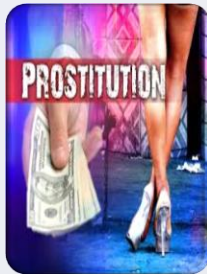


VICE DIVISION



Human Trafficking
Sergeant Antonio Gracia
Houston Police Department
Vice Division-Human Trafficking Unit

Vice Division: Investigations



HTRA

- Internet
- Hotels
- Brothels
- Escort Services
- Illicit Massage Businesses (IMBs)
- Cantinas
- Organized Crime
- Nuisance Abatement/DRT

- Adults
- Juveniles
- Int'l
- Domestic

Prostitution

- Streets
- Internet
- Hotels
- Brothels
- Escort Services
- Illicit Massage Businesses (IMBs)

- Human Trafficking
- Child Sexual Exploitation

Sexually Oriented Businesses

- Topless / Nude
- Hostess / Bikini / Taxi
- Adult Novelty
- Adult Arcades
- Adult Video
- Adult Bookstores

- Human Trafficking
- Prostitution
- City Ordinances

Gambling

- Game Rooms
- Underground Game Rooms
- Convenience Stores

- Money Laundering
- Tax Laws
- City Ordinances

Clubs

- Clubs & Bars
- Unregistered / Hidden locations
- Airbnb

- Human Trafficking
- Prostitution
- Liquor Law Violations
- Ordinance Violations

Liquor

- Clubs & Bars
- Restaurants
- Convenience Stores

- Texas Beverage Code
- Texas Tax Laws
- City Ordinances

Tobacco

- Clubs & Bars
- Convenience Stores

- Texas Tobacco Laws
- Tax Laws

What is Human Trafficking?

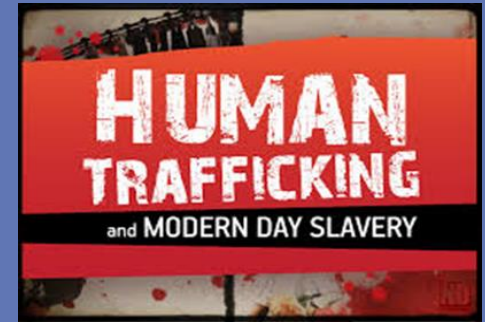
What is Human Trafficking?

According to the **Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA)**, **human trafficking** is "the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a person for **sex, labor** or **services**, through the use of **force, fraud, or coercion** for the purpose of involuntary servitude or commercial sex, or in which the person induced to perform such act is under the age of 18."

What is Human Trafficking?

Exploitation – Fraud, Force, or Coercion of another person

- Works excessively long or unusual hours
- Not allowed breaks / unusual restrictions
- Large debt to pay off
- Recruited through false promises of nature of work
- High security measures in work place
- Has few possessions
- No control over ID, money, financial records or accounts
- Not allowed to speak for themselves



HUMAN TRAFFICKING VISUALIZED

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS THE ILLEGAL TRADE OF HUMAN BEINGS. THE 2 MOST COMMON CAUSES ARE:



DEBT BONDAGE

People are sold into the trafficking market because they could not pay for their "debts/loans".



SEXUAL SLAVERY

People are sold into the trafficking market from brothels & in prostitution rings.

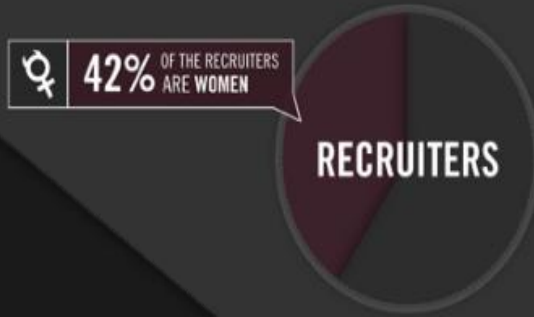
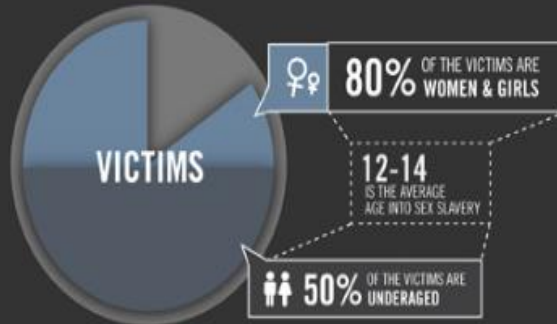
THE GROWING GLOBAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING INDUSTRY IS VALUED AT
\$31,600,000,000 / YEAR

WHICH MAKES IT THE
#2 FASTEST CRIMINAL INDUSTRY



WHILE DRUG TRAFFICKING REMAINS AT #1 VALUED AT
\$32,100,000,000 / YEAR

INVOLVEMENT VICTIMS & RECRUITERS



TRAFFICKING IN NORTH AMERICA = 100 PEOPLE



ARE BROUGHT INTO CANADA ILLEGALLY FOR SEXUAL SLAVERY & COMMERCIAL SEX TRADE.



ARE BROUGHT INTO THE UNITED STATES THROUGH CANADA ILLEGALLY



ARE BROUGHT INTO THE US FROM AROUND THE WORLD, ILLEGALLY.

APPROXIMATELY

79,000

MINORS AND YOUTH
ARE VICTIMS OF
SEX TRAFFICKING

IN TEXAS ★ ★

APPROXIMATELY

234,000

WORKERS ARE
VICTIMS OF
LABOR TRAFFICKING

THERE ARE CURRENTLY AN ESTIMATED

313,000

VICTIMS OF
HUMAN TRAFFICKING
IN TEXAS ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

TRAFFICKERS
EXPLOIT
APPROXIMATELY

\$600 MILLION

FROM VICTIMS OF LABOR TRAFFICKING

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ IN TEXAS

MINOR AND YOUTH
SEX TRAFFICKING COSTS
THE STATE OF
TEXAS

APPROXIMATELY

**\$6.6
BILLION**

Texas ranks **1st** in the United States in **2018** for the number of active criminal human trafficking cases making their way through federal courts.

HOW DOES YOUR STATE STACK UP?



NEW CRIMINAL CASES

Texas initiated **19** new criminal human trafficking cases in 2018 and is tied with New York for 1st in the nation for number of new cases.



ACTIVE CRIMINAL CASES

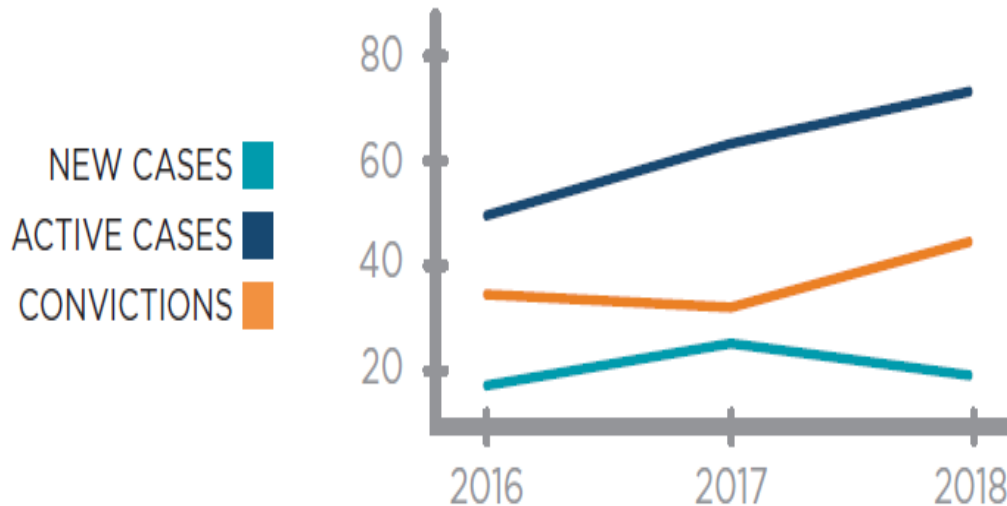
Texas had **74** criminal human trafficking cases active in 2018, ranking it 1st in the nation for number of active cases.



CONVICTIONS

Texas convicted **45** defendants in human trafficking cases in 2018, ranking it 1st in the nation for number of defendants convicted.

CRIMINAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING CASES

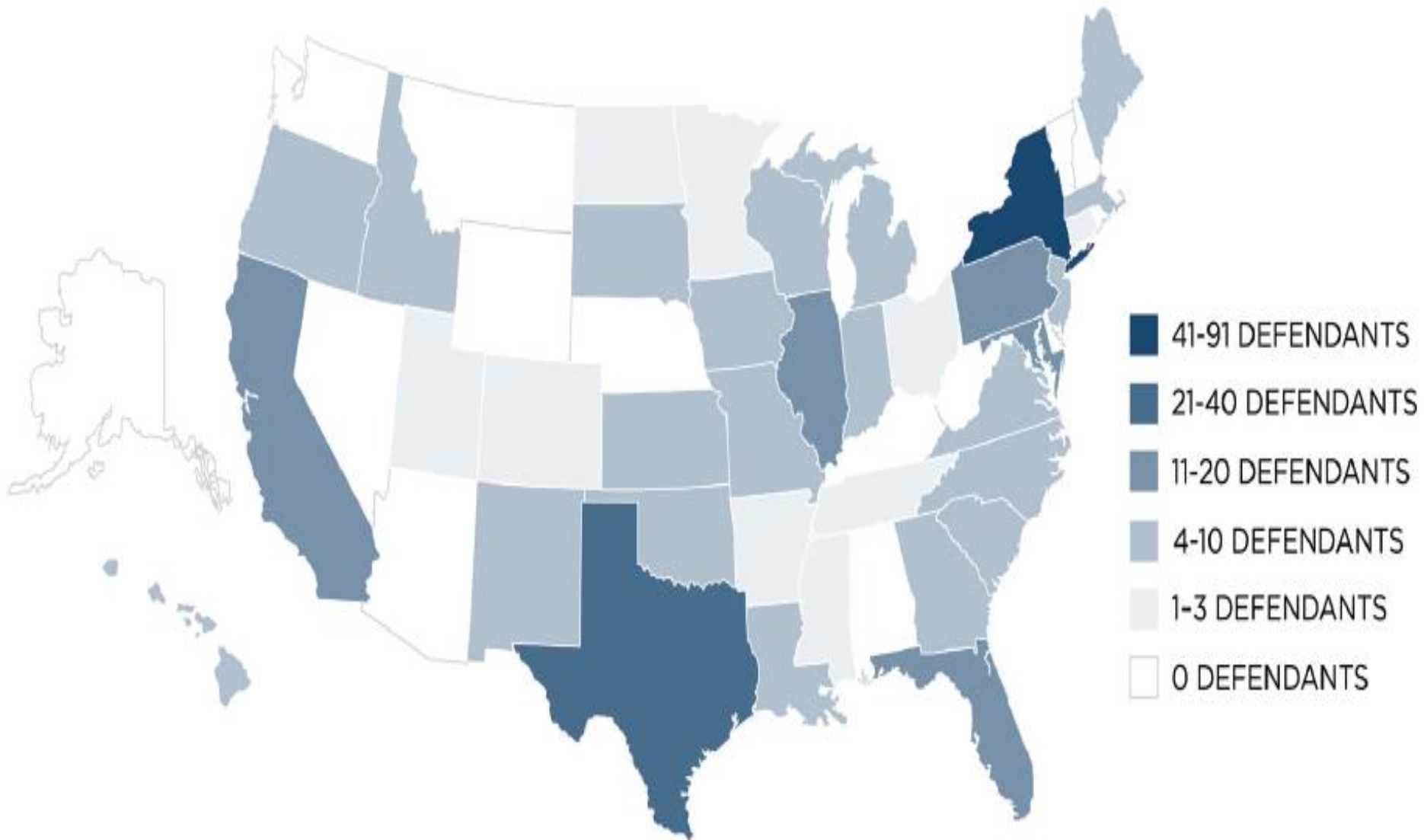


ACTIVE CRIMINAL CASES

8.1% LABOR TRAFFICKING



NEW CRIMINAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING DEFENDANTS



Human Trafficking in Houston

- ❑ Department of Justice declared Houston one of the most intense trafficking jurisdictions in the country
 - Proximity to the U.S.-Mexico border
 - Major international airport, seaport, and interstate roadways
 - Diverse labor sector
 - Diverse and sprawling community
 - Large immigrant population



TRAFFICKING



Crime Against a Person

**Contains an element
of coercion**

Can occur domestically

**Trafficked individuals
should be seen as victims**

SMUGGLING



Crime Against a Border

No coercion, contact ends

**Requires a border
crossing**

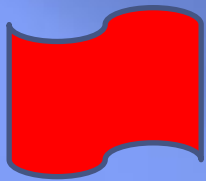
**Those entering illegally are
usually treated as violators**

Who are the victims?

The faces of human trafficking



are more common than you'd think.



Red Flags



RED FLAGS SEX TRAFFICKING RED FLAGS



UNEXPLAINED INJURIES

BRANDING OR TATTOOS



HOTEL KEYS, ROLLS OF CASH, MULTIPLE PHONES, OR REFILLABLE GIFT CARDS



SEXUALLY PROVOCATIVE CLOTHING INAPPROPRIATE FOR WEATHER OR SITUATION



CLAIM OF OLDER BOYFRIEND OR GIRLFRIEND



UNABLE TO MAKE DECISIONS WITHOUT APPROVAL



RED FLAGS LABOR TRAFFICKING RED FLAGS

WORKS EXCESSIVELY LONG OR UNUSUAL HOURS



LIVING WHERE THEY WORK OR IN LARGE GROUPS



TRANSPORTED TO AND FROM WORK BY THEIR EMPLOYER



IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS HELD BY A THIRD-PARTY



NOT ALLOWED OR ABLE TO SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES



FEARFUL OF AUTHORITIES





Trafficking Assessment: A-M-P Model

Action*	Means**	Purpose
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruits • Harbors • Transports • Provides • Obtains (or so attempts) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Force (physical assault, sexual assault, confinement) • Fraud (misrepresentation about work/living conditions, withholding wages) • Coercion (threat of harm or deportation, debt bondage, psychological manipulation, confiscation of documents) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial sex act(s) • Forced labor or services



**Additional actions that constitute sex trafficking, but not labor trafficking, include patronizes, solicits, and knowingly advertises.*

***Neither force, nor fraud, nor coercion are required to be shown for minors under the age of 18 induced into commercial sex acts.*

Possible Signs Of Child Sexual Exploitation:

- ▣ Changes in school attendance, habits, friend groups, vocabulary, demeanor, and attitude
- ▣ Sudden appearance of expensive items (e.g. manicures, designer clothes, purses, technology)
- ▣ Tattoos or branding
- ▣ Refillable gift cards

Possible Signs Of Child Sexual Exploitation:

- ▣ Frequent runaway episodes
- ▣ Multiple phones or social media accounts
- ▣ Provocative pictures posted online or stored on the phone

Possible Signs Of Child Sexual Exploitation:

- ▣ Unexplained injuries
- ▣ Isolation from family, friends, and community
- ▣ Older boyfriends, girlfriends

Which are Pimps?

#1



#2



#3



#4



#5



#6



All of them!!!!

Types of Pimps:

Boyfriend Pimp

- Psychological control and manipulation
- “Sells the dream”; youth believes pimp is her boyfriend
- Violence as enforcement

Gorilla Pimp

- Severe violence and forced drug use as primary control
- Frequently kidnap youth and traffic out of area

Gang Pimps

- Gang pimping is a newer trend
- Girls often used sexually/violently in gang initiation
- Dual loyalty to gang and “boyfriend”



Pimp Branding





Ms. Jones Family Loyalty above all. Love





Who? and Why?

The vast majority of domestic victims of Human Trafficking are minors; approximately 70% fall into the Sex Trade

Texas Legislature, House Comm. On Human Services,
Bill Analysis, Tex. C.S.H.B. 4009, 81st Leg (2009)



50%
of Traffick
VICTIMS
are **LESS**
THAN 16

Human Trafficking

Human Trafficking is one of the world largest crime against humanity. Yet it goes unnoticed by the majority of society.

LOVE146

Where can you find victims of Human Trafficking?



Labor Trafficking – Just about anywhere

Restaurants, Hotels, Construction, Door to Door magazine sales, Day Laborers, Nannies, etc.

Sex Trafficking –

- Internet
- Hotels
- Massage Parlors
- Cantinas
- Topless bars
- Bikini bars
- Streets
- Apartments
- Residences

A screenshot of the AdultLook website. The page shows a search for escorts in Houston, Texas. The website has a dark header with the logo "ADULTLOOK" and navigation links like "Escort Reviews", "Q Search", "Write A Review", "Post An Ad", "Advertise", and "Forum". Below the header, there are location filters for "United States", "Texas", and "Houston". The main content area displays "FEMALE ESCORTS (19,963)" and "BODY RUBS (668)". There are several profile pictures of women, some with text overlays like "Gonzale, 171 (8/8/18)".

Three advertisements for massage services. The first is for "PROFESSIONAL MASSAGE Chinese Massage" in Richmond & Gessner, 7 days a week, 10AM-8PM, appointment only. The second is for "100% New Open" massage services, asking if you want the best and wonderful massage in a clean, cozy, and quiet place, 9AM-10PM, 7 days a week. The third is for "ASIAN MASSAGE" offering a relaxing full body massage with a shower available for \$40 for 1 hour, 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM.

How are victims recruited?

- ❑ Promises of a place to live, clothing, etc.
- ❑ Offer of a “family” life
- ❑ Promises of travel
- ❑ “Freedom” or independence
- ❑ Promises of wealth
- ❑ Promises of love, attention, affection
- ❑ Able to identify the vulnerabilities of a specific victim and exploit them
- ❑ Uses physical abuse to control their victims after seduction – leads to complete obedience and a breakdown of personal autonomy – includes both physical and psychological abuse
- ❑ Maintains control of the victim using the increased glamorization of pimp/ho culture – cultural acceptance of demand for victim

Possible Ways Traffickers Persuade:

- ▣ Through social media, schools, ads, hotels, malls, clubs, events
- ▣ Local recruiters understand victims' culture and vulnerability
- ▣ Violence, threats, fraud, blackmail and false promises are a few methods that keep victims from leaving
- ▣ Victims do not choose to stay but are under control of the traffickers at all times

Parents Beware

10 APPS TEENS ARE USING THAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW



Calculator%

This app looks like a calculator but functions like a secret photo vault.



Omegle

A free online chat website that promotes chatting anonymously to strangers.



Snapchat

This is the way most teens communicate with each other. Sending messages and snaps that disappear within seconds and stories go away after 24 hours. Teens live for a "streak" of communication.



Whisper

An anonymous app where the creators promote sharing secrets and meeting new people.



Ask.fm

Ask an anonymous question and get an answer. This app has been linked to the most severe forms of cyberbullying.



Hot or Not

Strangers rate your profile. Goal is to lead to a hook up.



Burn Book

Post anonymous rumors about people through audio messages, texts, and photos.



Wishbone

An app that allows users to compare kids against each other and rate them on a scale.



Kik

Messaging app. Kik has built in apps and web content that would be filtered on home computer.



Instagram

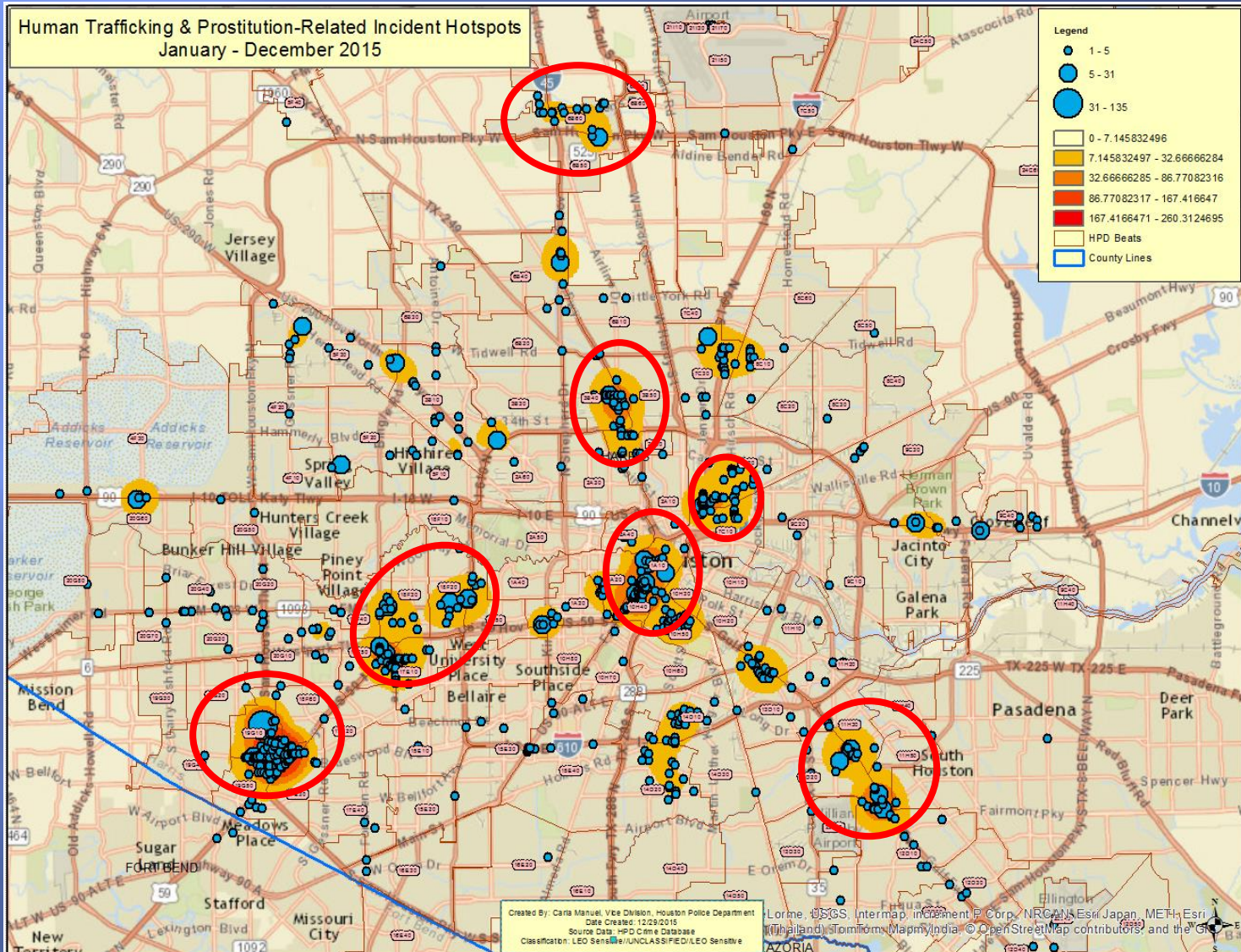
Many kids are now creating fake accounts "finsta" to hide content from parents. Kids also like to text using Instagram because most kids know parents won't check messages.

FOR MORE INFO: APPSOLUTELYAPRIL.COM

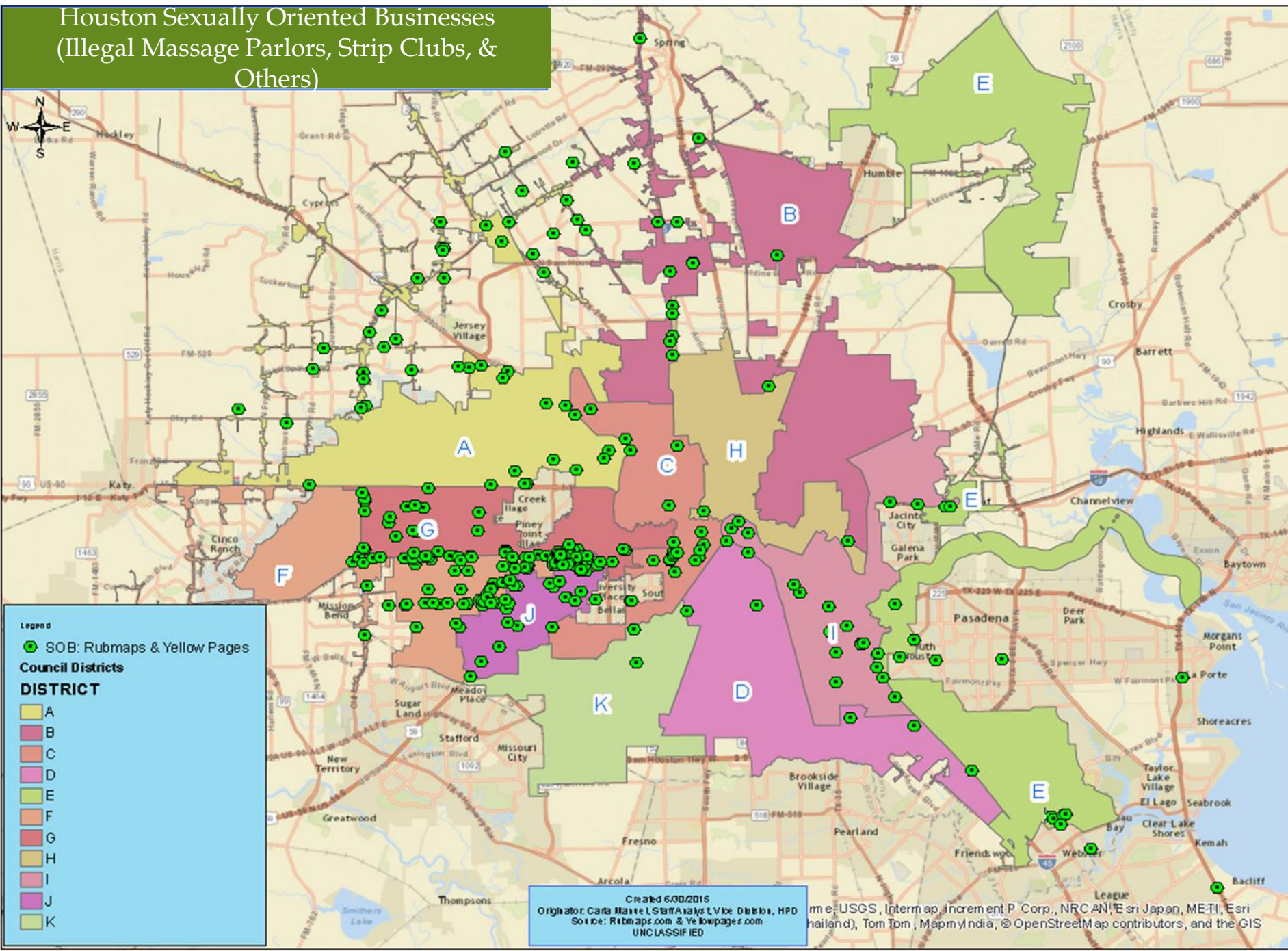
Please note: Due to the nature of the Internet and App Store, web and app resources change often. Any outdated material will be corrected and updated.
This graphic was created by April Requard.

Step 1 Identify Area

Hotspot Target Locations



Houston Sexually Oriented Businesses (Illegal Massage Parlors, Strip Clubs, & Others)



Legend

- SOB: Rubmaps & Yellow Pages

Council Districts

DISTRICT

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E
- F
- G
- H
- I
- J
- K

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Step 2: Conduct Covert & Overt Ops

▣ Covert Operations – Vice Division

- Street Sweeps
- Decoy Operations
- Business Locations



▣ Overt Operations – Patrol Division

- Zero Tolerance
- High Visibility



How We Fight HT in Houston

- ▣ Community Outreach and Awareness
- ▣ Trainings for LE/Medical/Providers/Dispatchers/Businesses
- ▣ Proactive “John” Buyer Stings (Demand)
- ▣ Proactive Covert Trafficking Operations
- ▣ Shaming (Demand)
- ▣ Diversion Program (HCDAO)
- ▣ State vs. Federal Prosecution
- ▣ Increased Criminal Penalties
- ▣ Enhanced LE Technology
- ▣ Victim Services
- ▣ Code Enforcement
- ▣ Nuisance Abatement
- ▣ Holding business owners liable
- ▣ Local, State, and Federal LE Collaborative Effort



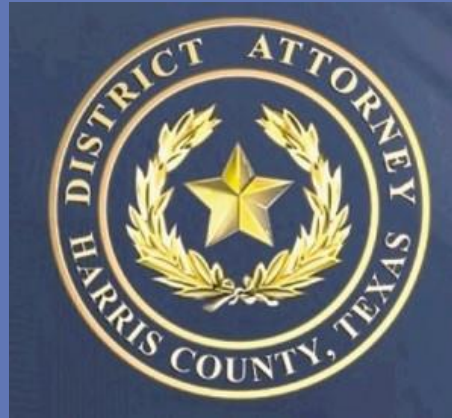
Step 3: Process Victims & Non-Victims

Harris County Jail



*The Vice
Conundrum*

Determine
Victim Status



Drop Charge & Release



Pretrial Diversion



Serve Time



Outreach Organizations

THE LANDING

REDEEMED
MINISTRIES



Polaris
Freedom happens now.

V4C VOICE FOR CHOICE
Life's better without porn



children
at Risk



UHD
University of Houston
DOWNTOWN

CHAIT
CITY OF HOUSTON
ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING
MAYOR'S OFFICE

ELIJAH RISING



Message from the Mayor

The Houston Human Trafficking website is a resource for individuals to learn about human trafficking and find out what they can do to end modern day slavery in Houston. The website's goal is to increase victim identification and protect our residents by raising awareness about human trafficking and facilitating partnerships with community stakeholders.

In my 26 years in the Texas Legislature, I saw a lot of progress made on this subject. I look forward to building on the current approach and expanding the efforts to solve this problem. You are an integral part of the work we are doing and I hope you will explore all of the features this website offers. I also welcome your input in helping us ensure that the website is accomplishing its goal. Give your feedback now by writing us at info@humantraffickinghouston.org. By working together as a community, we can end human trafficking.

Sylvester Turner



Read Our Strategic Plan



International Ten/Ten Muni-Fellowship Application

You're Invited to Apply
Human Trafficking Response Ten/Ten Muni-Fellowship

Download Free Toolkits



Victim-Centered Response

Nonprofit Organizations (NPOs) provide crisis, transitional, and long term service for victims.

- ▣ Maintain an ongoing relationship with the victims
- ▣ These NGOs will be crucial in locating the victim when a court date arrives so it is essential to maintain a working relationship with NGOs.



Eligibility to Receive Services

Adults (18+)

- Must prove **force, fraud, or coercion**
- Must ultimately be **willing to assist** in any reasonable request from law enforcement regarding the investigation of trafficking case
- Law enforcement or immigration attorney must identify them as a victim

Minors (under 18)

- Do NOT have to prove force, fraud, or coercion in the case of commercial sexual exploitation

Oblivious

See Something

Say Something

Do Something

Tips for Parents

What is the National Hotline?

NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE

1-888-373-7888

CONFIDENTIAL

TOLL-FREE

24/7

The National Human Trafficking Hotline is operated by Polaris. Polaris received \$1.75 million through competitive funding through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Grant # 90ZV0134-01-00. The project will be financed with 43.75% of federal funds and 62.5% (\$2.5 million) by non-governmental sources. The contents of this website are solely the responsibility of the authors and do not necessarily represent the official views of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families.

How to Contact the National Hotline



CALL

1-888-373-7888



TEXT

"BeFree" (233733)



LIVE CHAT

humantraffickinghotline.org

24/7 • Toll free • Confidential • 200+ languages

HPD Dispatcher
(713) 884-3131

HPD Vice Division
(713) 308-8600

**National Human Trafficking Resource
Center**

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Thank You

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