

# Human Trafficking

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# Popular “Pimp” Images



# REAL TRAFFICKER IMAGE

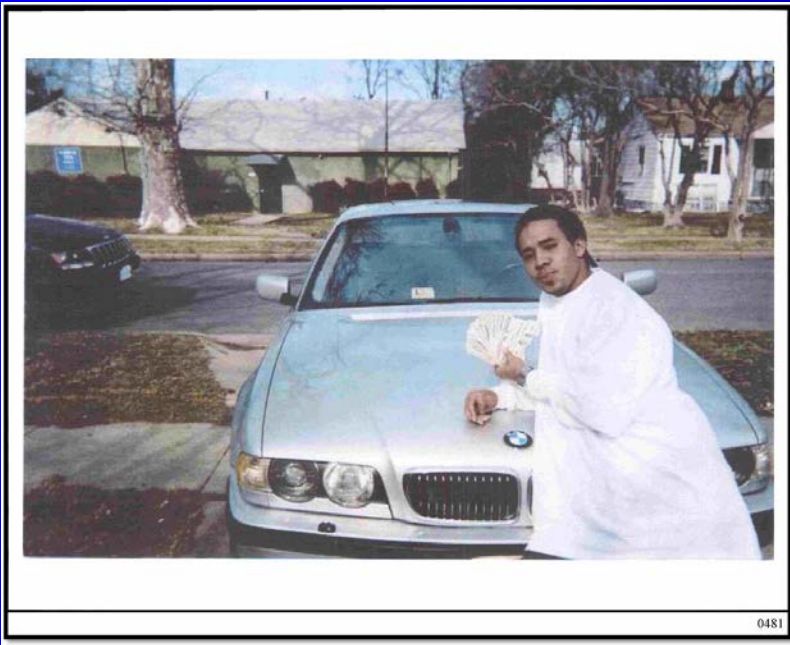


**Ian Sean Gordon - 2010**

- Victim was 15 year old female runaway who was recruited and hooked on crack
- Gordon sexually battered, beat, and threatened to kill the victim in order to force the victim to prostitute herself for his benefit
- Sentenced to **LIFE** in federal prison

# Real Trafficker Images

- Marvin Madkins
  - Worked Juveniles
  - Case developed by patrol units
  - Received 50 yrs in prison



# Real Trafficker Images



- Tyrone Townsend
  - Was fully cooperative with detectives
  - Received 15 yrs in federal prison
  - Was killed in prison by fellow inmate

# Human Trafficking Definition

- Human-Trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery that occurs in every state, including Florida.
- Florida is third in the nation in reference to Human Trafficking

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**Sex trafficking**

**Labor Trafficking**



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  - Sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion or causes a minor to commit a commercial sex act
  - A commercial sex act includes prostitution, pornography and sexual performance done in exchange for any item of value, such as money, drugs, shelter, food, or clothes

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# Human Trafficking Definition

- Human-Trafficking is divided into two main categories:
  - **Labor trafficking** is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services through the use of force, fraud, or coercion, for the purpose of subjecting that person to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.
  - Most common areas restaurant, maid, agricultural workers.

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# Human Trafficking

- How big a problem is it?
  - Good accurate numbers are hard to document
    - Due to the nature of the crime, not like a robbery, auto theft, or homicide
    - Victims don't associate with being a victim
    - Victims extremely reluctant to go to authorities
    - Victims have cultural and/or language barriers

# Human Trafficking Estimates

## • Estimated numbers

- International Labor Organization estimates
  - 20.9 million victims of H.T. globally
    - 68% of them in forced labor
    - 26% of them are girls
    - 55% are women and girls
  - Forced labor and H.T. is a \$150 billion industry worldwide
- U.S. Department of Labor has identified 136 goods from 74 countries made by forced and child labor

# Human Trafficking Estimates

- In 2015, an estimated 1 out of 5 endangered runaways reported to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children were likely child sex trafficking victims
  - Of those, 74% were in the care of social services or foster care when they ran
- There is no official estimate of the total number of human trafficking victims in the U.S. Polaris estimates that the total number of victims nationally reaches into the hundreds of thousands when estimates of both adults and minors and sex trafficking and labor trafficking are aggregated.

# Human Trafficking Statistics

- These statistics come from the National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC) hotline and the Polaris BeFree Textline
  - More than **27,000** total cases of human trafficking have been reported to the NHTRC hotline in the last eight years.
  - The NHTRC hotline receives an average of 100 calls per day
  - More than 1,600 survivors of human trafficking reached out for help in 2015—a 24% increase over 2014.
  - 23% of texting conversations on the Polaris BeFree Textline were from survivors of human trafficking compared to 11% of phone calls on the NHTRC hotline

# Florida Statistics

- In 2016, 410 H.T. cases reported this year (as of 09-30-16)
  - Sex Trafficking 299
  - Labor Trafficking 63
  - Sex and Labor 25
  - Not specified 23
- Breakdown
  - Female 350
  - Male 60
  - Gender Minorities 2
- Age
  - Adult 282
  - Minor 129

Stats from the NHTRC

# Local Statistics

- 2015

- Victims Identified or Rescued: 42
  - 9 Juveniles
- Arrests: 27
- Federal Indictments: 12

- 2016

- H.T. and H.T. related Cases: 44
  - 10 Juveniles
- Arrests: 29
- HT Federal Indictments 14



# Local Statistics

## •2017

- H.T. Related Cases: 13
- Victims Rescued: 9 (2 juveniles)
- Arrests: 5
- Federal Indictments: 3 (2 others pending\*)
- Active H.T. Investigations: 6

*\*one H.T. suspect deceased prior to indictment*

# Top Venues for Trafficking

- **Labor Trafficking**

- Domestic Work
- Agriculture
- Traveling Sales Crew
- Food Service

- **Sex Trafficking**

- Hotel/Motel based
- Commercial Front Brothels
- Street based
- Online Ad, unk venue
- Other venue
  
- Stats from the NHTRC

# Top Caller Types to the NHTRC

- Community Member (227)
- Victim of Trafficking (190)
- NGO Representative (82)
- Family of Trafficking Victim (62)
- Victim of other crime (50)

# Where do Traffickers find their Victims

- Social Network
- Home Neighborhood
- Clubs or bars
- Internet
- School

# Risk Factors for Victims

- Prior Sexual Abuse
- Foster Care
- Runaway / Homeless

# What is the Lure for Victims

- Traffickers lure their victims through promises of:
  - Love
  - Protection
  - Adventure
  - Home
  - Opportunity
  - Money / Nice things (clothes, shoes, perfume, etc)

# Common Indicators of Trafficking

- Does the person appear disconnected from family, friends, community organizations, or houses of worship?
- Has a child stopped attending school?
- Has the person had a sudden or dramatic change in behavior?
- Is a juvenile engaged in commercial sex acts?
- Is the person disoriented or confused, or showing signs of mental or physical abuse?
- Does the person have bruises in various stages of healing?
- Is the person fearful, timid, or submissive?



# Common Indicators of Trafficking

- Does the person show signs of having been denied food, water, sleep, or medical care?
- Is the person often in the company of someone to whom he or she defers? Or someone who seems to be in control of the situation, e.g., where they go or who they talk to?
- Does the person appear to be coached on what to say?
- Is the person living in unsuitable conditions?
- Does the person lack personal possessions and appear not to have a stable living situation?
- Does the person have freedom of movement? Can the person freely leave where they live? Are there unreasonable security measures?

# Common Question about Trafficking

- Why don't the Victims escape when they have the opportunity?
  - Traffickers and pimps use physical, emotional and psychological abuse to coerce young women and girls into a life of sex trafficking. Traffickers are master manipulators and employ tactics to create trauma bonds with victims. Traffickers often use the threat of violence against victims or victim's loved ones to secure their submission.

# What to do if you spot Human Trafficking

- Do not approach the victim
  - Why? Because she may not want help
  - She may be under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol
  - Pimp or trafficker may be close by and watching. They can be very violent.
- Be a good witness
  - Get detailed description of girl(s), location, vehicle description, description of trafficker
- Call the NHTRC 1-888-373-7888 or
- Call the police

# Other ways to help

- Volunteer
  - Local groups or service providers
    - Examples include World Relief, Community Action Team, Ambassadors, Rethreaded
- Donate
  - To local or national groups that are fighting against H.T.
  - Examples include NHTRC, Polaris Project, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Shared Hope International

# Other ways to help

- Support Legislation that deals with H.T.
  - Local Ordinances
    - Sign awareness ordinance passed in May 2016 (M.O. 150.413)
  - State Statutes
  - Federal Legislation
- Talk to your friends and family members about H.T. and what it is.

**AWARENESS IS KEY**

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Questions?