### Human Trafficking Detective Roger Baker and Jan Miyasaki



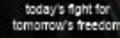
I am someone's daughter. And I won't give up until I'm home again.

#### My childhood is tarnished. I shouldn't be here.

Niether should my friends down the hall.

I miss my family. I dream of them but their faces are getting blurry. I'm scared I'll never see them again.

anti-trafficking





Human trafficking has become the second most profitable industry, after drug trafficking.



### Force, Threat and/or Coercion

# Human Trafficking:

The illegal trade of humans against their will for the purposes of sexual exploitation, forced labor or modern-day slavery

### Human Trafficking

### What is human trafficking?

Human trafficking is the modern day . slave trade

Human trafficking is the solicitation transportation and exploitation of humans by means of deception and coercion and under the threat of violence.

Trafficked **men**, **women**, and **children** are under the control of another and as slaves, they are treated as property and are stripped of their rights.

# What does Human Trafficking look like in Madison?

Human trafficking does not require that a victim be smuggled into the Country from abroad. When a juvenile or adult is coerced or forced to engage in commercial sex for money through threats, force or coercion constitutes human trafficking. The victims are controlled by traffickers or pimps that typically take all of the money.

### Human Trafficking continued:

The most vulnerable are missing or runaway juveniles. Kids on the run don't have food, shelter, money and transportation. Traffickers prey on missing kids by providing for them before forcing them into modern day sexual slavery. This often occurs between ages 12 and 14. Victims are not free to leave and are often moved to multiple locations.



There are Gorilla Pimps and Romeo Pimps. Both exert control. Victims are a commodity. Control is exerted by torture, violence and threats towards victims and their families.

A drug dealer who sells his product must purchase more product to continue making money. A pimp can sell the same victim or victims many times a day, day after day without having to make expenditures beyond motel rooms and fast food etc.

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# Social media connects victims and offenders.



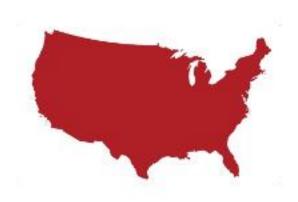
# Recruitment often occurs thru bottoms

- "Hey, you are really pretty. Do you want to make some money? It's easy. Message me girl"
- Bottoms are victims that improve their conditions by elevating to management for the pimps. They recruit, manage and keep other victims in line.
- It is a sad dynamic in which a victim transitions to the role of bottom.

## How large is the problem?

# 300,000 / Year

Underage girls being sold for sex in America





# 12 to 14 Years old

Typical age of a trafficking victim sold into propstitution for the first time



15 times / Day

A tarfficked minor is sold for sex.

### Human Trafficking is hard to measure

We usually learn about trafficking victims through other types of investigations. People often miss the warning signs and it goes unreported. We are only scratching the surface. Most are missing, both reported and unreported.

### The link to missing kids

#### CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING

1 in 6 of the 18,500 runaways reported to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children<sup>\*</sup> in 2016 were likely sex trafficking victims.



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# Dallas officials share methods of identifying teens at risk of prostitution, stopping cycle

### **The Forgotten Children**

### Dallas PD Sgt. Byron Fassett Tells His Tale of "the Forgotten Children" to Capitol Hill



### Dallas Child Exploitation Squad Dallas Model

### **Lessons from Dallas**

- If recovered runaways are picked up and processed with traditional protocols and taken home in the back of a squad car they won't be inclined to identify their offenders and pimps.
- Many of these kids become so entrenched in child prostitution that they can be caught up in the business for life.
- 80% of prostituted children had run away 4 or more times a year.

## **Dallas High Risk Victim Model**

- Developed by Sgt. Fassett and Det. De La Paz
- Created in 2005 with High Risk Victim Unit.

- High risk teens are identified based upon the amount of times they are reported missing.
- Proactive contacts are made in an effort to identify their pimps and offenders.
- 200-300 juvenile victims are identified each year.
- Prior to the implementation of the High Risk Victim Model Dallas Police were only identifying fewer than 10 child victims of prostitution a year thru conventional methods.

## **Change of course**

- Most child victims involved in prostitution are frequent victims of sexual abuse and chronic runaways.
- The average age of victimization is 14 however, some victims are grade school age.
- Patrol Officers are trained to look for signs of victimization and to bring juveniles into the station for minor infractions for interviews.
- Prior to the implementation of the program officers took the juveniles home.
- Victims are now taken to the Dallas County Letot Center for up to a month of counseling.

# "What we do with this model is to identify prior victimization"

- "We try to stabilize the child and in the process we end up getting the perpetrators".
- More than three fourths of the children contacted turn out to be involved in prostitution. They are offered treatment and services to recover from street life.
- "We're trying to help one of the most vulnerable populations out there". Sergeant Byron Fassett

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