repetitive raping, gun, hand/object rapes
- Forced drugging
- Nutritional deprivation
- Psychological tortures: Humiliation, degradation, dehumanization, animalization, terrorization, horrification
- Forced nakedness
- Sleep deprivation
- Witnessing torture of others
- Powerlessness

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# CRIMINAL INFORMAL NETWORKS:

## Organized family systems of non-State torturer-traffickers

Key organizers & corruption

- Father
- Mother
- Government employees

- Husband
- Husbands 3 male friends
- Police: Torturers of Lynn; protectors of criminal group

- Father
- Mother
- Uncle

Girls & women tortured & trafficked



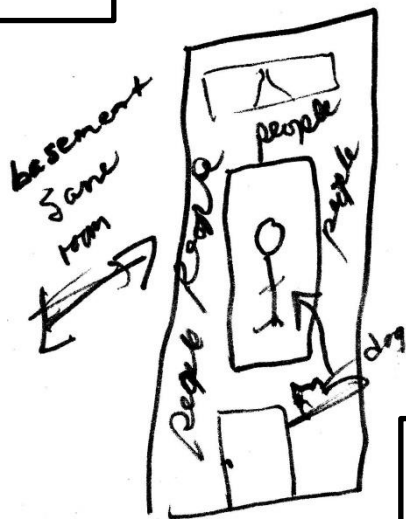
Daughter Sara



Wife Lynn



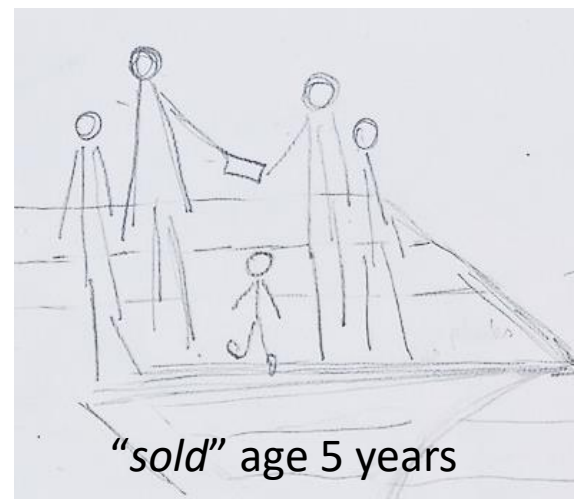
Daughter Elizabeth



- Group-gang raped
- Raped with knife
- Hemorrhaging
- Taken to "pig doctor"



**CRIMINAL INFORMAL NETWORKS**  
Connections with  
like-minded torturers



# 3 global categories of non-State actor torture of women and girls involving the intentional infliction of severe pain & suffering

## Category 1: “Classic” NST

**Non-State torturers are: parents, family, partners, others**

- Electric shocking
- Beaten, burned, cut, whipped
- Immobilization tortures, tied, hung, caged, forced into painful positions
- Water tortures
- Suffocation and choking tortures
- Sexualized continuous tortures individuals/groups/rings, weapon or object rapes, & human-animal violence-bestiality
- Chemical torture, forced drugging
- Deprivations of food, drink, sleep
- Deprivations of extreme heat, cold, light/darkness
- Psychological tortures: Humiliation, mocked & laughed at, dehumanization, animalization, degradation, terrorization, horrification
- Forced nakedness
- Forced witnessing the torture of others
- Powerlessness via more torture pain
- Ritualism tactics, drama heightens non-State torturers’ pleasure

## Category 2 “Classic “ NST

### **Commercial-based acts:**

- Trafficked & tortured
- Tortured in prostitution
- Torture-porn
- Snuff films/photos
- Migrant domestic worker

## Category 3

### **Socio-cultural, traditions, or religious-based acts, i.e.,**

- FGM
- Child marriage
- Acid burning
- Widow burning (declining)

