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Victims Voices: Jenny

Jenny received assistance through the NGO 'El Refugio de la Niñez' in Guatemala



Jenny, 16 years old, was raped by her stepfather when she was 10, but did not receive any support from her family, her mother did not believe her. Jenny's mother found a new boyfriend with whom she had other children. This new person forbade Jenny's mother to give her everything that Jenny needed. This situation forced Jenny to leave home and live on the streets, where she started using drugs and being sexually exploited. Jenny was recruited by a criminal syndicate that sexually exploited and forced her to have sex with up to 20 men daily for more than four years of her life,

until she managed to escape from her traffickers and request support from the authorities. She was referred to El Refugio, where she received psychotherapeutic support and medical care. Following her care, Jenny was enrolled in school to continue her studies and received a scholarship for job training. She is now prepared to lead an independent life and claims to be a new person. Thanks to El Refugio's legal program, the leader and other members of the criminal structure were sentenced.



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