



# El Segundo Police Department

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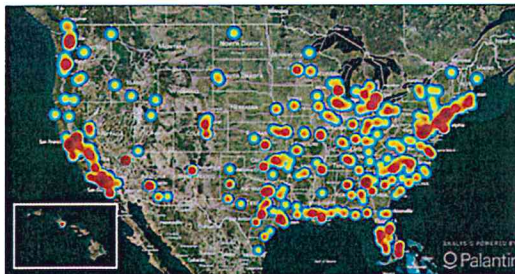
## TRAINING BULLETIN

Training Subject: **Human Sex Trafficking**

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Human trafficking is a multi-billion dollar a year industry, second only to drug trafficking. Estimates of 14,000 to 17,000 people are brought to the U.S. yearly for labor or sexual exploitation.

Human trafficking involves the recruitment, abduction, transport, harboring, transfer for sale, or receipt of person, within nation, or across international borders. Sex traffickers use violence, threats, lies, debt bondage, and other forms of coercion to lure adults and children to engage in commercial sex acts against their will. Under Federal law, ANY minor under the age of 18 years of age, that is induced into commercial sex is a victim of trafficking, whether or not force, fraud, or coercion were used.



Pimps are no longer the sole players in the game. Local gangs have infiltrated the sex trafficking market as it is a less risky, less expensive, with a renewable resource. On average, one victim can make \$300-\$500 a night, \$6K-\$10K a month, \$70-\$100K a year. Victims can be exploited through family members as an infant, photographed, and sold for pornography or sex. And for every victim that is rescued, they are replaced.

The average age of a sexually human trafficked child is 13. They are usually run-aways or problem children from unstable homes, with poor family connections, low self-esteem, and a desire to belong. They can also be kidnapped, such as Elizabeth Smart, who was taken from her home at knife point, tied up and raped daily. They can be manipulated, through social media, thinking they are meeting a boy their own age, and then kidnapped. They can be beaten, raped, gang raped, choked, caged like an animal, branded with tattoos, and manipulated into submission.

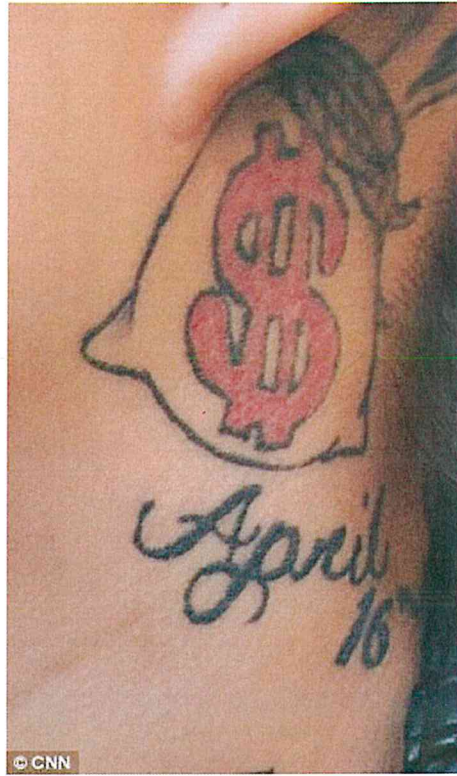
## Indicators of Sex Trafficking

### Hotels / Traffic stops

- Cash payments / prepaid / rechargeable cards
- Multiple adjacent rooms
- Used / new condoms / lubricants
- Multiple cell phones
- Excessive number of key cards from other hotels
- Large sums of cash
- Signs of frequent travel

## Brandings / Tattoos







### Applicable Human Trafficking Sections

236.1. (b) A person who deprives or violates the personal liberty of another with the intent to effect or maintain a violation of Section 266, 266h, 266i, 266j, 267, 311.1, 311.2, 311.3, 311.4, 311.5, 311.6, or 518 is guilty of human trafficking.

(c) A person who causes, induces, or persuades, or attempts to cause, induce, or persuade, a person who is a minor at the time of commission of the offense to engage in a commercial sex act, with the intent to effect or maintain a violation of Section 266, 266h, 266i, 266j, 267, 311.1, 311.2, 311.3, 311.4, 311.5, 311.6, or 518 is guilty of human trafficking. Average sentence has been 15 to life!

Additional CPC sections:

- 266 Procurement
- 266h Pimping
- 266i Pandering
- 266j Procurement of child
- 647(b) Prostitution
- 653.22(a) Loitering with intent to commit prostitution
- 267 Abduction of minor for prostitution
- 311.1-6 Obscene matter / Child pornography

### **Initial Contact with Victim & Building Rapport**

- € Determine if the victim is safe
- € Determine if the victim is in need of medical treatment
- € Determine if victim is to be given SART exam
- € If SART, do not allow victim to drink or eat anything prior to exam
- € If the victim has a cell phone, as part of detention take possession of the phone
- € Place the cell phone on airplane mode (SB178 approved)
- € Determine if the victim is wanted on parole or probation violations

### **Photographs of the Victim**

- € A clear photo of the victim's face
- € A photo of the victim's clothing
- € Photos of all tattoos on the victim

### **Photographs that should be taken of Victim's Cell Phone Content**

***Must have warrant or victim's consent before doing the following:***

- € Victim's cell phone and its contents
- € Each text message individually and in sequence between her trafficker and his accomplices
- € Victim's Facebook messages with her trafficker, if any

### **Photographs of where the victim was housed and trafficked**

- € Photos of the physical location where the victim was found by law enforcement
- € Photos of the exterior and interior of the physical location where the victim was being housed by her trafficker
- € Photos of the physical location where the victim was being trafficked
- € Photos of the area immediately surrounding the physical location where the victim was being trafficked

### **Initial Contact with the Suspect**

- € Determine if suspect will be given SART exam
- € If the suspect has a cell phone, as part of detention take possession of the phone
- € Place the cell phone on airplane mode (SB178 approved)
- € Obtain video, audio or written consent from the suspect to search phone (phone pass code)
- € Establish connection between the suspect and victim
- € The interview should be audio or video recorded

### **Photographs of the Suspect**

- € A clear photo of the suspect's face
- € Photos of all the suspect's tattoos

### **Preliminary Investigation**

- € Identify all victims, witnesses and suspects
- € Ensure that all monikers of victims and pimps are documented
- € Obtain background information on all parties i.e. family, friends, hangouts etc.
- € If evidence to support that Human Trafficking exists complete an Investigative Report entitled Human Trafficking of a Minor

### **Important things to remember:**

- € Do not formally book the Suspect or the Victim until HTU has interviewed them. If they are formally booked they will be reluctant to speak with investigators when they arrive.
- € DCFS **shall** be notified and the verbiage "I have a CSEC" should be used.
- € Ensure that the minor gets to make the appropriate phone calls within 1 hour of arrest. Same rules apply for CSEC as a detained juvenile.
- € Officers must transport the victim to a medical facility for SART. DCFS can only take custody of a juvenile from a police station or contract hospital.
- € When interviewing CSEC or victims of HT be sympathetic and patient with them. They are trained not to provide any information to police.
- € Please call DSVD, HTU via DOC for any questions

### **Phone numbers:**

DCFS Hotline – 1 800 540-4000

CAST – Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking – [www.castla.org](http://www.castla.org) – 1-888-539-2373

Saving Innocence – [www.savinginnocence.org](http://www.savinginnocence.org) – 1-888-373-7888 / 323-379-4232

Journey Out – 818-554-0072

After Hours – DOC – 213 484-6700