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**Tip Sheet Hotels/Motels/Restaurants – spotting possible human trafficking**

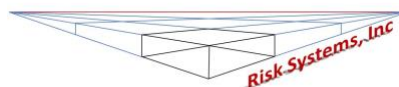
**Hotel/Motel/Restaurant-specific intelligence and questions**

- Did they pay with cash? If not, is the name on the card available?
- Were there several apparent minors with a single “controlling” adult?
- If alcohol is being served, compare the adult and minors’ apparent level of comfort.
- In hotels/motels ask if there will be additional guest, and request they provide ID at the desk for reasons of COVID compliance.
- Evidence of physical abuse
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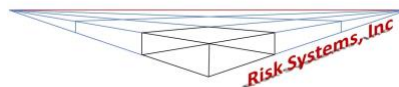
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**Tip Sheet Airport/Bus station/Train station – spotting possible human trafficking**

- **Travel-specific elements, intelligence, and questions**
  - Traveling with little or no possessions or clothes.
  - Traveling with no phone or a “non-smart” phone.
  - Traveling alone, but with no knowledge of current location, destination, point of origin, bus number/flight number/train number, or who is meeting them.
- **Travel-specific intelligence**
  - Time of encounter, flights, busses, or trains arriving or leaving in time window.
  - Direction of travel.
  - The traveler may have been provided a ticket for a “modeling job, movie extra, etc.”
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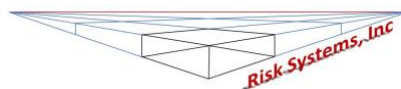
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**Tip Sheet Truckers/Truck stops – spotting possible human trafficking**

- **Trucking specific elements, intelligence, and questions**
  - Witnessing a minor engage in or soliciting to perform a commercial sex act.
  - A passenger vehicle pulls into the truck parking area and multiple people get out and go truck-to-truck.
  - Discussion of she/he having to make a quota.
- **Trucking-specific intelligence**
  - Location of incident, make, model, color, and license plate of vehicle, if possible.
  - Their apparent direction of travel.
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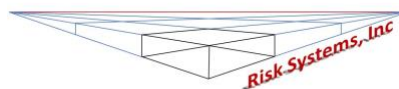
### Tip Sheet Rideshare – spotting possible human trafficking

- **Rideshare-specific elements, intelligence, and questions**
  - Did your passenger speak about a pimp or needing to make a quota?
  - Did your passenger seem distressed?
  - If your passenger is a minor with an adult, does the minor seemed controlled or coerced? Told not to speak, or grabbed and/or restrained when questioned?
- **Rideshare-specific intelligence**
  - When and where they were picked up and dropped off.
  - Appearance, any accent, and dress of the adult and the minor.
- Evidence of physical abuse
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