

**Malikai**

**Age: 17**

**Grade: 12**

**Pronouns: he/him**

Malikai lives with his adoptive family in Windsor. He was adopted at the age of four after the death of his biological parents. Malikai's dad, Blake, is a cardiologist, and his other dad, Chris, is a chef at a local upscale restaurant. He has a good relationship with both dads.

Malikai is in grade 12, is shy, but is very social with his small group of good friends. He is a solid student, enjoys school, plays on the football team, and often socializes with his friends after school.

Malikai has begun complaining to his parents that his stomach hurts. They took him to the doctor but have been unable to find any medical explanation for his ongoing stomach pain. His parents know that he has a new boyfriend at school. Malikai has begun spending more time with the new boyfriend after school rather than his old group of friends. His parents have shared concerns with you about their son. You inform the parents that you are not aware of any concerns, but will talk to his teachers and get back to them.

Coincidentally, that afternoon, Malikai's health teacher comes to you with a disclosure from Malikai. The teacher shares that a guest speaker from Victim Services presented to the health class recently. The topic of discussion was healthy relationships and human trafficking. Soon after the human trafficking presentation, Malikai disclosed to the teacher that his new boyfriend wants him to do "fun" sexual things with other men. The boyfriend suggests that Malikai can even make a lot of money doing the "fun" things. Malikai is uncomfortable with this and is unsure of this situation because he likes his new boyfriend a lot, but is feeling pressured in this relationship. He now wonders if his boyfriend is trying to coerce him into working in the sex work industry. He does not know what to do next.



**What are the immediate concerns?**

**What are your long-term concerns?**

**In your role as school administrator, what future staff development arises as a result of this case study?**

**Ask yourself**

- Is there a duty to report anything at this point? To whom?
- How old is the new boyfriend?
- Is the boyfriend a student or another adult at school?
- Do you have a duty to involve the parents of the new boyfriend if he is a student?

**What would it look like if...?**

- The new boyfriend is a new transfer student from another school?
- Malikai was a girl.
- Malikai's new boyfriend attended a different school.