

A Little More Time

My name is Jesse. I'm 24 years old and live about 3 blocks from Cheesman Park. During the summer, I hang out near the Community Center across from the park and see if there are any "live ones" cruising around looking for some real action. I double my money when I let them have sex with me without a jacket and can make enough in one good evening to pay my rent for the entire month.

A friend of mine just tested positive for HIV. That's pretty scary because we often have sex with the same guys. Hey, this is easy money but I don't want to die! With all the posters around town I had already been considering using condoms, but my friend's positive test really got me seriously thinking. I may have to troll a little longer because sometimes my tricks think I already have some kind of disease when I want them to use a condom. I mean really, just a little more time and I bet I can make the same amount.

This weekend I am making a commitment to not have sex without a condom. We'll see how it goes and besides, not only do I want to stay clean, I'm good at what I do!

1. **Characterization:** Jesse is 24 years old and lives 3 blocks from Cheesman Park.
2. **Membership:** Sex worker.
3. **Risk behavior:** MSM having unprotected sex.
4. **Goal:** Using a condom during sex with his tricks this weekend.
5. **Stage of Change:** Contemplation to Preparation.
6. **Influencing Factor:** Social Norms, Perceived Personal Risk, Self-efficacy.
7. **Barrier to Overcome:** Sometimes his tricks think that he already has a disease because he wants them to use condoms during sex.

Strategy: Spending more time looking for a trick that is willing to have sex with a condom.

8. **Positive Outcome:** He is confident that he can make the same amount of money from his tricks even when he uses a condom during sex.
9. **Source:** Developed by Denver Prevention Training Center.