



Truth Behind the “Players Ball”

What is the Players Ball?

- “The Players Ball” is an annual celebration attended by “pimps”, the women they exploit, and general members of the prostitution industry.
- The yearly gala glorifies various aspects of pimp culture, and often includes elaborate clothing attire, music, drinking, and dancing
- Traditionally held at nightclubs or hotels, the event usually hosts 50-500 attendees.

- The highlight of the event is the Awards Ceremony where pimps are recognized for a profitable year and receive trophies decorating them as “International Pimp of the Year”, and “Super Player”.
- The Players Ball has become a culturally accepted event receiving endorsements, public advertisement, and corporate sponsorship. Celebrities and politicians have been guilty of attending and supporting these events.
- Snoop Dogg, Flavor Flav, Digital Underground, and Cypress Hill have all been linked to Players Balls in past years.

What is the history of the Players Ball?

- The tradition most likely started in Chicago, Illinois in November 1974 to honor the birthday of Don Juan, a pimp with extreme notoriety.
- Although the first Players Balls were held in Chicago, they have begun to replicate themselves throughout the Country, specifically in large urban areas.

Where is the Players Ball held now?

- Chicago, IL; Washington D.C.; New York City, NY; Miami, FL; San Diego, CA; Las Vega, NV; Atlanta, GA; Houston, TX; Detroit, MI; and St. Louis, MO are all known hosts of current Players Balls.
- The Players Balls are organized by local area pimps and associates in alliance with other nationally recognized pimps. In Washington, D.C. the Players Ball is held in honor of Pimp Ju Ju’s birthday
- These events can also take the form of Players Picnics, Players Rendezvous and Players Cruises.

What are some of the potential crimes that pimps attending the Players Ball are guilty of?

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| - Sex trafficking | - Money Laundering |
| - Involuntary servitude | - Tax Evasion |
| - Physical/ Sexual assault | - False and fraudulent identities |
| - Assault with a deadly weapon | - Fraudulent checks |
| | - Racketeering |