# HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN NEW MEXICO

PRESENTATION FOR:
COURTS AND CORRECTIONS JUSTICE COMMITTEE



# NEW MEXICO HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE

- Collaborative grant awarded to the Office of the New Mexico Attorney General and The Life Link. In addition: US Attorney, FBI and HSI.
- Collaborative effort between law enforcement and service providers to combat Human Trafficking statewide.
  - 1. Prevention: Enhancing public awareness and training professionals.
  - 2. Prosecution: Ensuring strong legislation and building strong cases through proactive investigations.
  - 3. Protection: Victim-centered rescue and long term restoration.

# OFFICE OF THE NEW MEXICO ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE LIFE LINK ARE THE REGIONAL TASK FORCE

- The Life Link approx. 50 calls a month
- National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC)
- National Human Trafficking Resource Center
- Citizens
- Law enforcement







## NMSA 30-52-1. HUMAN TRAFFICKING

## A. Human trafficking consists of a person knowingly:

- (1) recruiting, soliciting, enticing, transporting or obtaining by any means another
  person with the intent or knowledge that <u>force</u>, <u>fraud or coercion</u> will be used
  to subject the person to labor, services or commercial sexual activity;
- (2) recruiting, soliciting, enticing, transporting or obtaining by any means a person under the age of eighteen years with the intent or knowledge that the person will be caused to engage in commercial sexual activity; or
- (3) benefiting, financially or by receiving anything of value, from the labor, services or commercial sexual activity of another person with the knowledge that force, fraud or coercion was used to obtain the labor, services or commercial sexual activity.

## WHAT IS FORCE, FRAUD, & COERCION?

#### **Force**

- Kidnapping
- Torture
- Battering
- Threats with Weapons
- Sexual Abuse
- Confinement
- Forced use of Drugs
- Forced Abortions
- Denial of Medical Care

#### Fraud

- Promises of Valid Immigration
- Documents
- Victim told to use false travel papers
- Contract signed for Legitimate Work
- Promised Job differs from actuality
- Promises of Money or Salary
- Misrepresentation of Work Conditions
- Wooing into Romantic
- Relationship

### Coercion

- Debt Bondage
- Threats of Harm to Victim or Control of Children or family
- Controlled Communication
- Photographing in Illegal Situations
- Holding ID/Travel Documents
- Verbal or Psychological Abuse
- Control of Victims Money
- Punishments for Misbehavior

### IN NEW MEXICO INDUSTRIES LINKED TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING

# **Sex Trafficking**

- Prostitution or other commercial sex venues
- Exotic Dancing/Stripping
- Escort Services
- Pornography (adult and child
- Modeling Studios
- Massage Parlors

# **Labor Trafficking**

- Farming/Agricultural work
- Landscaping/Construction
- Hotel or Tourist Industries
- Restaurant/Cooks/Waiter or Waitresses
- Domestic servitude/Housekeeping/ Nannies
- Peddling/Panhandling
- Massage Parlors

## WHO IS INVOLVED IN TRAFFICKING?

- The <u>recruiter</u> gains the victims trust and then sells them for labor or to a pimp. Sometimes this is a boyfriend, a neighbor, or even a family member.
- The **trafficker** is the one who controls the victims. Making the victim fearful through abuse, threats, and lies the trafficker gains power over his/her victim.
- The **victim** could be anyone.
- The **consumer** funds the human trafficking industry by purchasing goods and services. Often s/he is unaware that someone is suffering.

Human trafficking is the third largest international crime industry (behind illegal drugs and arms trafficking). It reportedly generates a profit of \$32 billion every year. Of that number, \$15.5 billion is made in industrialized countries.

# THE TRAFFICKER CONT/

- Can be a boyfriend, father, mother, brother, uncle, doctor, clergy, a coach, a teacher or anyone exerting control over a minor, even a peer.
- Not always organized criminals.
- Both men and women of varying ages.
- Any ethnicity or race.
- Anyone who benefits from the commercial sexual exploitation of a minor or facilitates the commercial sexual exploitation of a minor.

# THE TRAFFICKED PERSON

Human Trafficking reaches every culture and demographics. *Regardless* of their demographics, victims are vulnerable in some way, and the traffickers will use their particular vulnerability to exploit the victim.

#### Some risk factors include:

- Youth
- Poverty
- Unemployment
- Desperation
- Family backgrounds strife with violence, abuse, conflict
- Homelessness
- A need to be loved
- Immigration Status

# THE TRAFFICKED PERSON

- Likely has been lied to about the work they will be doing in the U.S.
- Was economically motivated to come the United States or to seek a new job.
- Believes they have a real debt to pay and takes this very seriously.
- Has been lied to about their rights in this country and what will happen to them if they seek help.
- Does not have any meaningful social network.
- **Is extremely embarrassed** about what is happening to him/her.
- May not see themselves as a victim they may feel blame for their situation.
- May be holding out hope that if he or she proves their worth, things will get better

# COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN AND DOMESTIC MINOR SEX TRAFFICKING

- Internet Based Prostitution
- Street Prostitution (increasingly less common)
- Strip club
- Pornography
- Escort Services
- Casinos/Clubs
- Private Parties
- Interfamilial Pimping
- Survival Sex
- Sex for Drugs
- Gang Based Prostitution

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND TECHNOLOGY

SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

# Traffickers hit social networks to recruit underage girls to engage in commercial sex

■ The trafficker have searched Facebook for attractive young girls, and sent them messages telling them that they were pretty and asking if they would like to make some money.



Twitter





# craigslist



# backpage.com.

#### local places

- events
- bars/clubs
- restaurants
- salons/nails/spas

#### community

- childcare
- classes/workshops
- general
- groups
- lost & found
- volunteers

#### buy/ sell/ trade

- antiq.-collectibles
- appliances
- business
- boats & motorcycles
- clothing/jewelry
- farm/garden
- computers/electronics
- free
- furniture
- household items
- miscellaneous
- pets, pet supplies
- sports equip.
- tickets
- tools/materials
- want-trade
- yard sales

#### automotive

- auto-truck-ry
- auto parts
- services

#### musician

- available/wanted
- equip/instruments
- instruction
- services
- plug the band

#### rentals

- roommates
- apt/condo/house
- commercial
- vacation
- miscellaneous
- rentals wanted

#### real estate

- house/condo
- land for sale
- commercial
- misc
- wanted

#### dating

- women > men
- men > women
- men > men
- women > women
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#### adult

- escorts censored
- body rubs
   censored
- strippers & strip clubs
- censored
- dom & fetish
  - <u>censored</u>
- ts
- censored
- male escorts
  - <u>censored</u>
- phone & websites
  - censored
- adult jobs
  - <u>censored</u>

#### services

- biz opps
- business
- cleaning
- computer
- creative
- financial
- health & beauty
- home improvement
- labor/moving
- landscape/lawn
- legal
- massage
- misc.

#### jobs

- acctg/finance
- admin/office
- computer/technical
- customer service
- domestic
- driver/delivery/courier
- education
- focus group/studies
- job wanted/resume
- mgmt/professional
- medical/health
- miscellaneous
- real estate
- rest/retail/hotel
- sales/mktg
- salon/spa
- show biz/audition
- trades/labor

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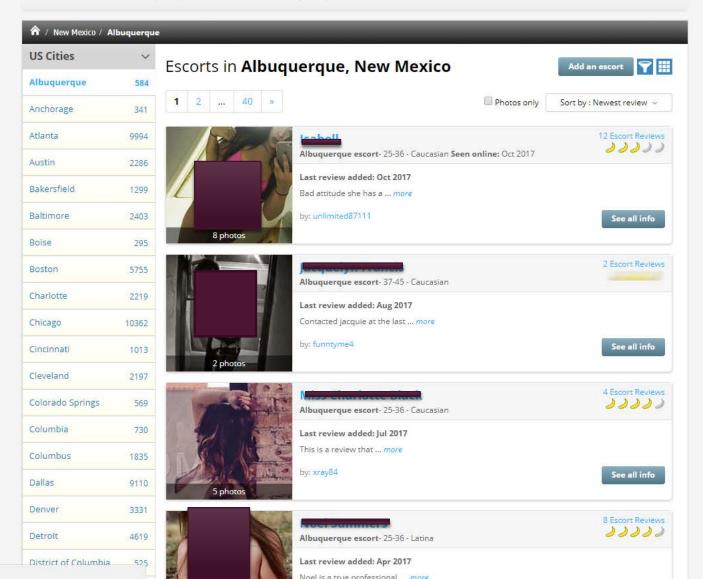
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## Albuquerque

#### Erotic massage near Albuquerque

- Rio Rancho (4) Massage Parlors
- Bernalillo Massage Parlors (2)
- Moriarty (1) Massage Parlors
- Belen Massage Parlors (1)
- Santa Fe (8) Massage Parlors
- Los Alamos (1) Massage Parlors
- Gallup
- Massage Parlors (1)
- Farmington Massage Parlors (2)
- Roswell (1) Massage Parlors
- Clovis Massage Parlors (1)

#### All New Mexico massage parlors

Albuquerque

#### Albuquerque erotic massage parlors with reviews - 98

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Daisy Massage Albuquerque, NM, 87108 12 reviews \*\*\*

\$ 60 per hour

Chinese massage

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Moon Massage on Lomas

Albuquerque, NM, 87112 1 review

\$ 55 per hour Chinese massage

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Sunrise Massage

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d NW - Suite D Albuquerque, NM, 87120 3 reviews \*\*\*

\$ 50 per hour Asian massage

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Lily Garden Massage NE

Albuquerque, NM, 87110 3 reviews

\$ 50 per hour Asian massage

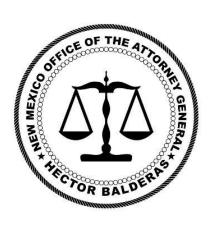
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Sex	Sex Trafficking cases — 67
Labor	Labor Trafficking cases — 18
Sex / Labor	Sex and Labor - 5

# REPORTED HUMAN TRAFFICKING CASES IN NEW MEXICO JULY 2016 – JULY 2017

# EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

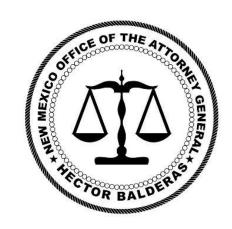




- Training community partners
  - Law enforcement
  - Corrections
  - Service providers (e.g. medical personnel, therapist, counselors)
  - Hospitality industry
  - Immigration services
  - CYFD
  - Committees with combined disciplines (SART)
  - Faith base community
  - School administrations
  - Medical personnel
  - Tribal communities

# **QUESTIONS**





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