

Human Trafficking



Arlington Police Department

Human Trafficking- Definition

organized criminal activity in which human beings are treated as possessions to be controlled and exploited



Smuggling

- **Always a crime against a nation's borders!!!!**
- **Always international**
- **Is a voluntary relationship between two people (like a business arrangement)**
- **Can turn into trafficking if the person's smuggling debt is used to force the person into some type of exploited labor**

Human Trafficking

- **Always a crime against a person!!!!**
- **Can be international or internal**
- **The trafficker maintains control over the victim**
- **Trafficker can use smuggling debt to control the victim**
- **Involves some type of forced labor**



The Two Primary Components

Sex Trafficking

the illegal business of recruiting, harboring, transporting, obtaining, or providing a person and especially a minor (under the age of 18) for the purpose of sex

Labor Trafficking

the act of providing or obtaining the labor of a person by use of or threat of force, physical restraint, serious harm (as physical, psychological, financial, or reputational), or abuse of legal process



What Leads Someone to Become a Victim

- ▶ Seeking acceptance and love
- ▶ Need for security
- ▶ Low level of education or no education
- ▶ Feeling of hopelessness
- ▶ Desire for a better life
- ▶ Limited employment opportunities in countries of origin



Signs Displayed By Trafficking Victims

- ▶ No Control of money, cell phone or ID
- ▶ No knowledge of current or past whereabouts
- ▶ Presence of drugs, alcohol, sex paraphernalia
- ▶ Living and working on site
- ▶ No freedom of movement
- ▶ Excessive foot traffic in/out of location
- ▶ Exhibits fearful, anxious or submissive behavior
- ▶ Life story does not make sense or add up
- ▶ Requests room overlooking parking lot
- ▶ Few possessions
- ▶ Uses only pre-paid credit cards



Where does trafficking occur?

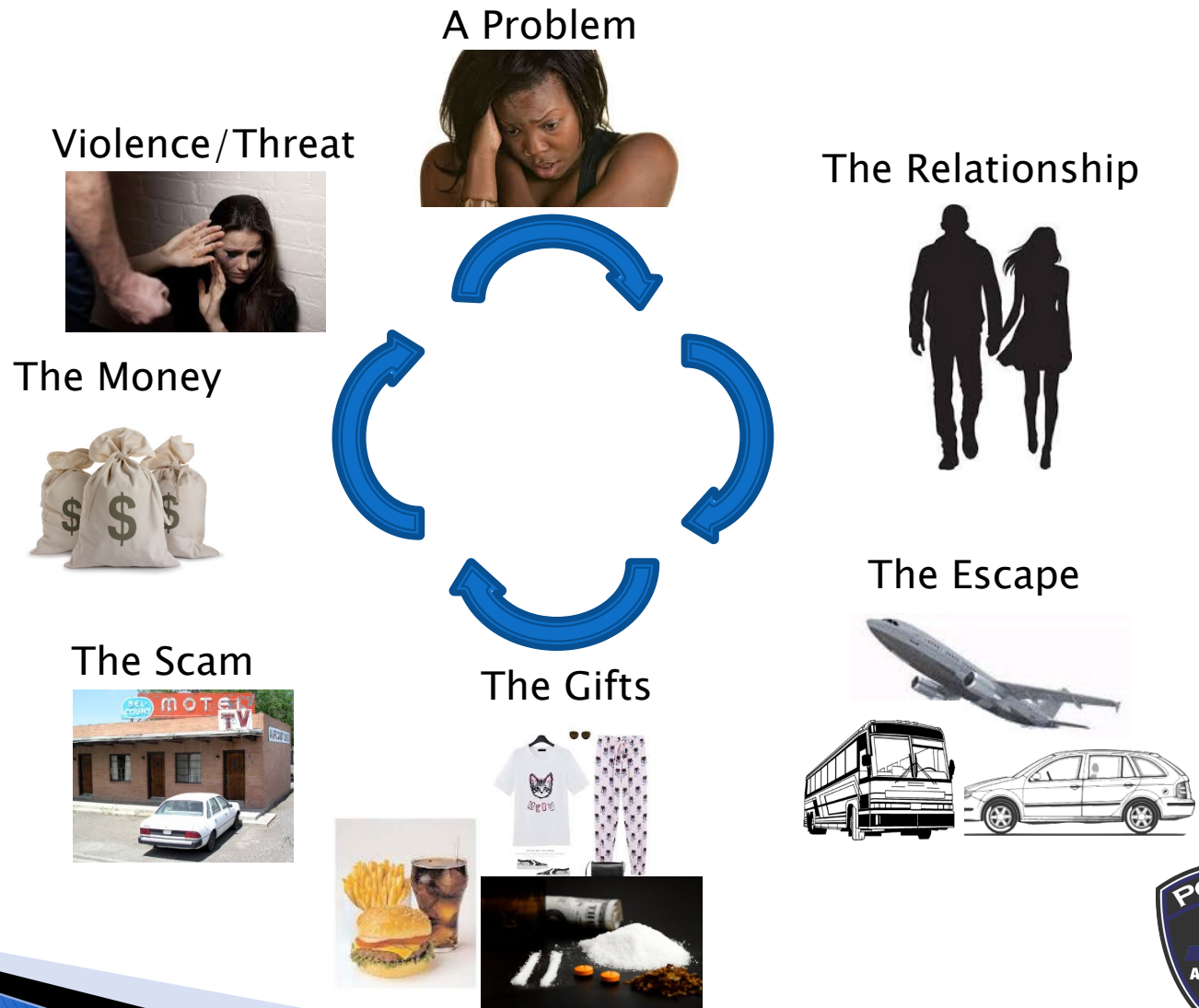
Trafficking can occur Anywhere!!!!

Bars/Strip Clubs
Massage parlors
Restaurant/Custodial Work
Adult bookstores
Modeling Studios
Sweatshops
Domestic Situations

Truck Stop
Hotels/Motels
Rest Areas
Private Residences
Near Big Event Venues



Recruitment Process



Polaris Project Statistics 2020

The U.S. National Human Trafficking Hotline learned about **1,040** situations of labor trafficking and **7,629** situations of sex trafficking in 2021.

2021 Form of Trafficking	2020		2021		% Change
	# of Situations	% of Situations	# of Situations	% of Situations	
Labor	1040	10%	1066	10%	4%
Sex	7629	72%	7498	72%	-0%
Sex & Labor	339	3%	400	4%	20%
Sex + Sex & Labor	7968	76%	7898	76%	1%
Other/Not Specified ¹	1516	14%	1395	13%	-7%
Total Trafficking Situations	10524		10359		

2021 Form of Trafficking	2020		2021		% Change
	# of Likely Victims	% of Likely Victims	# of Likely Victims	% of Likely Victims	
Labor	3553	21%	3785	23%	7%
Sex	10834	65%	10571	64%	-2%
Sex & Labor	659	4%	707	4%	8%
Sex + Sex & Labor	11493	69%	11278	68%	-2%
Other/Not Specified ¹	1586	10%	1515	9%	-4%
Total Unique Victims	16610		16554		

Source: <https://polarisproject.org/2021-us-national-human-trafficking-hotline-statistics/>



Trafficking Statistics

The International Labor Organization estimates that there are **40.3 million victims of human trafficking globally**.

- 81% of them are trapped in forced labor.

- 25% of them are children.

- 75% are women and girls.

In 2021, there were over **16,500** Human Trafficking situations identified in the United States.

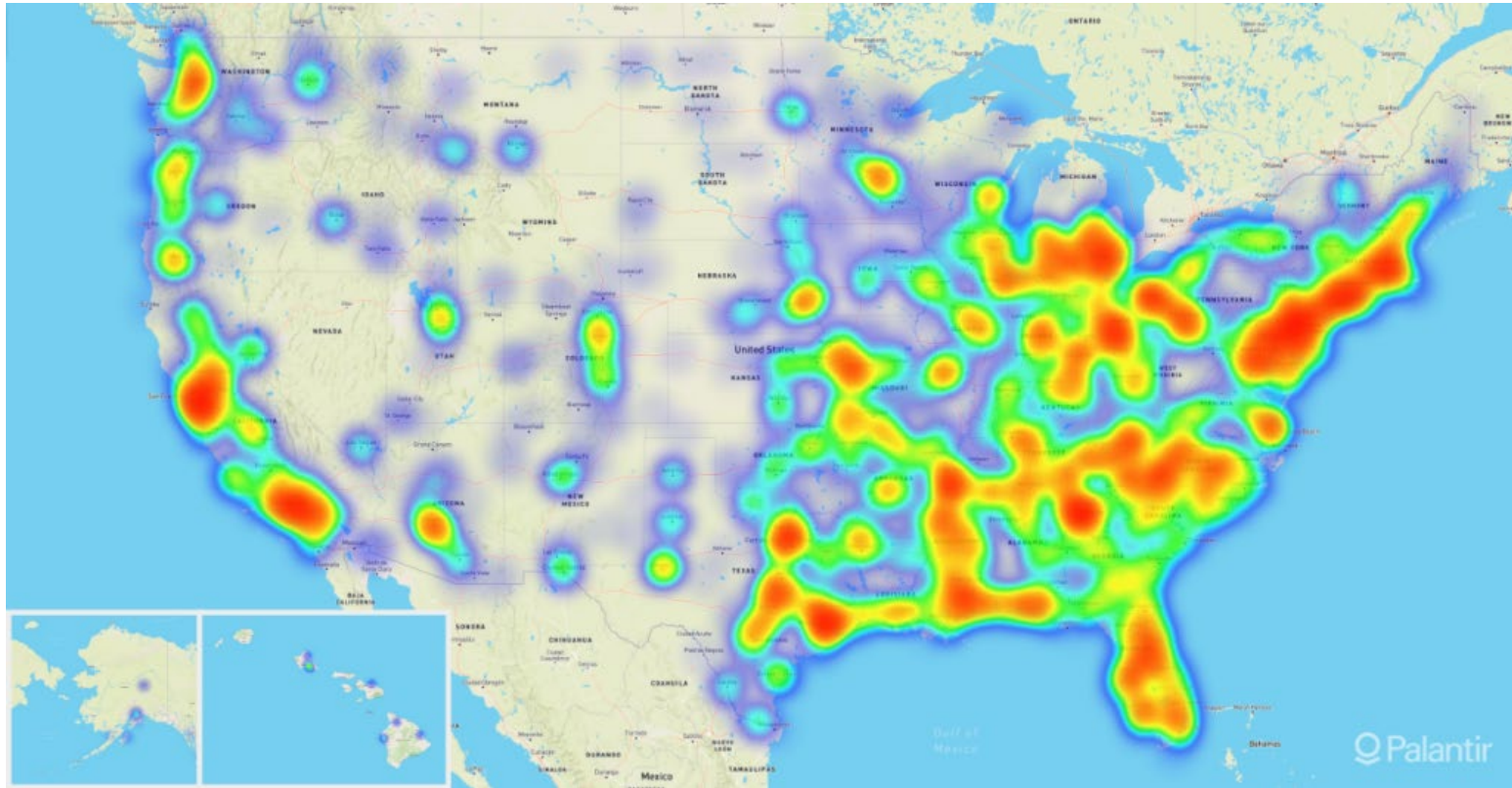
Of these situations, **4,384** traffickers were identified as well as **1,912** suspicious businesses.

In 2020, an estimated **1 out of 6 endangered runaways** reported to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children were likely child sex trafficking victims.

<https://Polaris-2021-US-National-Human-Trafficking-Hotline-Data-Report.pdf> (polarisproject.org)



2021 Human Trafficking Locations



Source: <https://polarisproject.org/2021-us-national-human-trafficking-hotline-statistics/>



Trafficking Statistics

YEAR	PROSECUTIONS	CONVICTIONS	VICTIMS IDENTIFIED	NEW OR AMENDED LEGISLATION
2013	9,460 (1,199)	5,776 (470)	44,758 (10,603)	58
2014	10,051 (418)	4,443 (216)	44,462 (11,438)	20
2015	19,127 (857)	6,615 (456)	77,823 (14,262)	30
2016	14,939 (1,038)	9,072 (717)	68,453 (17,465)	25
2017	17,471 (869)	7,135 (332)	96,960 (23,906)	5
2018	11,096 (457)	7,481 (259)	85,613 (11,009)	5
2019	11,841 (1,024)	9,548 (498)	119,932 (13,875)	7

Source: <https://www.state.gov/reports/2020-trafficking-in-persons-report/>



Trafficking Penalties Texas

Sec. **20A.02**. TRAFFICKING OF PERSONS. (a) A person commits an offense if the person knowingly:

- (1) traffics another person with the intent that the trafficked person engage in forced labor or services;
- (2) receives a benefit from participating in a venture that involves an activity described by Subdivision (1), including by receiving labor or services the person knows are forced labor or services;
- (3) traffics another person and, through force, fraud, or coercion, causes the trafficked person to engage in conduct prohibited by:
 - (A) Section **43.02** (Prostitution);
 - (B) Section **43.03** (Promotion of Prostitution);
 - (C) Section **43.04** (Aggravated Promotion of Prostitution); or
 - (D) Section **43.05** (Compelling Prostitution);



APD Human Trafficking Efforts

While working as a taskforce officer APD detective Greg Dickerman has investigated several high profile cases human trafficking. His most notable case was Craig Gadley and Joshua Smith.

- This was a domestic sex trafficking case involving adult and juvenile females. The females were recruited by members of the organization in the Dallas/Fort Worth metropolitan area.
- The females were recruited to engage in commercial sex acts under false pretenses by means of force, threats of force, fraud, and coercion across state lines.

Victims



Money



Suspects



APD Human Trafficking Efforts

- 2 Indictments (18 USC 1591, 18 USC 2423)
- Victims Identified
 - 6 Minor Victims
 - 2 Adults
- Criminal Organization Dismantled
- Both Gadley and Smith plead to 15 years in federal court in Fort Worth.

Craig Jerome Gadley Jr.



Joshua Alexander Smith



APD Human Trafficking Efforts

On Jan. 31 2014, a man allegedly tried to sell a juvenile girl for a sex act at a south Arlington hotel. The customer turned out to be an undercover cop. Suspected pimp Myron Glen Johnson was snared in the multi-agency sting operation to attack human trafficking.

ICE led the operation, which lasted several weeks, involving a North Texas human trafficking task force.

"We take this very seriously," said Marwell. "And we're all about trying to identify these victims and put these traffickers in jail."

Marwell declined to give specifics on the operation or arrest results. He says officers in Fort Worth and Arlington used Internet sites, including Backpage.com, to set up appointments at area hotels.

Marwell says the juvenile rescued in Arlington was a runaway.

"In particular, the Dallas/Fort Worth area is a known runaway destination," said Marwell. "So a lot of these predators if you will are waiting for these very innocent, vulnerable children to come in, and they are exploiting them through the sex trade."

Federal officials say this was a far reaching investigation designed not just to make arrests, but to generate leads on victims of human trafficking, because they rarely come forward on their own.

Myron Johnson



Source: <https://www.wfaa.com/article/news/local/tarrant-county/ice-joins-local-agencies-in-tarrant-county-human-trafficking-probe/287-306235290>



How can you help?

Know the signs!

Controller

- only one who speaks English
- translates
- speaks for potential victims
- holds potential victims' identification and finances

Victims

- are not free to leave
- cannot speak when asked direct questions
- do not make eye contact with controller, LE, or service provider
- exhibit fear, reserved demeanor
- reside in house with many others, controlled by handler
- undocumented
- show signs of abuse
- uncompensated for work (inadequate pay/long hours)



How can you help?

- ▶ Call 911
- ▶ Contact:
Arlington Police Department:
<http://www.arlington-tx.gov/police/human-trafficking/>
- ▶ Contact:
National Center of Missing and Exploited Children
[1-800-843-5678](tel:1-800-843-5678)
- ▶ Contact:
National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline
[1-888-373-7888](tel:1-888-373-7888)



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Q&A

You have

Questions

We have

Answers