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Human Trafficking

Two types of Human Trafficking:
Labor Trafficking and Sex Trafficking



Labor Trafficking: Using force, fraud or coercion to recruit, harbor, transport, obtain or employ a person for labor or services



Sex Trafficking: Commercial sex act induced by force, fraud or coercion, or *in which person performing the act is under age 18*

What is Force, Fraud and Coercion?



Force

- Kidnapping
- Constraint
- Confinement
- Physical violence
- Sexual assault
- Drugging
- Torture



Fraud

- False Promises
- Deceptive offers
 - Employment/Wages
 - Working conditions
 - Love/Marriage
 - Better life
- Withholding wages



Coercion

- Threats of serious harm
- Debt bondage
- Psychological manipulation
- Document confiscation
- Blackmail/Sextortion
- Quotas
- Control of children

Distinction Between Human Smuggling & Trafficking

Smuggling	Trafficking
Crime against a border	Crime against a person
Transportation based	Exploitation based
Requires border crossing	No border crossing required
Voluntary	Involuntary

SEX TRAFFICKING SCENARIOS



Hotels or motels



Erotic massage



street prostitution



Apartment or house
brothels



Online ads



Trade for drugs



Trade for food



escort services



truck stop prostitution



strip club
prostitution

Why Arizona?

- Weather
- Major Sporting Events
 - Super Bowl, Phoenix Open, Spring Training
- Large trade shows and conventions
- Grand Canyon, Sedona, Scottsdale, Flagstaff, Tucson, Mesa, etc.
- Proximity to California, Las Vegas, and the US-Mexican border
- Easy access multiple interstates



“Victimless Crime”

80% of prostituted people report being trafficked in a hotel or motel on at least one occasion

Of girls 18-24 years of age, 1 out of 3 homeless reported being trafficked

On average within 48 hours of being on the streets Arizona youth are contacted by a trafficker

Young boys and teenagers make up approximately 12-14% of the market

83% of sex trafficking victims are US citizens

Approximately 1/3 of all detected trafficking victims are children

The average age of a child first forced into sex trafficking is around 14.5 to 14.8 years old in Arizona

Trafficking Victims: Understanding Mindset

Frequently victims:

- Fear, distrust of people in authority positions such as social service providers, law enforcement, government officials
 - Fear of being deported or arrested
- Unaware what is being done to them is a crime
 - Do not consider themselves victims
 - They are often committing criminal acts-prostitution or other associated crimes



While there is no commonly accepted profile for victims of sex trafficking, certain populations are more vulnerable than others:

HOMELESS, RUNAWAY,
AND FOSTER
CHILDREN ARE THE MOST
VULNERABLE POPULATION
OF YOUTH AT RISK FOR
SEX TRAFFICKING.



Push Factors

Family instability

Poverty

Gang-involvement

History of Abuse

Substance use

Trauma

Child welfare involvement

History of running away

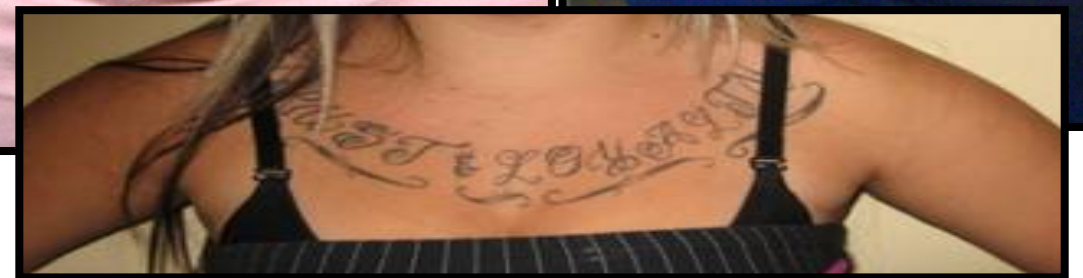
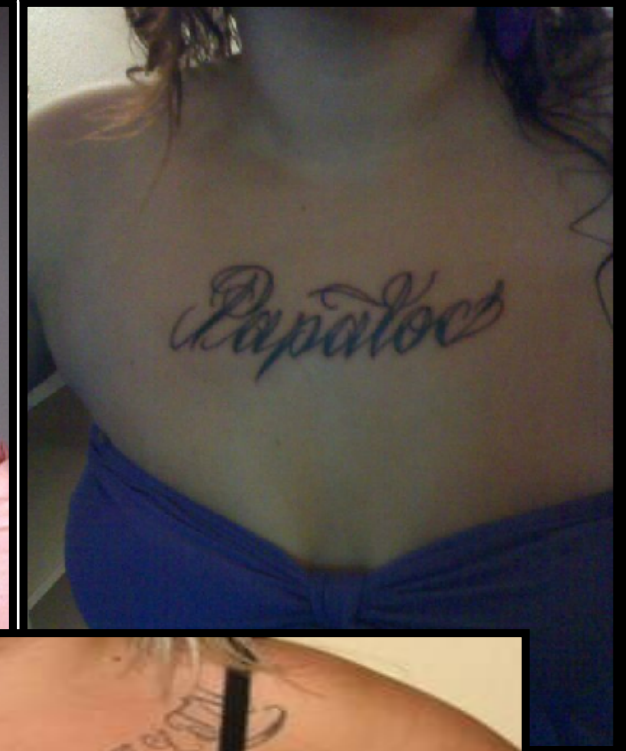
Sexual orientation



Branding

Tattoos or branding marks

- Script letters of a man's name, generally across chest/neck
- Use of the word "squares", mottos such as "trust and loyalty"
- Symbols such as money signs, guns, diamonds, etc.



INDICATORS

WARNING SIGNS FOR SEX TRAFFICKING

- There are a number of indicators commonly found in instances of sex trafficking.
- Note: many of those indicators can also be seen in lawful activities and the presence of just one of these
- Indicators does not immediately mean sex trafficking is occurring. Incidents of multiple signs are the best indication.

Consider these to be red flags.





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- Presence of an overly controlling and abusive “boyfriend”.
- Patron entertaining a young person at the bar or restaurant that they did not come in with originally.
- Patron requesting information or access to adult services or to local sex industry.
- Individuals exhibiting anxious or nervous behavior and avoiding contact with staff and other patrons.
- Individuals loitering and soliciting male customers.
- Individual waiting at a table or bar and picked up by a male.
- Individuals without access to their own ID, cell phone, or money.
- Claims of being an adult although appearance suggests adolescent features.
- No freedom of movement or constantly monitored; avoids interaction with others.





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- Restricted, mediated, or controlled communication (not allowed to speak for self); answers seem coached.
- Averts eyes or does not make eye contact, especially with a “boyfriend”.
- Lack of knowledge about current/past whereabouts; exhibits loss of a sense of time.
- Dressed inappropriately for age, has lower quality clothing than companions, or is wearing clothing inappropriate for weather conditions or surroundings.
- Appears to be with a significantly older “boyfriend” or in the company of older males.
- Treated in a demeaning or aggressive manner, or evidence of verbal threats.
- Individuals hanging out in lobby or hallways or appearing to monitor the area.
- Minor with patron late night or during school hours (and not on vacation).
- Group of girls traveling with an older male.

What can I do?

If someone is in immediate danger:
Call 9-1-1

For local resources and services for trafficking victims (adult + minor):

www.sextraffickinghelp.com

Hotlines to report a trafficking situation:

Arizona Human Trafficking Tip Line
1-877-4AZTIPS

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