

# STATISTICS

- THE AVERAGE AGE AT WHICH THESE WOMEN ENTERED INTO SEX TRAFFICKING WAS 21.
- THEY SPENT AN AVERAGE OF 14 YEARS IN PROSTITUTION.
- 39% OF WOMEN ENTERED PROSTITUTION UNDER THE AGE OF 18.
- 79% OF WOMEN WERE SEXUALLY ASSAULTED BY AN AVERAGE OF 4 DIFFERENT MEN.
- 92% OF THESE WOMEN WERE RAPED.
- 84% OF THESE WOMEN WERE PHYSICALLY ASSAULTED.
- DURING THEIR TIME IN THE SEX RING, 72% OF WOMEN SUFFERED TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURIES AS A RESULT OF BEING PHYSICALLY ABUSED.
- 86% OF THESE WOMEN HAD ABSOLUTELY NO IDEA WHAT THEY WERE GETTING INTO AND WHAT THE ROAD AHEAD OF THEM WOULD BE.
- 98% OF THESE WOMEN ARE OR WERE HOMELESS.



# FACTS

IN A 2016 STUDY, MORE THAN 4 OUT OF 5 INDIGENOUS WOMEN WERE VICTIMS OF SOME FORM OF VIOLENCE. THERE WERE 5,712 MISSING WOMEN AND CHILDREN HOWEVER, ONLY 116 OF THESE CASES MADE IT TO THE NATIONAL DATABASE OF MISSING PEOPLE. THE YOUNGEST PERSON TO FALL, VICTIM TO MMIW, WAS A BABY LESS THAN A YEAR WHILE THE OLDEST VICTIM WAS 83. THE AVERAGE AGE OF MISSING AND MURDERED WOMEN IS 29 YEARS OLD.

IN 1862, MN GOVERNOR, ALEXANDER RAMSET SAID "THE SIOUX INDIANS OF MN MUST BE EXTERMINATED OR DRIVEN FOREVER BEYOND THE BORDERS OF THE STATE." IN 1863, ALL AMERICANS WERE BANNED FROM AND ORDERED TO LEAVE THE STATE. ALTHOUGH THE STATE CURRENTLY DOES NOT ENFORCE THIS FEDERAL STATUTE, IT HAS NEVER BEEN REPEALED. COLONIAL ABUSE AS A WHOLE AIMED TO DESTROY NATIVE CULTURES AND IT IS STILL HAPPENING TODAY.



The crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls (MMIWG) is part of the broader global crisis of Femicide. In the U.S. and Canada every year, thousands of Indigenous women and girls are reported missing, but cases often go unreported or unsolved because of legal obstacles, historic and present day discrimination, and a lack of national and international attention. ii The total number of MMIWG in the U.S. is unknown, because federal databases do not contain comprehensive national data from Tribal, state and local law enforcement entities. iii Good reporting cannot alone solve the crisis, but it can bring attention to ongoing injustices, educate the public, and hold authorities accountable.