

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Commercial Sex Trafficking



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WHAT TRAFFICKING IS NOT!



A movie poster for the film 'Taken 2'. It features a man in a dark suit, identified as Liam Neeson, shown from the waist up in profile, looking down and holding a handgun. The background is a dramatic, high-contrast image of Paris at night, with the Eiffel Tower prominently visible on the left. The sky is dark and filled with smoke or debris, suggesting a recent explosion or battle. The word 'TAKEN' is written in large, bold, orange capital letters across the center of the image. At the very top, the words 'EXTENDED CUT' are written in smaller, orange capital letters.

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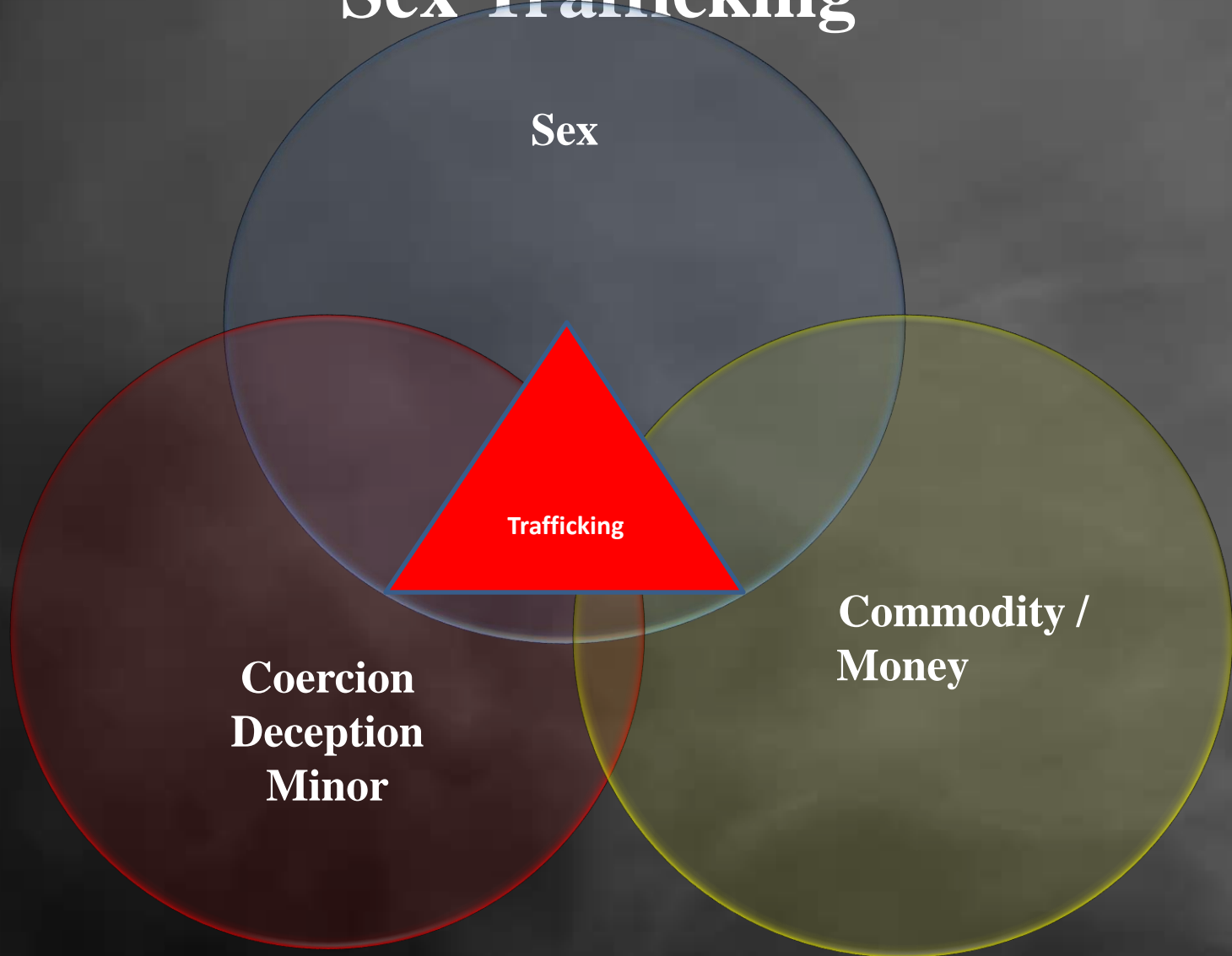
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 PARENTS STRONGLY CAUTIONED
 SOME MATERIAL MAY BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 13

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Definitions

- Human trafficking is one of the fastest-growing and second-largest criminal enterprise in the world, generating an estimated \$32 billion a year worldwide.
- Human trafficking is defined as the recruitment, harboring, transporting, or procurement of a person for labor or services for the purpose of involuntary servitude, slavery, or forced commercial sex acts.
- This often involves the sexual exploitation of children.

Sex Trafficking



What is a “Commercial Sex Act”?

- **"Commercial sex act" means:**

(A) Any sexually explicit conduct for which anything of value is directly or indirectly given, promised to, or received by any person, which conduct is induced or obtained by coercion or deception, or which conduct is induced or obtained from a person under eighteen (18) years of age; or

(B) Any sexually explicit conduct that is performed or provided by any person, which conduct is induced or obtained by force, coercion or deception, or which conduct is induced or obtained from a person under eighteen (18) years of age;

Anything of Value!!

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1. Cash

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2. Food

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3. make-up,
clothes

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4. Shelter

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5. Dope

FORCE

1. Restraint

2. Rape

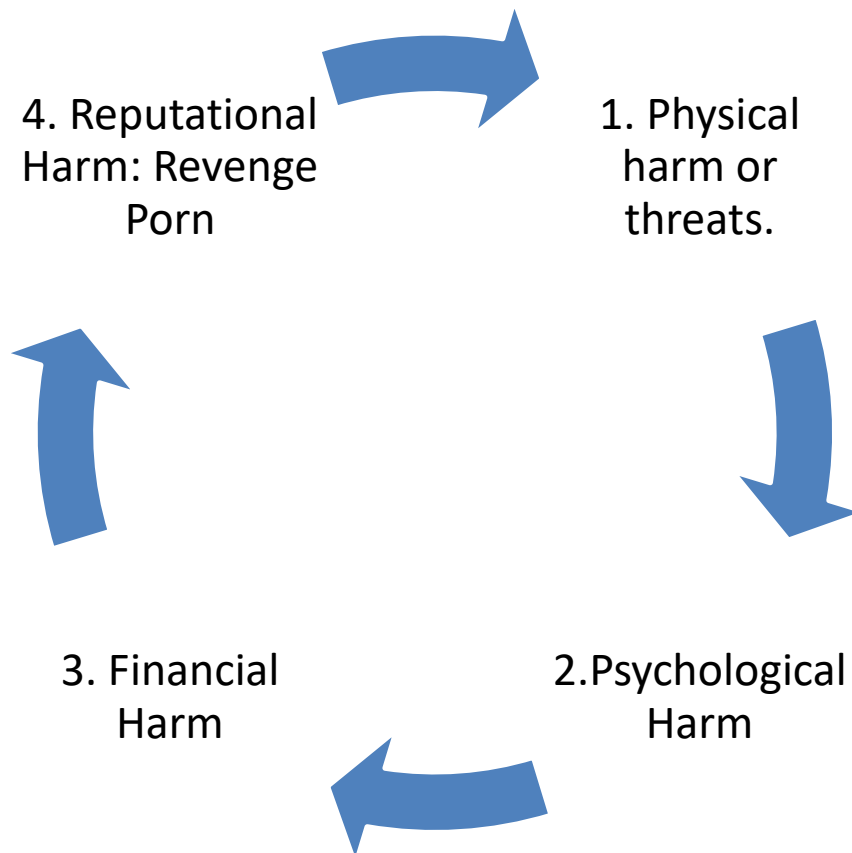
3. Denial of Medical
Care.

FRAUD

1. False offers and promises used to induce and control victim.

2. Promise of a better life (money, security).

COERCION



TRAFFICKING OFFENSES



Various Types of Cases

- **SEX TRAFFICKING:**
- Familial Trafficking
- Domestic Trafficking w/ Internet ad and hotel customer base/ Pimp recruited and controlled Trafficking.
- Massage Establishment / Dispatched prostitution service
- Demand Reduction “Reverse Sting”
- Rescue “Sting”
- **LABOR TRAFFICKING:**
- Restaurants, Farming, Agriculture

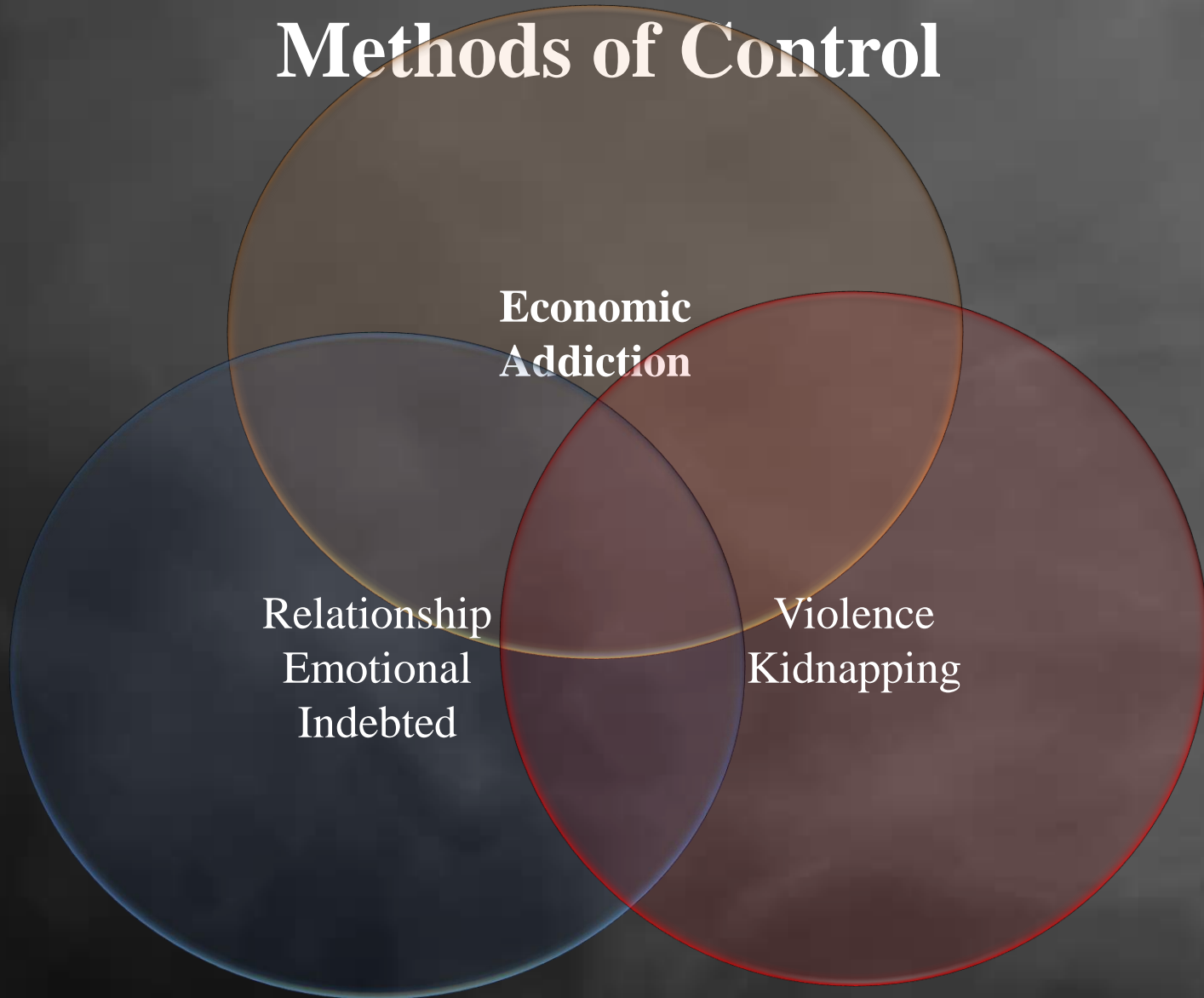
TCA Case Law

- **Trafficking for Commercial Sex Act – TCA § 39-13-309**
- **(a)** A person commits the offense of trafficking a person for a commercial sex act who:
 - **(1)** Knowingly subjects, attempts to subject, benefits from, or attempts to benefit from another person's provision of a commercial sex act;
 - **(2)** Recruits, entices, harbors, transports, provides, purchases, or obtains by any other means, another person for the purpose of providing a commercial sex act; or
 - **(3)** Commits the acts in this subsection (a) when the intended victim of the offense is a law enforcement officer or a law enforcement officer eighteen (18) years of age or older posing as a minor.

TCA Case Law

- **Aggravated Human Trafficking TCA §39-13-306**
 - **New Law Effective July 1, 2022:**
 - Commission of any of the following acts upon a victim under the age of thirteen (13):
 - Involuntary labor servitude;
 - Trafficking persons for forced labor or services;
 - Trafficking for commercial sex acts;
 - Patronizing prostitution;
 - Promoting prostitution;
 - **PUNISHMENT FOR AGGRAVATED HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS BETWEEN 25 AND 60 YEARS AT 100%**

Methods of Control



Methods of Control

Debt Bondage

Sex / Relationship

Isolation

Threats

Deception

Mistrust of LEO

Imprisonment / Violence

Collusion Control

Belonging / Safety

Religion / Beliefs

Drugs

Guilt

Embarrassed



What kind of
victim do they
remind you of?



Family/Intimate
Partner

Victims are exposed to
Domestic violence,
sexual assault,
abuse/neglect.

Victims are already
conditioned to be
controlled and
Trafficked.

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Where to find victims

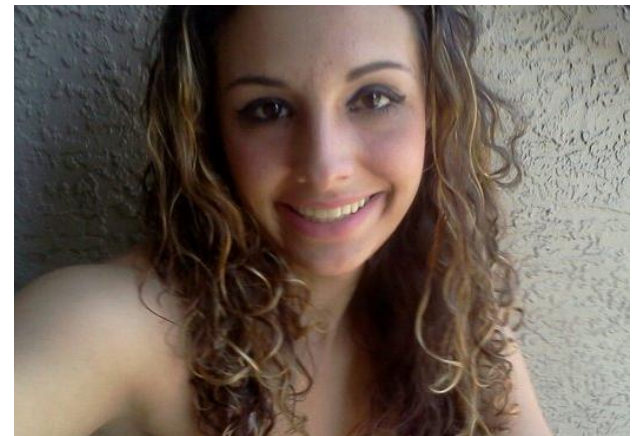
- Social Media
 - Schools
 - Advertisements/internet
 - Jail/Foster care
 - Clubs/Bars
 - Off the street
 - Shopping Areas
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- A decorative purple dashed line in the bottom right corner, consisting of several curved segments.

**VICTIM PATTERNS -
SEX TRAFFICKING
IDENTIFIERS**

- Average age introduced to sex trafficking
- Not their first time
- History of sexual abuse
- Chronic runaways
 - Throwaways
 - “Survival sex”
 - Call History with LEO
- Intelligence does not seem to be a factor
- Age-inappropriate relationships (Defensive or protective of “boyfriend” “daddy”)
- DON'T USE TERMS PIMP AND PROSTITUTE

Patterns (Continued)

- Lack of age appropriate / gender appropriate friends
- Did NOT grow up wanting to do this
- Protective or guarding individuals present with them
- Family dynamic is nonsensical under brief examination



More Patterns...

- Tattoos
- Hospital visits / abortions / STD – UTI / Pregnancy
- No positive male role model
- Father out of the picture
- DCS history
- Unexplained income or gifts (who bought you that?)



The “Bottom”

Bottom Girl: Pimp/Handler has more than one girl in his stable, there will most likely be a bottom girl.

The bottom girl will be the Pimp/Handlers right hand girl, She will run the day- to- day operation.

She will have a valid driver's license, she will rent the rooms, Uber's whatever the Pimp/Handler needs or wants her to do.

She will make sure the other girls are up and working. She has to keep the drama down and if not, she will get punished more severely.



**70 –
90%**

WERE SEXUALLY
ABUSED IN A NON-
COMMERCIAL
MANNER FIRST

**\$32
BILLION**

YEARLY IN HUMAN
TRAFFICKING IN
THE US ALONE

**\$3-20
BILLION**

YEARLY PROFITS
GLOBALLY FROM
CHILD
PORNOGRAPHY

Child Sex Trafficking

- The commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) is often viewed as “*different*” from child sexual abuse. Few consider the two to be the same problem. However, CSEC is actually one form of child sexual abuse.
- Child sexual abuse is any sexual act between an adult and a minor or between two minors when one exerts power over the other. CSEC occurs when individuals buy, trade, or sell sexual acts with a child. CSEC also includes the recruitment, harboring, transporting, provisioning, or obtaining of a person for the purposes of a commercial sex act.

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children

- Sex trafficking includes the commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) and happens when someone buys, trades, or sells sexual acts with a child.
- It includes Child Sex Abuse Material (CSAM), child sex tourism, and child marriage for the purposes of sexual abuse or sexual exploitation.
- Essentially, it is the exchange of any sex act with a minor for something of value. Under U.S. law, anyone under the age of 18 years that participates in commercial sex is a victim of sex trafficking —whether the trafficker forced, defrauded, or coerced them.

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children

- The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children estimates that 1 out of 6 runaways reported missing in 2020 are likely child trafficking victims.
- Although all children (of any age, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, or economic status) can be at risk for trafficking, national data shows those at the highest risk for victimization are often:
 - Females
 - Kids in the welfare system
 - Kids from low-income communities
 - LGBTQ+ Kids
 - Homeless Kids
 - Kids who have previously experienced any form of trauma

RED FLAGS

Fearful, anxious, submissive

Signs of physical abuse

Monitored, controlled, guarded

Unaware of their location

Not in control of their money or documents

Child under 18 in a suspicious circumstance

What to do..

Contact DCS

Contact the Police

Contact the HT Hotline

Preserve the scene / evidence

- (Phones, pocket litter, documents, receipts...)

LOOK FOR VICTIMS!!!

- Hospitals
- Hotels
- Schools
- DV shelters
- Hotels

Contact the NGO

Family Challenges

Lack of evidence

Underage victims

Mindset in some communities

Lack of cooperation

Protection of perpetrator



PROSTITUTION OFFENSES

TCA § 39-13-515

Promoting Prostitution

- (a) Owning, controlling, managing, supervising, or in any way keeping, alone or in association with others, a business for the purpose of engaging in prostitution, or a house of prostitution;
- (b) Procuring an inmate for a house of prostitution;
- (c) Encouraging, inducing, or otherwise purposely causing another to become a prostitute;
- (d) Soliciting a person to patronize a prostitute;
- (e) Procuring a prostitute for a patron; or
- (f) Soliciting, receiving, or agreeing to receive any benefit for engaging in any of the activities defined in subdivisions (4)(A)-(E);

TCA § 39-13-513 - Prostitution

(b) (1) Prostitution is a **Class B misdemeanor**.

(2) Prostitution committed within one hundred feet (100') of a church or within one and one half (1/2) miles of a school, such distance being that established by § 49-6-2101, for state-funded school transportation, is a **Class A misdemeanor**.

(3) A person convicted of prostitution within one and one-half (1 ½) miles of a school shall, in addition to any other authorized punishment, be sentenced to at least seven (7) days of incarceration and be fined at least one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

Patronizing Prostitution TCA § 39-13-514

(a) A person commits an offense under this section:

(1) Who patronizes prostitution; or

(2) When a person patronizes prostitution where the subject of the offense is a law enforcement officer or a law enforcement officer eighteen (18) years of age or older posing as a minor.

(b) (1) Patronizing prostitution is a Class A misdemeanor.

(2) Patronizing prostitution within one and one-half (1.5) miles of a school shall, in addition to any other authorized punishment, be punished by no less than seven (7) days of incarceration and by a fine of not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

(3)(A) Patronizing prostitution from a person who is younger than eighteen (18) years of age or has an intellectual disability is punishable as trafficking for commercial sex acts under § 39-13-309.

JOHNS

Every background and demographic

First purchase of sex at 21

Peer pressure primary reason

More likely to be older, married, and have kids

Johns will travel to destinations and locations outside of where they live to avoid discovery.

Dispatched Prostitution Service

Provider Reviews (<https://nashville.rubratings.com/pages/premium>)



Exotic playmate

📞 ★ (<https://nashville.rubratings.com/pages/premium>)
✖ (<https://nashville.rubratings.com/pages/premium>)

● Tip Jar

Important: Never send payments in advance! Requests for CashApp, PayPal, Venmo, gift cards, etc are scams.

Hi Gentlemen,

Come enjoy a relaxing and sensual experience with me. My beautiful light eyes, perfect curves and erotic touch will be sure to leave you more than satisfied. Making sure all my clients feel appreciated is my number one priority

- * Independent provider
- * Clean upscale environment

I look forward to meeting you xo

Phone: (615) 601-2285
Location: Murfreesboro
Provider ID: #217851
Latest Activity: Nov 08, 2021



Dispatch Challenges

Language Barriers

Complexity : Girl, Handler, John

Dispatched from one city to service another city

Example: Dispatch Center located in New York, Dispatched to Murfreesboro

Domestic, Internet, and Hotel Based

- Based off hotels
- Based off Internet Ads
- Be familiar with locals advertising
- Challenges are that these people are travel circuit... MOBILITY
- Numerous websites – Listcrawler, Skip the Games, eros.com, various dating and hook up sites.

Demand Reduction

Technically a Reverse Sting

(We are “Selling” girls)

Lessons Learned

- There IS a market
- There IS a market
- Takes all kinds: LAWYERS, ENTERTAINERS, PASTORS, TEACHERS, ETC.

Rescue Operations

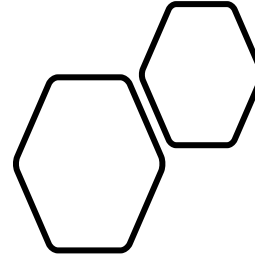
Technically a “Sting” but
our targets are different

***Contact the females in
the Ads.

***Target the juvenile ads

***Target the persons who
provide the prostitutes

Cases Studies



Case Study

- Started at 16
- Boyfriend turned her out
- Started getting high with pills then heroin, meth, etc.
- Controlled by several pimps (Now 21 YOA)
- One Night – never got out of room, made 4000.00
- She made nothing, but was forced to have sex with over 15 men in 12 HR period

7/30/2016

After a hard days work I'm the antidote you need for relaxing.. - Tennessee escorts - backpage.com

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[backpage.com](#) > [Tennessee adult entertainment](#) > [Tennessee escorts](#)

Report Ad

After a hard days work, I'm the antidote you need for relaxing.. - 18

Posted: Friday, July 29, 2016 3:08 AM

Hello I'm ALENA

I Cater 🍷 to Upscale Men👑 who Want to have the Best Time of their Life with a Beautiful Girl👩 I'm fun, outgoing, discreet, and more than sweet. 🍷 I can guarantee you every moment we have will be unforgettable. 🍷 Please don't Hesitate to Call Im full of energy & open minded with a great outgoing personality. I enjoy the company of mature gentlemen, those who are respectable and sincere Alena 615-541-8285

Poster's age: 18

• Location: Brentwood, Antioch, Nashville

• Post ID: 17910203 tennessee

[email to friend](#)



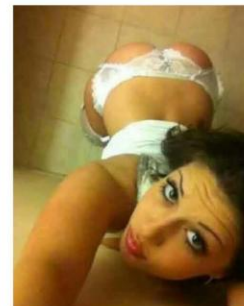
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Sex Trafficking Victim Pleads for Help in Murfreesboro

March 6, 2018

- Around 8:30 Sunday morning, a woman ran into a gas station on Old Fort Parkway pleading for help. The woman was not wearing any shoes and evidently threw up on the floor. A clerk at the station took the woman into the gas station office to wait for police to arrive.

Murfreesboro Authorities learned from the woman that she was possibly a victim of sex trafficking.

The victim told officers that she was badly beaten by a man who was residing in the Clarion Hotel. The 26-year-old woman told police that the man was "Selling her body."

The police report documented that the female had marks all over her body from the alleged assault.

The woman was taken to Saint Thomas Rutherford Hospital to be cared for. The case is now under investigation.



Domestic Challenges - Mobility...

Agent: Girl sold for sex in three Tennessee cities



Stacey Barchenger, sbarchenger@tennessean.com

6:06 p.m. CDT August 12, 2016



Buy Photo

(Photo: Larry McCormack / The Tennessean)

A man authorities say sold a 12-year-old Texas runaway for sex took the girl to Memphis, Nashville and Knoxville for a month before his arrest, according to court testimony.

Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Special Agent Jason Wilkerson testified in a preliminary hearing for Tavarie Anthony Williams on Friday, revealing new details about how agents converged on a Cool Springs hotel to arrest Williams on July 30. Williams, 36, is charged with trafficking for a commercial sex act and rape of a child, according to court records, and is in custody in Williamson County.

Wilkerson detailed how the girl, who was reported missing more than a month before she was found, tried to get help by sending a picture of herself to a relative.

"She made contact, according to the Marshals Service, with a relative and said that she was in the company of someone and could not leave," he said, "and sent a photograph of herself back to a relative in Texas."

Social Media Apps

Facebook

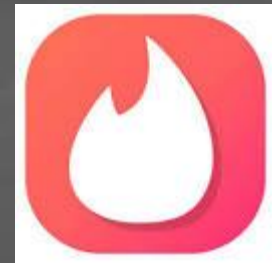
Instagram

SnapChat

KIK

Tinder

Many Other Apps



Familiarize yourself with these SITES especially
Dating, Hook Up Sites, and Apps

A Metro Nashville Public Schools maintenance worker has been charged with felony solicitation for rape of a child.



Brian Keith Watson, 39, of Murfreesboro, was arrested Aug. 29 on charges of felony solicitation for rape of a child.
Submitted

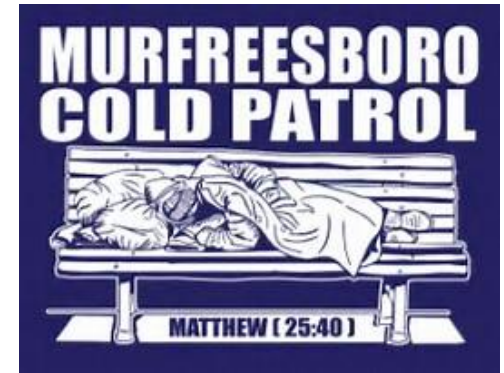
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- Brian Keith Watson, 39, of Murfreesboro was arrested Tuesday night after an investigation by the Murfreesboro Police Department's Special Victims Unit. Watson became the focus of the investigation after MPD Vice Detective Kristy English found a post on the classified ads website Craigslist in which a man was seeking a woman and her daughter to engage in sexual activity, the arrest report said.
- English found the original post on Aug. 24, an incident report stated.
- "Det. English turned the case over to the SVU and I began communicating with this person," Detective Tommy Roberts said in the report. "The communication lasted approximately six days and Mr. Brian Keith Watson was developed as the suspect."
- The correspondence led to the suspect to, "in great detail, solicit sex from a 12-year-old girl," Roberts reported.
- Police arranged a meeting between the suspect and a detective posing as the mother mentioned in the correspondence at a local fast-food restaurant and then on to a hotel room.

LE Resources

- SPOTLIGHT
- POLARIS PROJECT
- END SLAVERY
- Tennessee Department of Health
- TN Massage Board
- TBI SA Jason Wilkerson
- Rescue 1 Global

Know Local Resources





Single Point of Contact System (SPOC)

Mandated by Gov. Haslam in 2013

Created the Tennessee Human Trafficking Services Coordination and Service Delivery Plan

Appointed TBI the lead Agency for all HT crimes in Tennessee

Established Regional SPOC in each of the 4 TBI regions

Tennessee Human Trafficking Hotline

Phone:

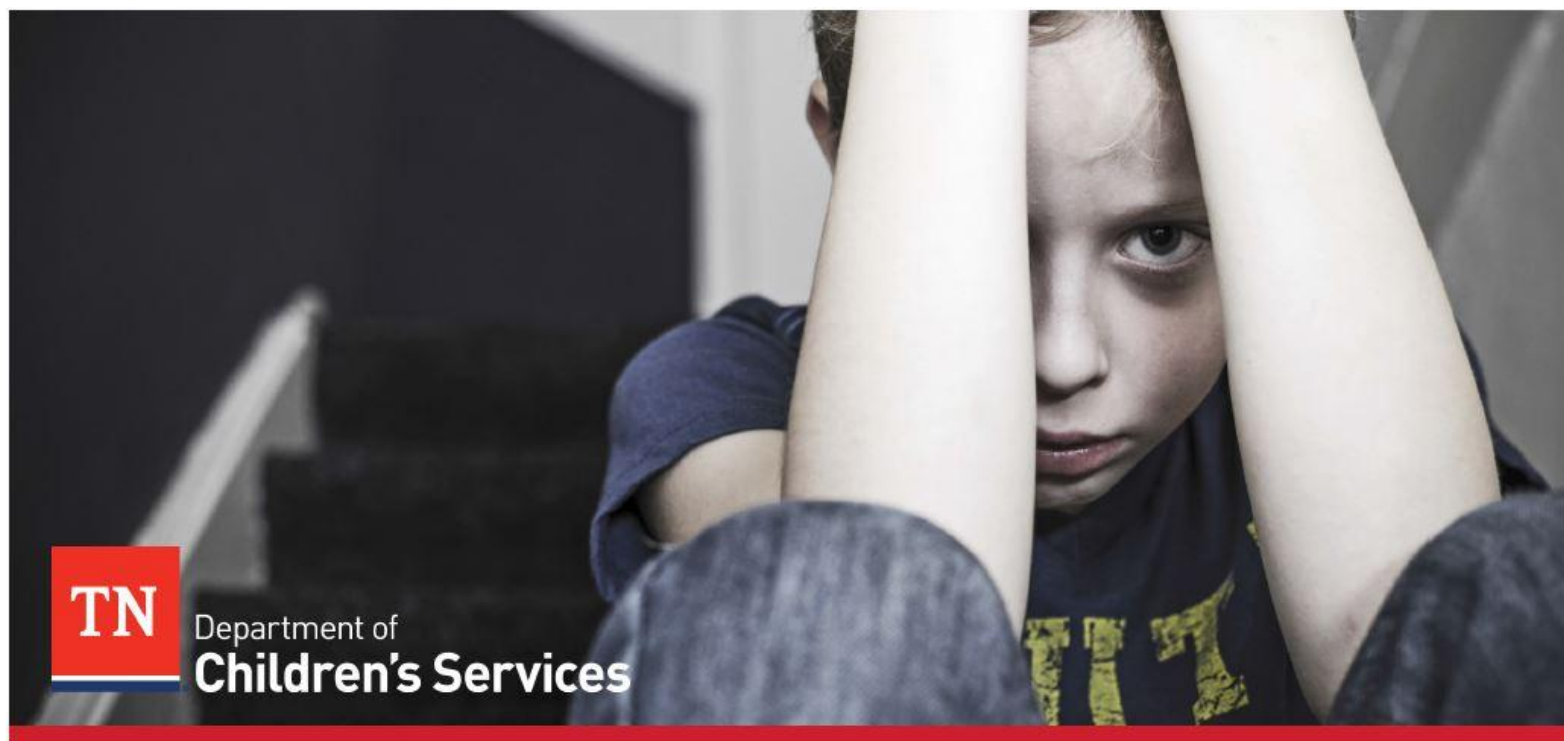
**1-855-55-TNHTH
(1-855-558-6484)**

Email:

tbi.tnhth@tn.gov



DCS Child Abuse Hotline Law Enforcement - 877-237-0026



**Report Suspected Child Abuse & Neglect
877-237-0004**

Call 911 if there is a life-threatening emergency

You shouldn't be able to order a 'date'
with a girl just like you'd order a pizza.

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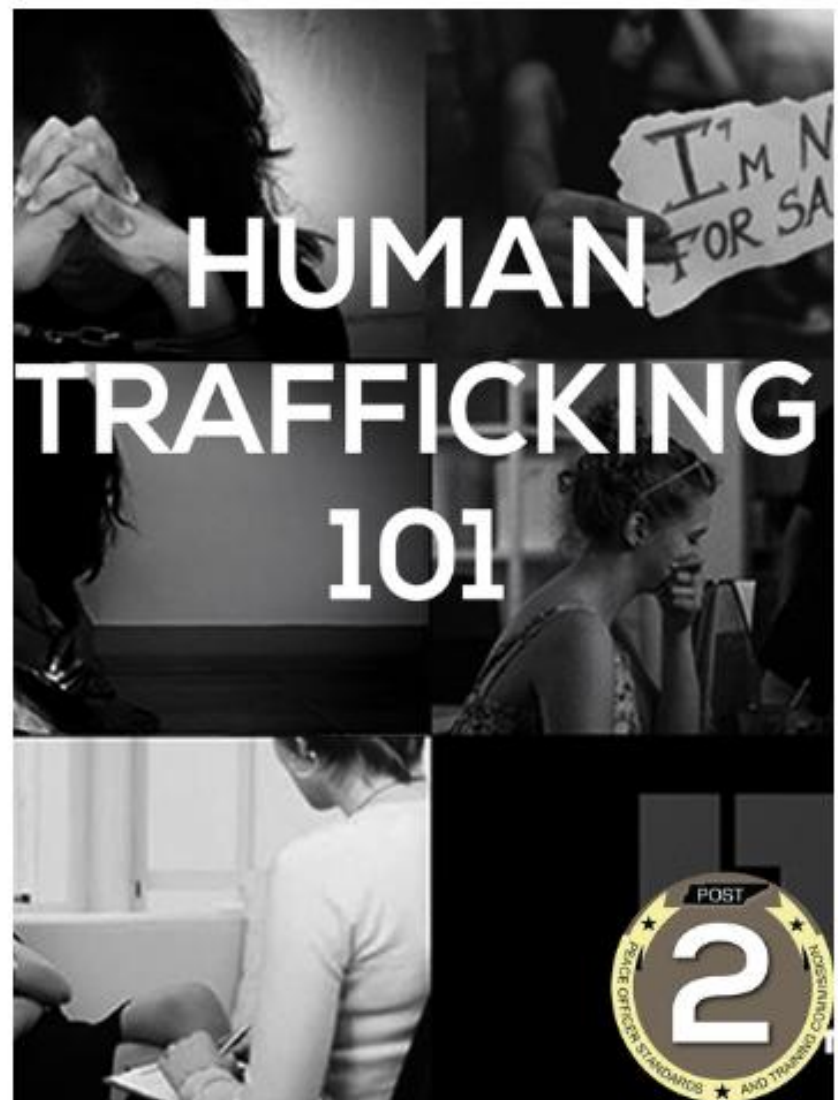


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<http://www.tbilearn.com/course-catalog/>

If additional assistance is needed, please contact TBI LEARN support at TBI.Learn@tn.gov or (615) 744-4607.



This is the two hour state mandated Human Trafficking course for all Law Enforcement Officers in the State of TN.

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