



## Urban Justice Center

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### **PODCAST SERIES: NICOLE**

**INTERVIEWER:** When did you first get involved in sex work?

**NICOLE:** Two or three years ago. I used to be out here like every day, and I would come out here and work. Back then it was a little bit more money, but now it's gotten to the point where there's no money at all, whatsoever, it's... Basically when you come out here it's like a fashion show now, a bunch of freebies walkin' around, you know. The most I can say is, the best you can do is stay in school. (Laughs.) Stay in school! Trust me, do not be a fool. Just stay, do what you gotta do. And then, get a job that way, because coming out here is... It's not, it's not a go.

**INTERVIEWER:** What made you decide to do this line of work?

**NICOLE:** I was young, and stupid, and I thought that, okay, fast money, let me do it this way, you know. And so now I've gotten locked up a couple times out here and it's like, nah, I can't do this no more.

**INTERVIEWER:** Why do you think it was easier a few years ago?

**NICOLE:** I think it's because a lot of times girls come down here with their boyfriends and they bring drugs and stuff like that, they come from bars, they're loud, they just bring too much attention. And people around here paid millions of dollars for their apartment, they don't want to hear that loudness. If you come in here to make money, you come down here to make money and go home. You know, you keep your loudness for the club and the party, but when you come out here, it should be just something different.

**INTERVIEWER:** Do you feel free to share your age, your nationality with us?

**NICOLE:** I am 24, going on 25. My nationality is mixed, I'm African-American slash Native American. I've gotten locked up out here a couple of times. I would say maybe like 3 or 4 times? I just said, that's it. Enough's enough. They've caught me. (Laughs.)

**INTERVIEWER:** By undercover, or...?

**NICOLE:** Yeah, the undercover caught me. She got me.

**INTERVIEWER:** Now do you feel there's anything else you would like to share about being a sex worker that other people should know to enlighten and educate them?

**NICOLE:** Like I said before, stay in school, don't come out here. This is not the place to come out here if you're only coming out here basically for movie money, it's nothing major. You know, um, if you have a day job, do your day job, don't come out here. It's really not worth it at all. It's not worth getting locked up and having to go in the daytime, in the daylight in a miniskirt, your makeup looking a mess. It's not worth all that, you know. Just, stay in school, and do what you gotta do.

**INTERVIEWER:** Just one more question. Do you feel comfortable with letting us know your gender pronoun?

**NICOLE:** Yes. Female!

**INTERVIEWER:** Thank you.

**NICOLE:** You're welcome.

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