



# What is Human Trafficking?

- The TVPA (Federal Government) defines “severe forms of trafficking” as:
  - a. sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such an act has not attained 18 years of age; or,
  - b. the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.
- A victim need not be physically transported from one location to another in order for the crime to fall within these definitions.

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- Legal Definition of Human Trafficking (State of Florida): The use of force, fraud, or coercion to recruit, harbor, transport, provision (supply), or obtain a person for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage or slavery.
- The forms of Human Trafficking:
  - Forced Commercial Sex
  - Forced Labor
    - Agriculture
    - Construction
    - Service
  - Domestic Servitude

# How Big a Problem Is It?

- **21 million in forced labor worldwide-Sex and Labor**
- **12.3 million in sex trafficking (Polaris)**
- **About 80% of all victims are females, and 50 percent are children. In the US, 70% of the women are in sex trafficking, 30% in labor.**
- **Globally over 2 million children are forced into the sex trade each year. (IJM)**
- **About 6,000-8,000 cases have been officially prosecuted.**
- **Any child under 18 persuaded to perform a commercial sex act is defined as a victim of trafficking in the US. Approximately 100,000 – 300,000 American children are sex trafficked every year. (TVPA and FBI)**
- **The Average Age of a Victim of Trafficking is 12-14 years old.**
- **It generates approximately \$150 billion internationally annually, making it one of the top 3 international crimes along with drugs and arms.**

Statistics from State Dept.'s Trafficking in Persons Reports and Polaris Project and ILO (Most numbers are estimates due to the hidden nature of the crime.)

# What does it look like in the U.S.? In Florida?

- Florida has one of the highest occurrences of human trafficking in the U.S. and is usually ranked in the top 3 states.
- In Florida, some victims are in the hospitality industry or are young American girls between the ages of 11 and 15 recruited into the slave trade.
- Brothels vs. Hotel/Motels....Foreign vs. Domestic
- Florida High Migrant Worker Community
- Florida High Hospitality Industry
- Florida Highways
- The average age of an American child entering the sex trade is 12-13. Runaways are particularly vulnerable.
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# The Types of Human Trafficking

## ■ Domestic (US Citizens)

- Sex Trafficking
- Minor Sex Trafficking
- Labor
- Domestic Servitude

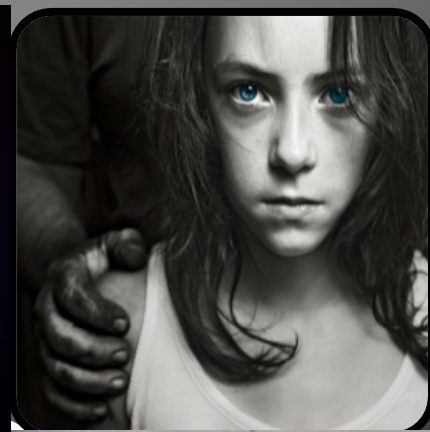
## • Foreign:

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# What Forms of HT Take Place in SW Florida?

ALL FORMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING TAKE PLACE IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA



# Smuggling vs. Human Trafficking

## Trafficking:

- A crime against an individual.
- It endangers human security.
- Victims are entitled to residency under federal law
- It can occur domestically or Internationally.
- Victims have no choice but to submit to exploitation.

## Smuggling:

- A crime against the state.
- It endangers national security.
- Smuggling persons should be repatriated to their county of origin.
- It requires crossing transnational borders.
- Smuggled persons consent to illegally entering the receiving country.\*

\*UN Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea, Air



# Prostitution vs. Sex Trafficking

## Prostitution:

- It is a voluntary act or lifestyle choice, although research shows that most prostitutes were molested as a child.
- The person is 18 or over.
- The person keeps his/her earnings or is in a business arrangement where he/she is paid for work.
- The person can leave the situation.
- **Amount of service**

## Sex Trafficking:

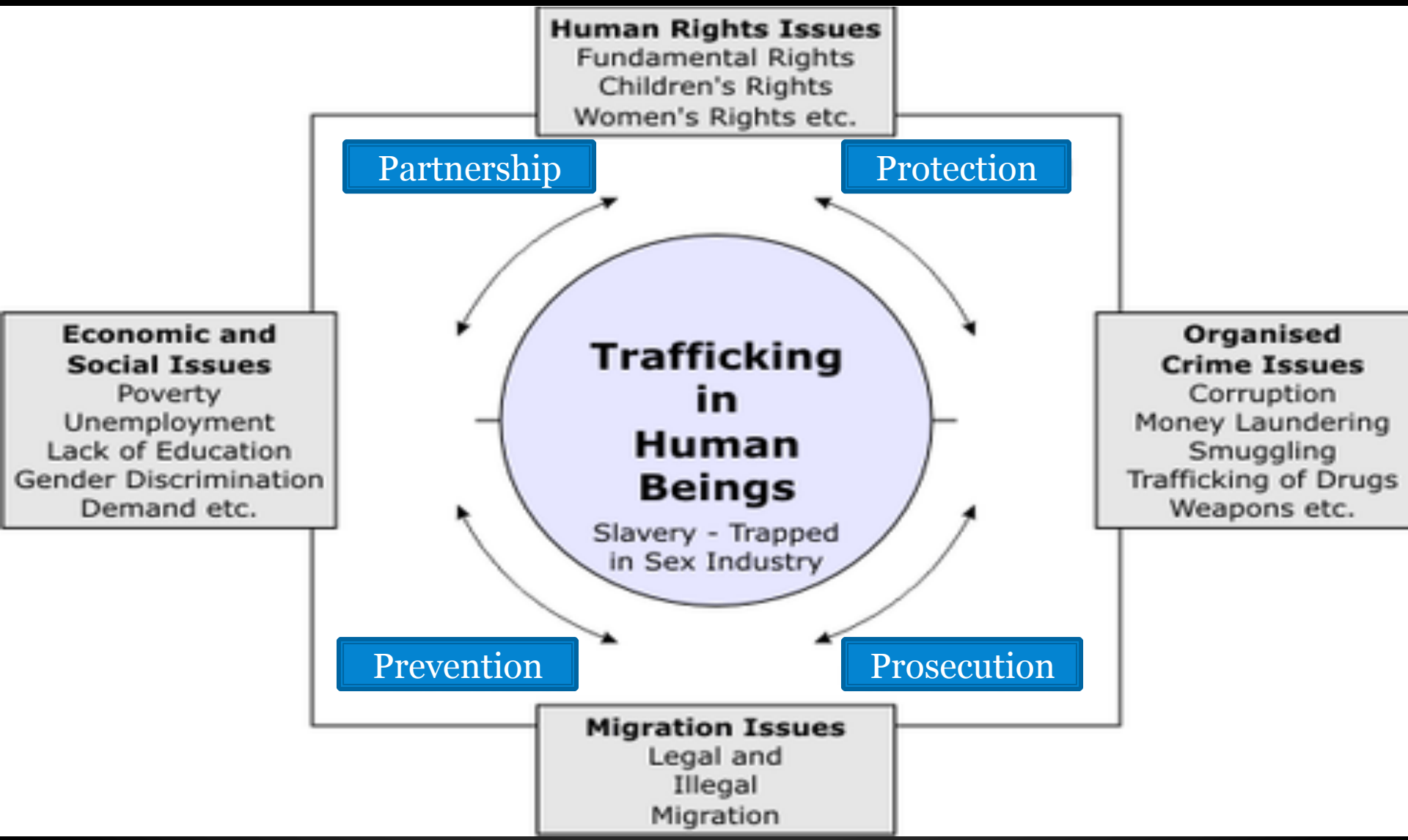
- The victim becomes involved in the work through force, fraud or coercion.
- The victim may be a minor or an adult who is forced into the work.
- The victim often receives little or no compensation.
- The victim cannot leave the situation without endangering him/herself or others

***Legally, a child under the age of 18 cannot be considered a prostitute; they are a victim of human trafficking.***

# The Idea of 4 P's

- Prevention
- Protection
- Prosecution
- Partnership

# Understanding the 4 P's from a Law Enforcement Perspective



# What is Trauma ?

Interestingly, it is not the event that determines whether or not it will be a traumatic experience, but how the person experiences and perceives the event that determines how traumatic the event will be.

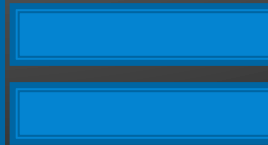
Traumatizing events (witnessing a horrific event, car accident, natural disaster, bad break-up of a relationship, etc...) can be traumatic even when there is no physical harm or damage.



**Perception**



**Experience**



**Trauma**

# What are the Components of Trauma?

All traumatic events have three basic components:

1. The event causing the trauma was unexpected and overwhelming
2. The person was not prepared for the event/trauma
3. The person was helpless in stopping the event from happening

# What are the Types of Trauma?

Traumas Caused by **Nature**  
(i.e. hurricanes, volcano, tornado, flood etc...)

Traumas Caused by **Man**  
(i.e. Intentional: domestic/sexual violence, child abuse/incest, war, criminal activity/violence etc...)

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Some traumas caused man may be by **accident** or **without intention of harm** (i.e. Unintentional: auto accident, falling off a roof etc...)

# For the Victim/Survivor

- Sexual Abuse/Assault/Rape

30  
Johns

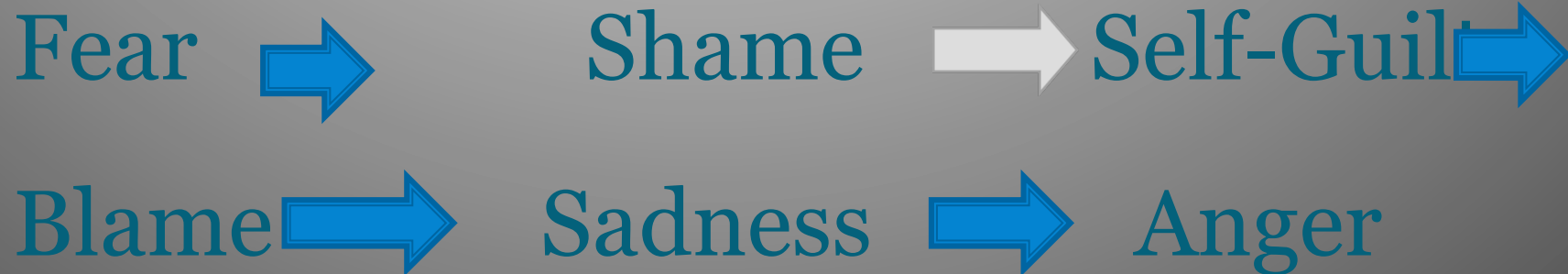


7 Days/  
Week



210  
RAPES  
per  
WEEK

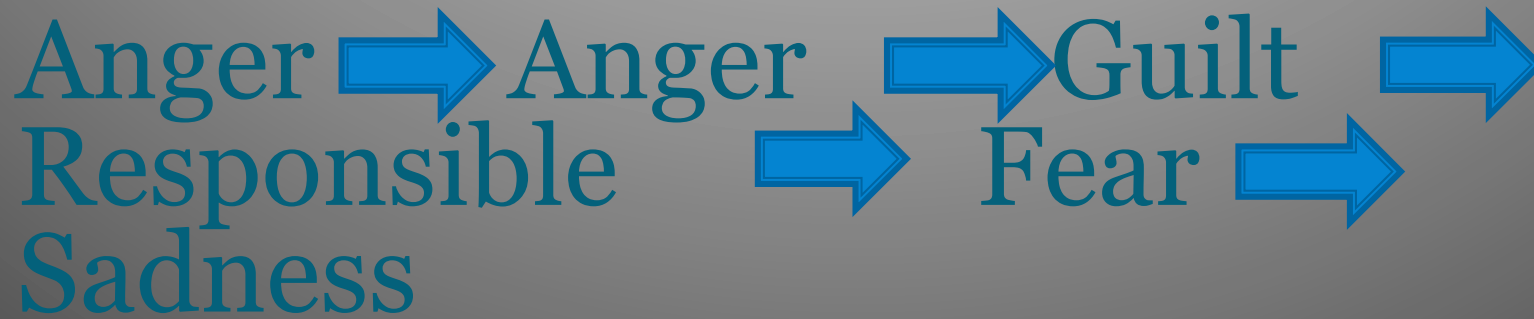
# Foreign victims



- Be comfortable talking about the traffickers in terms of *gratitude*.



# Domestic Victims



- Be comfortable with talking about the pimp in terms of *love and relationship*

# Victims' 18-month mug shot progression



# Reality for Trafficker/Pimp

- Human trafficking is not about emotions  
it is about money



How much  
money?

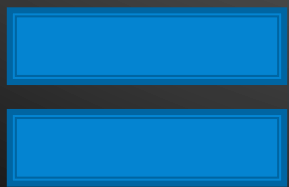
# Lets See!

- Annual Income for 3 Victims

30 Johns  \$35 Each  7 Day Week  12 Months

15 minutes

\$35.00 to \$400.00



\$264,600

# Operation Human Freedom



## Operation HUMAN FREEDOM



P.A.M. RONDI



Victor Blanco Pantoja  
"Omar", "Moyo"



Anahi Bengoechea  
"Christina"



Delfa Narediaga



Alberto Sierra  
"Columbia"



Jose Mordado  
"Bonilla"



Dalia Torres



Armando Ocampo  
Hernandez



Moises  
Rodriguez



Elvia Valencia  
Morales



Mario Gonzales  
"Catracho"



Juan Pablo  
Perez



Baldomero  
Delatorre



Aurora Del Rosario  
Barrientos Pirir



Martin Ortiz



Gladys Mendoza  
Torres

# Fear Domestic and Foreign

## 1. Fear

1. The unknown.
2. You have to do anything you have to pay your debt or else.
3. This is the only environment they have known.
4. Threats are real.
5. Language
6. Surroundings
7. Pay off debt



# Common Signs of Victims

1. False IDs and lying about age
2. Bruising, injuries, branding tattoos, marks on body
3. Accompanied by overly controlling companion
4. Inconsistencies in story
5. Inability or fear to make eye contact
6. Withdrawn behavior, jumpy, or anxious
7. Lack of knowledge about community/whereabouts
8. Substance abuse
9. Minor reveals not being enrolled in school or excessive absences
10. Works excessive hours, unable to leave job or move willingly
11. Does not manage own money, largely controlled by someone else
12. Not in control of identification or travel documents
13. Lives with multiple people in cramped space, lives with employer



# Environmental Signs of Possible Victims

- Adult (usually older) companion does all speaking for possible victim, restricts communication.
- Companion insists on translating even when translator available, resists assistance
- Victim does not complete paperwork themselves
- Victim wants to leave before visit complete; may display signs of fear



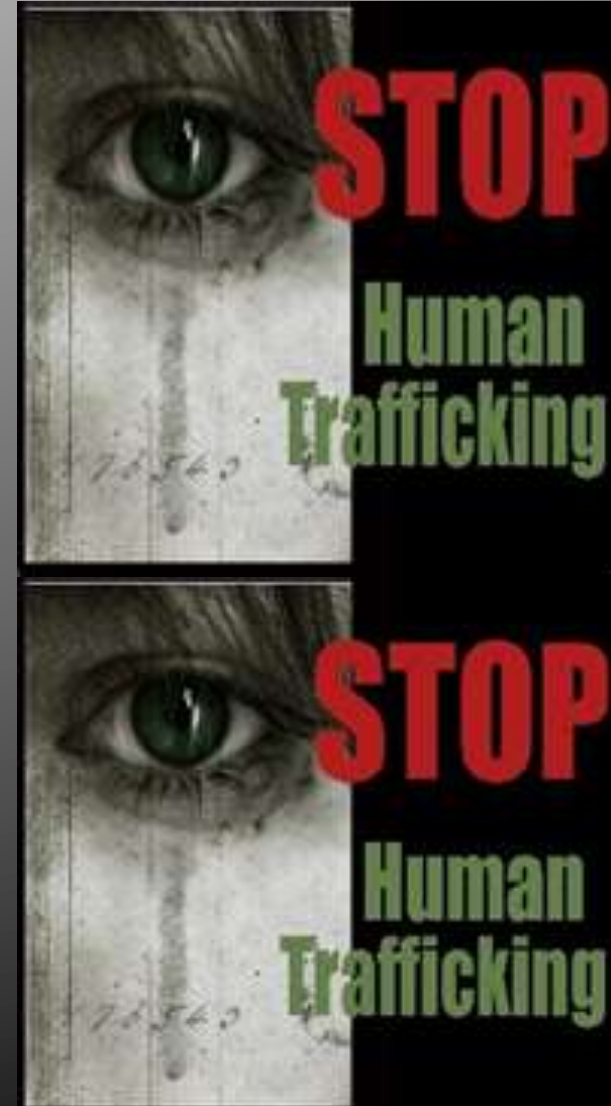
# Foreign/Domestic

- Intake
  - Questions to Ask  
Who-What-When-Where-How  
Not Why! Victim will tell you why....
  - How to identify a victim of HT?

Fraud-Recruitment

Coercion-False Promises that are too good to be true!

Force-You have to do this or else!



# Foreign Survivor/Victim Signs

- Was brought here with the promise of a false job.
- Is here under a management agent.
- Afraid of people she is living with.
- Has to pay off a debt.
- Hiding when law enforcement arrives
- Is working for person she has a debt with.
- Being held or threatened until debt is paid.
- False ID.
- Carrying Large amounts of condoms.
- Has an assigned/designated driver.
- Unclear/inconsistent stories about what she does for a living.
- Thinks she will be deported automatically if law enforcement is called.

# Questions For Survivor/Victims

- **Charged others for your services or work and kept the money?**
- **Punished you for complaining about your living or working conditions?**
- **Have you been forced to use drugs?**
- **Threaten you for complaining about your living or working conditions?**
- **Asked to perform uncomfortable acts**

# Victims/Survivor Questions Cont.

- Limited your contact with friends or family in the U.S. ?
- Failed to pay you as promised or not pay you for your services?
- Physically, sexually, emotionally, verbally abuse you or threaten to abuse or deport you?
- Taken away your freedom of leaving or quitting your job? Made you feel unsafe at work?
- Took your paycheck or employer's pay

# Questions for Foreign Victims

- Made you pay off a debt for their travel expenses for coming to the US.
- Limited your contact with friends or family or your home country.
- Taken away your freedom of leaving or quitting your job? Made you feel unsafe at work?
- Took away your documents?
- Took your paycheck or employer's pay

# Foreign Victims Cont...

- Threaten you for complaining about your living or working conditions?
- Asked to perform uncomfortable acts
- Had to pay rent, utilities and travel expenses to employer (money taken out of paycheck):
  - Said you could not leave your job?
  - Told you that something bad will happen to your family if you the job?
  - Ever forced or intimidated to do something against your will?
  - Do you have a choice of where you work and how much you work?

# Do not...



- Tell Survivor/Victim to call someone to pick her up.
- Tell Survivor/Victim you do not believe her.
- Tell Survivor/Victim you can not help him/her.
- Tell Survivor/Victim you promise to protect them.
- Ask question that insinuate judgment.
- Call anyone victim knows to speak to them.

# If you think you may have a survivor/victim

- What is the next step?
- Identify
  - Needs...
    - Shelter Protocol/Clothing/Food/Safety/Forensic
    - Law Enforcement
    - Explain rights
    - No false promises
    - Get actively involved
    - **Call us 239-939-3112 or 239-738-8722**

## Make Calls....

- 1. ACT 239-939-3112 or Catholic Charities 239-738-8722**
- 2. Your Supervisor or Assigned Unit**

Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc.

24 hr. hotline 239-939-3112

Yaro Garcia 239-537-9646

National Human Trafficking Resource Center 1-888-377-7888

Catholic Charities 239-738-8722

[www.actabuse.com](http://www.actabuse.com)

[Swflhtcoalition.org](http://Swflhtcoalition.org)



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# LOOK BENEATH THE SURFACE

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS  
MODERN-DAY SLAVERY

A victim of trafficking may look like  
many of the people you see everyday.

How do you spot something you could see every day? You can still identify someone in the only condition with the responsibility to speak with a doctor.

There are safe housing, health, transportation, food, income, employment, legal and transportation services available to victims, but that they must be found.

If you think someone is a victim of trafficking, call **1.888.3737.888**  
For more information about human trafficking visit [www.ahhhs.gov/trafficking](http://www.ahhhs.gov/trafficking).



Questions?

