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The face of human trafficking in Halton

The story of a mother's struggle to rescue her daughter from the grip of the region's sex trade



WARNING: The following special two-part report deals with a mother whose daughter is currently being exploited in the sex trade. Some readers may find the content graphic. Jane and Mary are both aliases to protect the identity of the family, however, The Independent and Free Press has confirmed that Halton Regional Police is aware of this individual case.

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I didn't know what to expect when I walked into the neighbourhood where Jane lived. It was really quiet. Snow fell. Her townhouse was very

close to the highway, but I couldn't hear much of the traffic. Or maybe I could, but I was too focused on what I was about to walk into. How do you approach someone like Jane? How can you ask someone what their life has been like since their only child was taken from them to be sold on the streets for sex?

When I knocked on the door, a chorus of dogs started to bark. I heard a back door open and the barking traveled outside. The front door opened to Jane, who wore a smile and welcomed me inside. The lone dog waiting at the door, a pug, growled a raspy, but curious, growl.

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