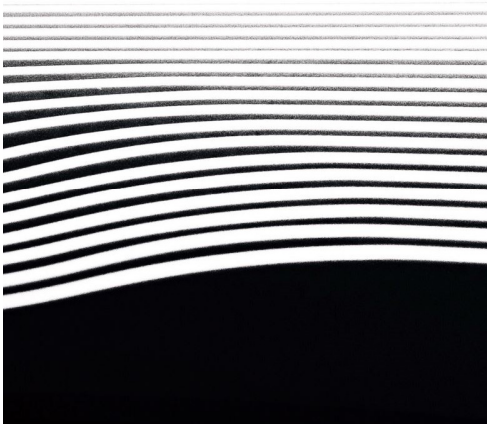




**THE
FUNDAMENTALS
OF
HUMAN
TRAFFICKING**

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*It's
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566.210. Sexual trafficking of a child, first degree

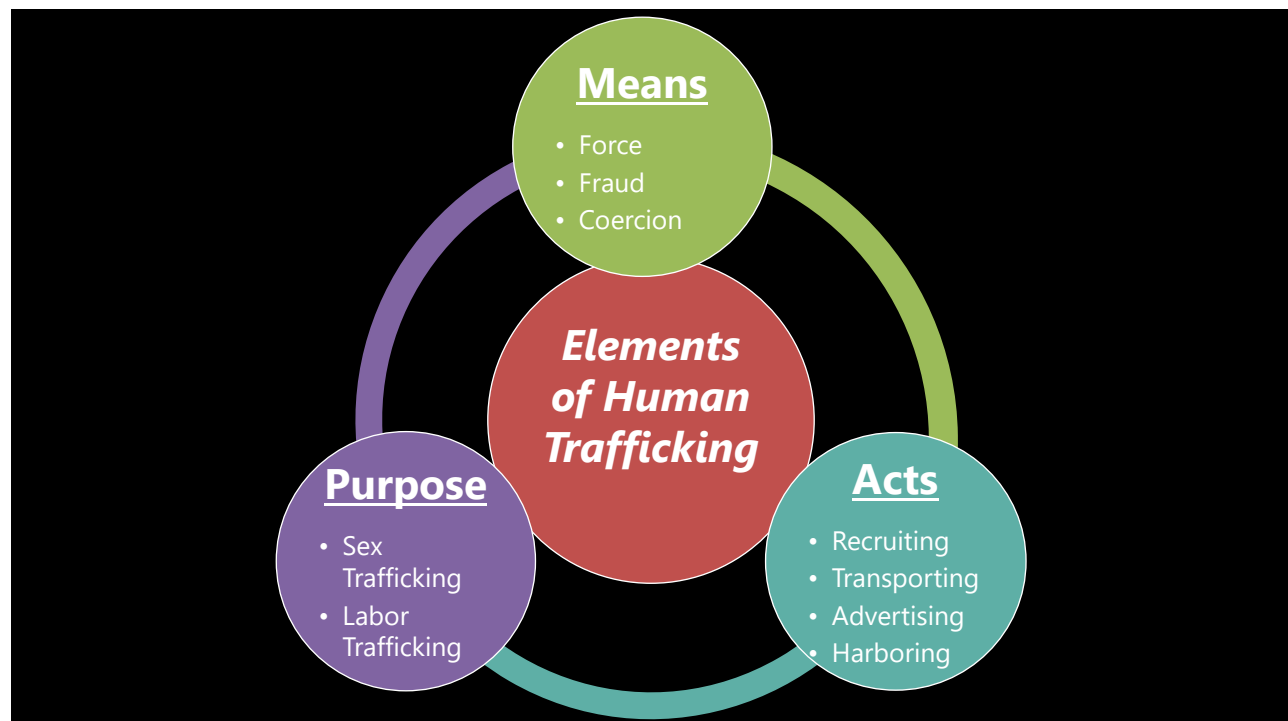
- Recruits, entices, harbors, transports, provides, or
- Obtains by any means, including but not limited to through the use of force, abduction, coercion, fraud, deception, blackmail, or causing or threatening to cause financial harm,
- Benefits, financially or by receiving anything of value, from participation in such activities;
- **Causes** a person under the age of twelve to participate in a commercial sex act, a sexual performance, or the production of explicit sexual material as defined in section 573.010, or
- Advertises the availability of a person under the age of twelve to participate in a commercial sex act, a sexual performance, or the production of explicit sexual material as defined in section 573.010.

566.211. Sexual trafficking of a child, second degree

- Same as 1st degree
- Involving person under the age of eighteen

NOTE: Force, Fraud or Coercion not required

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FORCE	FRAUD	COERCION
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Isolation• Physical Assault• Sexual Assault• Confinement• Drugged/Incapacitated	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Falsely Promised:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Relationship• Better Life• Wages• Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Holding a gun to them• Psychological Abuse• Blackmail• Threats of Deportation• Threat to report victim to Law Enforcement

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**IDENTIFY WHO ARE
VICTIMS**

Objective 2

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Sex Trafficking

Runaway

Drug Addiction

Homelessness

Low Self Esteem

Abuse / Neglect

Isolation

LGBTQ

Gang Activity

Family Breakdown

Trauma

Disability

Poverty

Foster Care

Victims of Violence

Mental Health Concerns

** Combination of many factors

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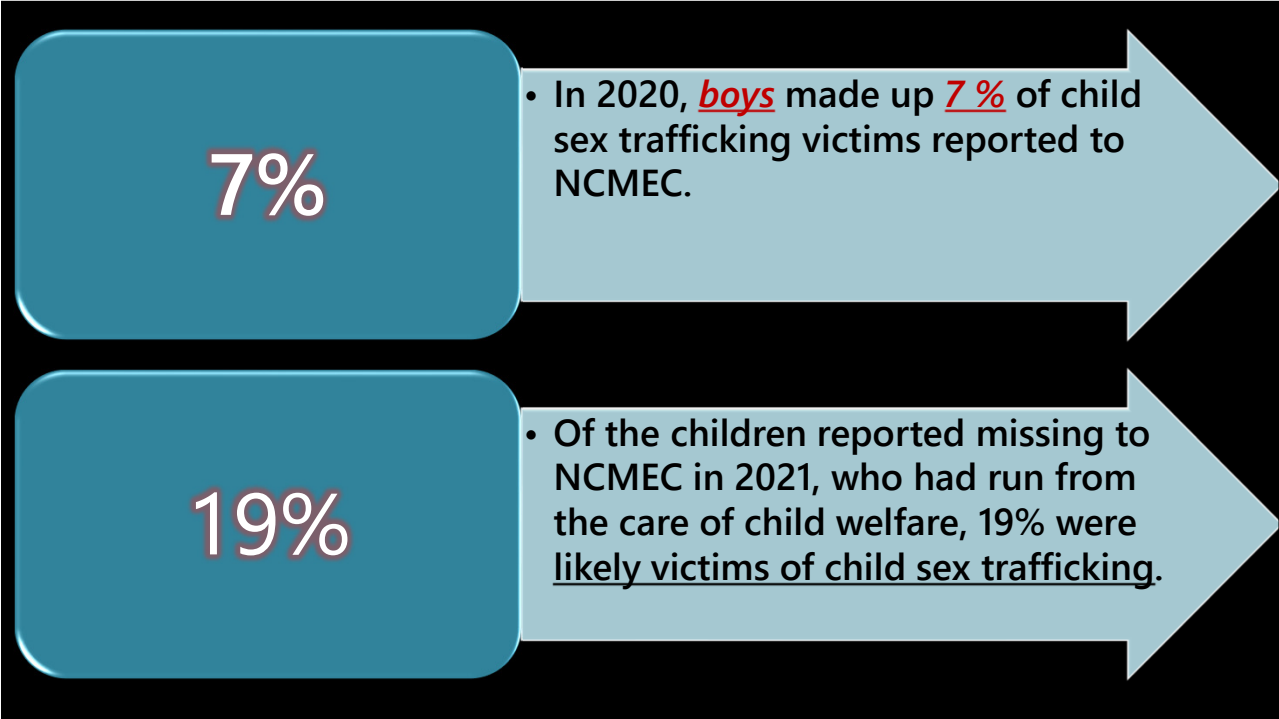
1 in 6

- 1 in 6 of the more than 26,500 cases of children reported missing to NCMEC in 2020 who had run away were likely victims of child sex trafficking.

UNSAFE

- Trends show us that when children run away frequently or for long periods of time, they tend to be running from an UNSAFE situation or to an UNSAFE situation.

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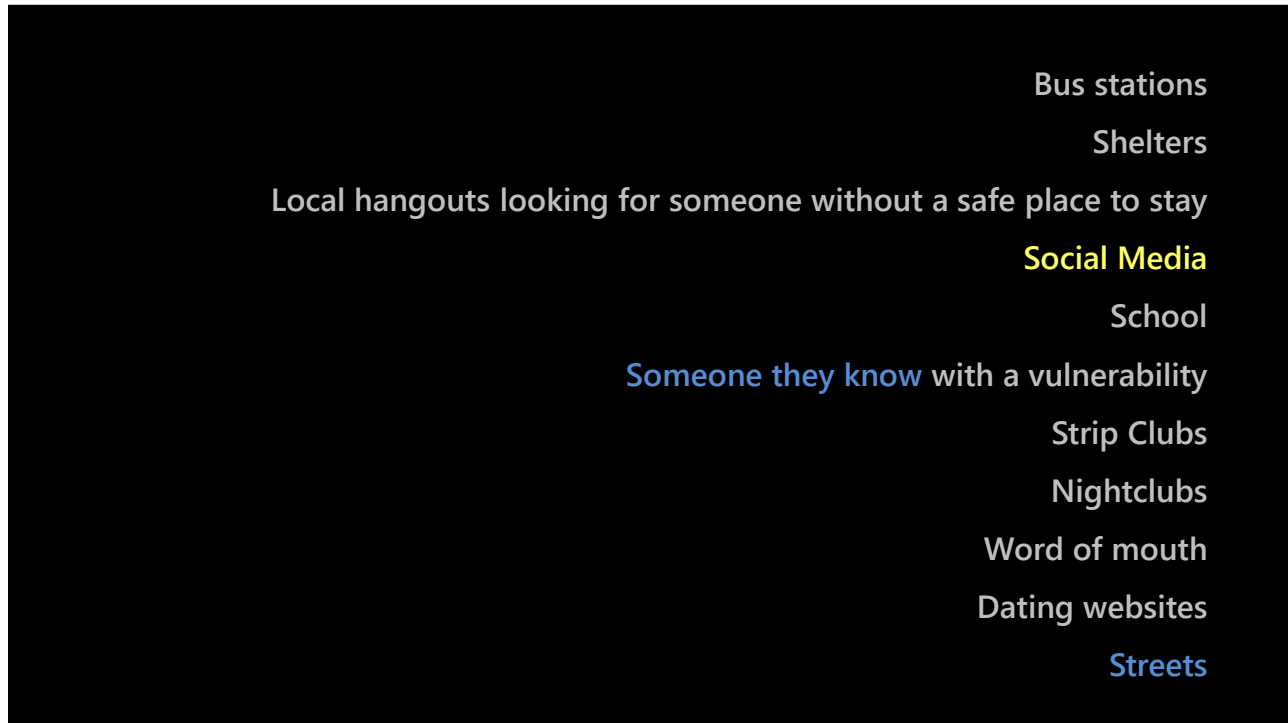
Labor Trafficking

In-debited for travel fees
Lack of familiarity with surroundings – laws
Language barriers
Migrant workers
Undocumented immigrants
Limited knowledge of the country
Lack employment opportunities

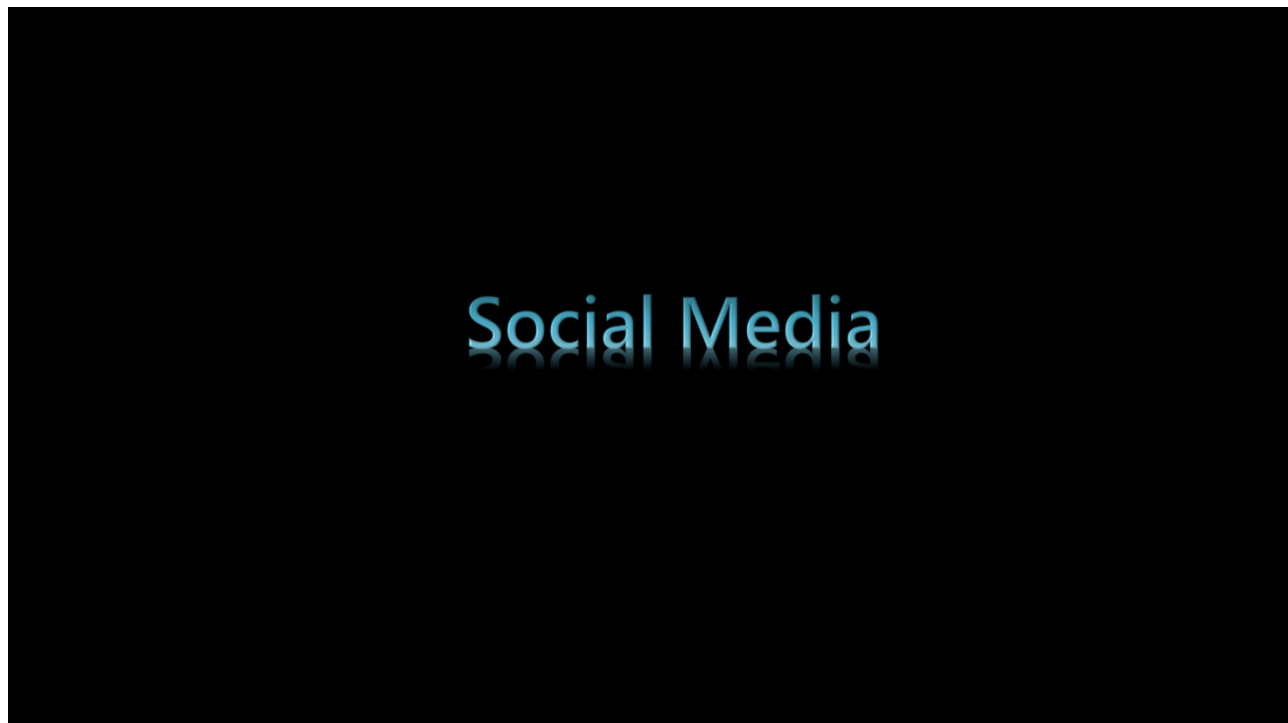
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**Where do
traffickers
find
victims?**

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Dangerous Apps for Kids

- Snapchat
- Ask.fm
- TikTok
- Whisper
- Kik Messenger
- Tinder
- Instagram
- Omegle
- Telegram
- Blendr
- Periscope
- Houseparty
- Voxel
- Holla
- Tumblr
- VSCO
- Grinder
- BIGO LIVE
- WeChat
- Facebook
- Discord
- Meetme
- Whats App
- Vine



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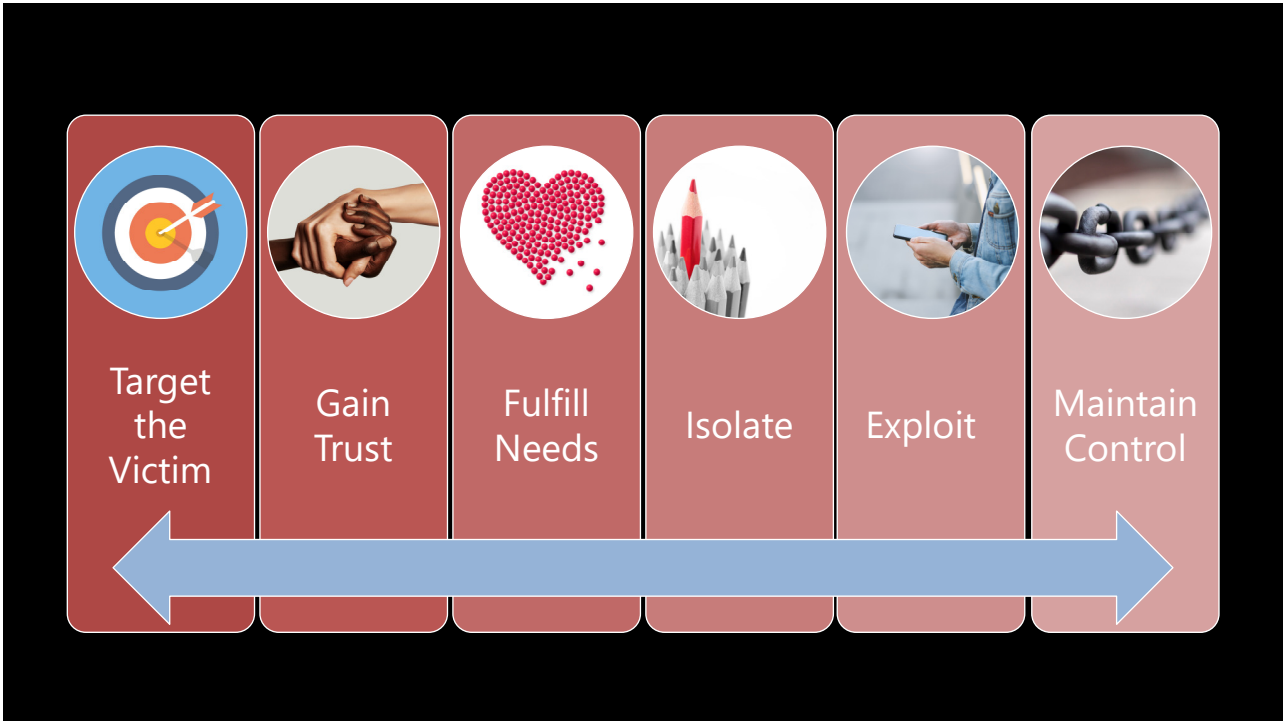
Emotion	Core Message from Youth that Exposes Vulnerability	What it might look like Online	Trafficker's Strategic Response
Need Understanding	I desire understanding. They don't understand me.	"Nobody gets me"; "You don't really know me"	I understand you.
Emptiness/Love	I'm not feeling loved.	"I am so sick of being single"; "I wish I had someone around for me"	I love you.
Desire/Allure	I'm not feeling beautiful. I want you to like my body and my looks and think I'm desirable.	"OMG, I am so ugly"; "How do I look?"; "Check out my new pics." "What do you think?"	I think you're beautiful. I'll encourage you to show your body. Use your body
Disappointment	My life is not going well/not fulfilled.	"My life sucks." "Everyone in my life can go to hell." "Is this all there is to life?"	I'll make your life better.
Connection	I don't have friends/family who care/connect to.	"She's not my true friend"; "If you're not going to support me, unfriend me"; "I don't need you anymore"	I'll be your best friend.

Social Media & Sex Trafficking Process – University of Toledo Study

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How does it HAPPEN?


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IDENTIFY WHO ARE TRAFFICKERS

Objective 3

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TRAFFICKERS
can be.....

- Male or Female
- Any Race
- Foreign National or US Citizen
- Individual
- Group
- Family Member
- Acquaintance
- Partner (Boyfriend/Husband)
- Stranger



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Commonly referred
to as
PIMPS

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- Person who has control and the money earned
- Often more violent than the customers that they protect them from
- Advertise them
- May groom them
- Methodical and intentional
- Monitor (physically and electronically)
- Control through addiction
- Manipulate them into cooperating in their own exploitation
- May transport them

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BEHAVIOR OF THE TRAFFICKER (both sex & labor)

May.....

- Restrict the potential victim's contact with friends or family.
- Limit the potential victim's social media use and/or stalk or monitor their accounts.
- Prevent the potential victim from socializing or attending religious services.
- Prevent children from attending school and force them to work.

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BEHAVIOR OF THE TRAFFICKER (both sex & labor)

May.....

- o Hold a group in one place with poor conditions and limited space.
- o Constantly watch or accompany the potential victim.
- o Threaten the potential victim or their family with harm if they leave or quit work.
- o Post harmful content online about the potential victim to compel them to engage in a commercial sex act.

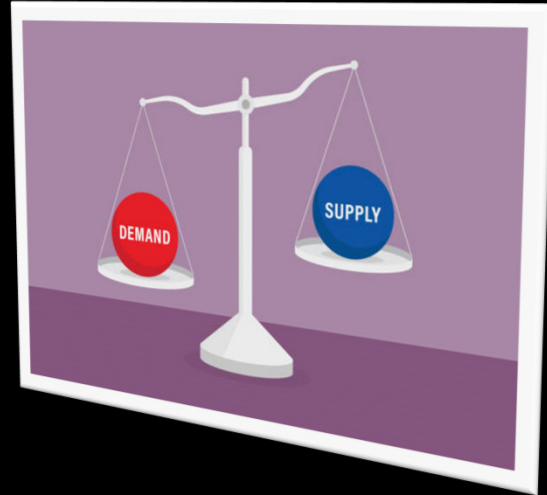
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Case Summary – “Kelly’s Story”



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- Trafficking is built on principle of **supply** and **demand**
- Traffickers will manipulate and lure victims to meet the **demand** of buyers



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IDENTIFY HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Objective 5

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IDENTIFY WHERE HUMAN TRAFFICKING OCCURS

Objective 5b

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Bars/Brothels	Strip/Dance Clubs	Pre-Existing Relationships	Rural Areas
Massage Parlors	Vehicles	Truck Stops	Suburban Areas
Sporting Events	Homes	Hotels/Motels	Urban Areas
Conventions	Fairs	On-line	Streets (track)

What other places come to mind?

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DISCUSS HUMAN TRAFFICKING *INDICATORS*

Objective 5c

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Labor Indicators

(DHS Blue Campaign)

- Was the person recruited for one purpose and forced to engage in some other job?
- Is the person's salary being garnished to pay off alleged debts?
- Was the person forced to perform sexual acts? Is the person a juvenile engaged in commercial sex?
- Does the person work excessively long and/or unusual hours?
- Is the person inadequately dressed for the situation or work they do?

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Control Indicators

(DHS Blue Campaign)

- Is the person in possession of his or her identification and travel documents; if not, who has control of the documents?
- Does the person appear to be coached on what to say?
- Are they with someone who appears to be controlling the situation?
- Has the person or their family been threatened with harm?
- Is the person fearful, timid or submissive?
- Has the person been threatened with deportation or law enforcement action?
- Is the person confused, afraid, or do they show signs of mental or physical abuse?
- Can the person freely contact friends or family?
- Is the person allowed to freely socialize or attend religious services?

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Living Conditions Indicators

(DHS Blue Campaign)

- Does the person lack personal possessions and appear to have an unstable living situation?
- Does the person have freedom of movement?
- Can the person freely leave where they live?
- Are there unreasonable security measures?
- Has the person been deprived of food, water, sleep, medical care or other life necessities?

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Travel Indicators

(DHS Blue Campaign)

- Does the person know his or her final destination? Or how they will get there?
- Does the person know who is meeting him or her at that destination?
- Is a child traveling with someone who does not seem to be their real parent or guardian?

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Medical Indicators

(DHS Blue Campaign)

- Does the person have scars, burns, mutilations, or infections?
- Is the person being prevented from or limited in providing his or her medical history?
- Is the person suffering from urinary difficulties, pelvic pain, pregnancy, or rectal trauma?
- Is the person experiencing any chronic back, hearing, cardiovascular, or respiratory problems?
- Does the person have poor eyesight or eye problems?
- Does the person appear malnourished or have serious dental problems?

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- Traffickers will “brand” or “mark” their victims to “mark their property”

- Form of Control

- Common Areas:

- Neck
- Arm
- Above the groin

- Common Themes:

- Crowns
- Currency
- Initials / Names
- Bar Codes
- Property of.....

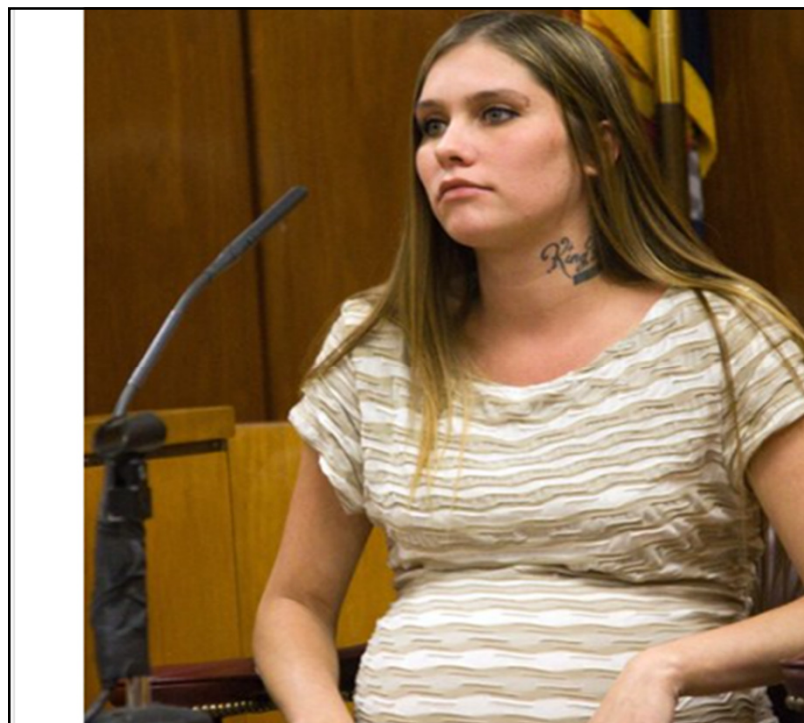
Tattoos



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Two women who worked as prostitutes for Vincent George Sr. and his son testified on their behalf on Tuesday. One of the women, Heather Keith, has Vincent George Jr.'s nickname, King Koby, tattooed on her neck. John Marshall Mantel for The New York Times

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IDENTIFY HUMAN TRAFFICKING *TRENDS*

Objective 5e

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Drug Addiction Epidemic.....

- Creates a vulnerability to trafficking.
- Traffickers use it to control their victims.
- Traffickers use it to "pay" their victims.
- Victim viewed as drug addict.
- Victim uses it to "cope."

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Social Media

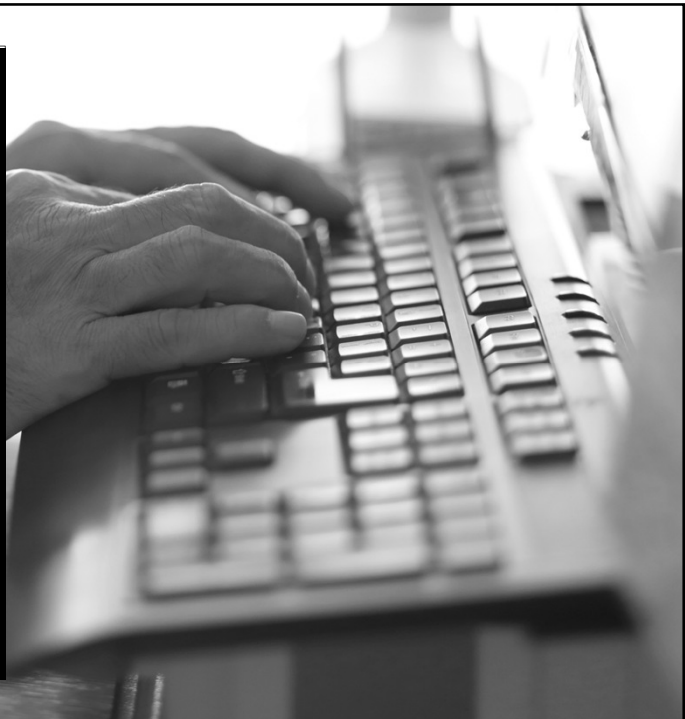
- Sextortion
 - One of the fastest growing trends
 - Anyone can be a victim
- Online Enticement
- Friendship through anonymity
 - Building a false sense of trust



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Internet:

- Used in recruiting
- Used for advertising
- Including dating websites
- Wire services to move money
- Video Surveillance
- Live Stream
- Sell videos/pictures



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Cellular Phones:

- Used to take photographs
- Used to monitor their movements, control their actions and keep tabs on them.
- Apps used for payment (such as Cash App)
- Screening for "dates"
- Phones are often purchased by trafficker
- Can provide valuable evidence!



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It is

IMPORTANT

to understand the level of

CONTROL TRAFFICKERS EXERT

over their

VICTIMS!!!!

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Victims are often hesitant to cooperate with law enforcement.....

Lack of trust from past encounters with law enforcement

Past trauma which affects the brain and behavior

Fear of being arrested or fear of family being hurt

Taught to fear police by trafficker or don't identify as victim

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IDENTIFY RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR VICTIMS

Objective 7b

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What RESOURCES Are AVAILABLE In Your COMMUNITY?

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Ideas for resources.....

- Hospitals
- Victim Advocates!!! - Does your Prosecutor have victim advocate?
- Local human trafficking coalitions
- National human trafficking groups
 - Guardian Group
 - Deliver Fund
- Churches
- Law enforcement agencies with human trafficking units.
- National Human Trafficking Hotline
(humantraffickinghotline.org)
- Missouri Attorney General Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force

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DISCUSS WAYS TO EDUCATE YOURSELF

Objective 7c

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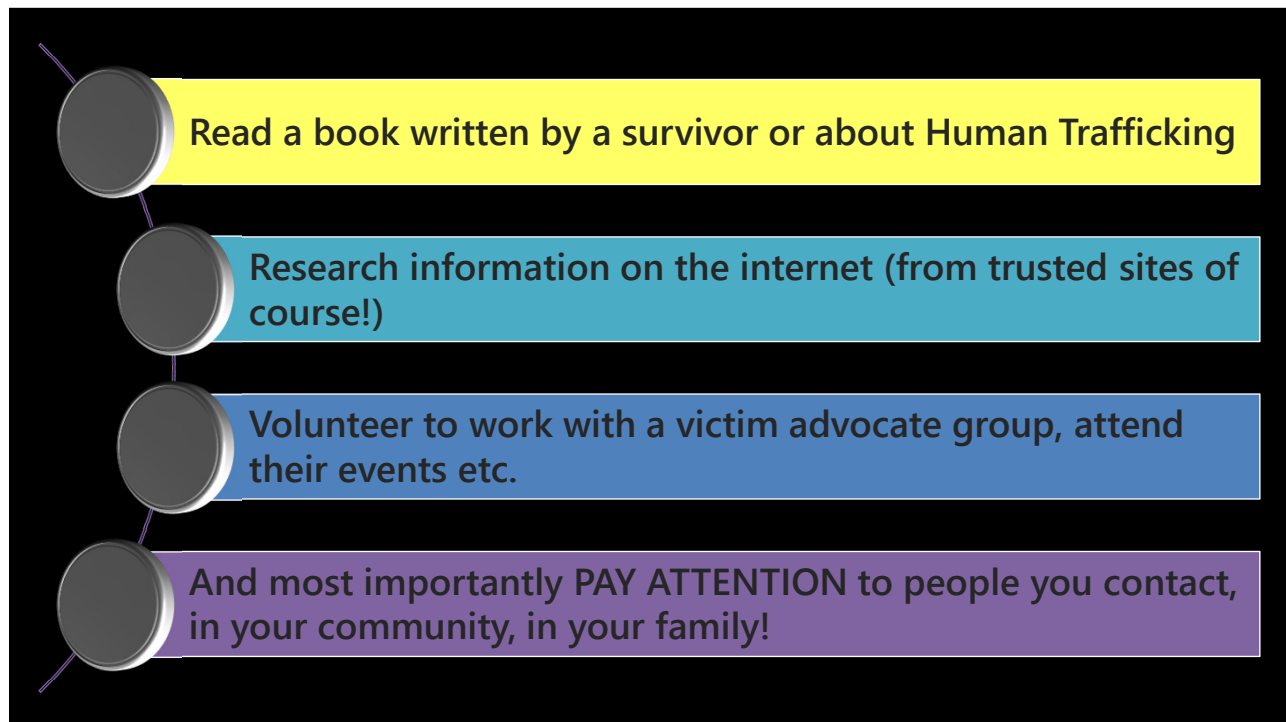
Talk with other members of law enforcement, especially those which specialize in Human Trafficking.

Take advantage of training opportunities!

- It never hurts to take a “refresher” course.
- Keeps you up to date of the new trends, investigative techniques etc.

Talk with a survivor.

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