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Hello everyone.

I'm resending this to bring this back to the top of your inboxes. I'd ask those of you who haven't yet completed it to please do so by end of the day on Friday, January 27. It should only take two minutes or so to complete.

Thank you,

Bryan

**Subject:** Happy New Year and In-Person Event Survey

Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from Winnipeg, and Happy New Year! I hope that those of you who celebrated them enjoyed the holiday season!

In recognition of Human Trafficking Awareness Day (January 11), I wanted to email you all to say hello. During our last virtual session, it was clear that many folks were interested in holding an in-person meeting to discuss human trafficking in the region. I have attached hereto a survey to gauge folks' level of interest in such an event, including preferences for timing and location. You will find the link below. Once I've gathered your responses, I will share the results with you all. Please complete the survey (it's very short) at your earliest convenience.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5NFKRHS>

I would also like to introduce you all to Ms. Laura Pyles, who has joined our Consulate team as the Political / Economic Assistant here in Winnipeg. Laura is a long-time resident of Winnipeg, and formerly worked for the province in a number of different agencies and departments. Laura can be reached at: [pyleslb@state.gov](mailto:pyleslb@state.gov)

Finally, I wanted to provide you all with some updated links to information from the State Department, Manitoba, Minnesota, Montana, and North Dakota.

**U.S. State Department:**

The following link is to the State Department website's entries on Human Trafficking: <https://www.state.gov/policy-issues/human-trafficking/>

- 2022 Trafficking in Persons Report: <https://www.state.gov/reports/2022-trafficking-in-persons-report/>
  - Portion on Canada: <https://www.state.gov/reports/2022-trafficking-in-persons-report/Canada/>
  - Portion on the United States: <https://www.state.gov/reports/2022-trafficking-in-persons-report/united-states/>

**Manitoba:**

- The Child Sexual Exploitation and Human Trafficking Act: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/justice/crown/csehtact.html>
- CFS Manual Section 1.3.5 – Child Sexual Exploitation: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/cfsmanual/1.3.5.html>

**Minnesota:**

- Section 4.2.5 of the State of Minnesota Uniform Crime Report (most recent available): <file:///C:/Users/KoontzBK/Downloads/2019-Minnesota-Uniform-Crime-Report.pdf>
- House Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Presentation (Jan. 28, 2021): (please see attached PDF)
- MN Bureau of Criminal Apprehension: <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/bca/bca-divisions/investigations/Pages/human-trafficking-investigations.aspx>

**Montana:**

- Human Trafficking 101 Fact Sheet (please see attached)

**North Dakota:**

- Attorney General's Office info: <https://attorneygeneral.nd.gov/public-safety/human-trafficking>

Thank you all, and I hope everyone has a great weekend!

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# Human Trafficking Task Forces

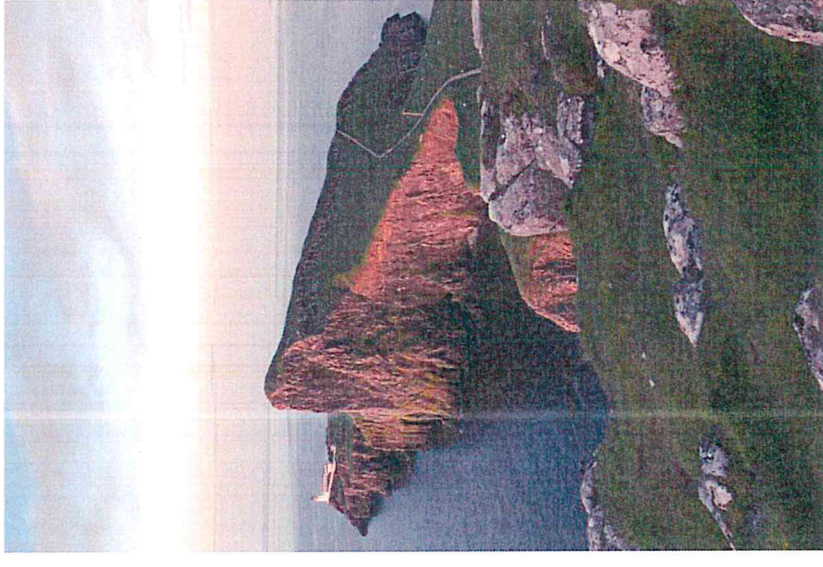
## 2020 Sex Trafficking Investigation Task Forces

Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA)- Minnesota Human Trafficking Investigative Task Force (MNHITF)

Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Police Department- Tribes United against Sex Trafficking (TRUST) Task Force

Stearns County Attorney's Office- Central MN Sex Trafficking Task Force

Washington County Sheriff's Department- East Metro Sex Trafficking Task Force



# Impact



## **From 1/1/2018-12/31/20 collectively the task forces:**

- Received 1260 sex trafficking reports, investigating 1113 (more than a phone call) of the reports
- 323 of the reports involved a juvenile
- 354 of the investigations resulted in cases

# Referral Sources

Child Protection Referral	Hotline Referral	Social Services Referral	Victim Services Referral	911 Call Referral	Referral from Other Law Enforcement	School Liaison Referral	Other Referrals	Total
199	164	44	74	13	512	9	247	1260



# Charges and Convictions

Charge Type	Charges	Convictions
609.33 Disorderly House Charge	1	0
617.245 and 617.246 Use of a Minor in Sexual Performance Charge	6	2
609.903 Racketeering Charge	6	1
609.322 Inducement and Promotion of Prostitution; Sex Trafficking Charge	131	47
609.352 Solicitation of a Child Charge	164	86
609.324 Other Prostitution Charges	306	178
609.342 Criminal Sexual Conduct Related to Human Trafficking Charge*	2	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>316</b>



# MN Human Trafficking Investigators Task Force

## Mission Statement:

The mission of the Minnesota Human Trafficking Investigators Task Force is to provide coordinated and collaborative statewide assistance with human trafficking investigations, prosecutions, victim recoveries and trainings through a victim centered approach.

## Full Time Members:

- Saint Paul Police Department
- Minneapolis Police Department
- Anoka County Sheriffs Office
- Hennepin County Sheriffs Office
- Homeland Security Investigators
- Bureau of Criminal Apprehension
- Ramsey County Attorney's Office

# Structure

Full-time members report to BCA daily

One case management system

- ACISS to include Evidence Intake
- State-wide system
- Same system as bordering WI

One De-confliction system

Commander to approve operations plans/reports

State-wide jurisdiction/coverage

- Assignment to each Safe Harbor Regional Navigator

# National Human Trafficking Hotline

(888)373-7888

- Statewide Response to tips
  - Past protocols
  - Present protocols
- Collaborating/assisting with the jurisdiction related to the tips
- BCA Operations 24/7 response
  - (651)793-7000



## Large Events

- SIMPLE: SUPPLY and DEMAND
- SUPER BOWL, NCAA, PGA and Pipeline

Traffickers go specifically to where the demand is:

- ND HT Commander
- Man Camps or similar
- Vehicle stops, highly mobile crime
- Opportunists

# Violent Crime Coordinating Council

- Minnesota Statutes 299A.642
- Authorized in 2010
- The council's primary duty is to "develop an overall strategy to ameliorate the harm caused to the public by gang and drug crime within the state of Minnesota."

# Violent Crime Coordinating Council

- 21 Violent Crime Enforcement Teams covering 70 counties with over 200 full time Investigators.
- 2020 VCET grants totaled \$4,821,926 which included \$3,726,380 in state funds and \$555,546 in Federal Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds.
- Task Force
  - Structure
  - Requirements
- Trends and Outcomes

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## Questions?

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# HUMAN TRAFFICKING 101

## What is Human Trafficking?

**Human trafficking involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion in exchange for labor, services, or a commercial sex act.**

Causing someone under the age of 18 to engage in a commercial sex act, regardless of using force, fraud, or coercion is human trafficking under U.S. law. Human traffickers use various forms of force, fraud, and coercion to control and exploit victims. These forms include imposing of debt, fraudulent employment opportunities, false promises of love or a better life, psychological coercion, and violence or threats of violence.

The crime of human trafficking hinges on the exploitation of another person. People often falsely believe “human trafficking” implies victims must be moved from one place to another to qualify as a victim. Human trafficking does not require transportation to be considered a crime. It is a crime that can be committed against an individual who has never left his or her hometown.

## Who are the Victims?

Human trafficking victims can be any age, race, gender identity, sex, ethnicity, nationality, immigration status, and socioeconomic class. In many cases, victims do not come forward to seek help because they are vulnerable, potential language barriers may exist, they have a fear of law enforcement, or they do not identify as a victim.

Human traffickers exploit many vulnerabilities to victimize people. Vulnerabilities for children can include a lack of safety at home from violence, abuse, and neglect; homelessness or runaway status; and a lack of proper care in the child welfare system. Other vulnerabilities for adults and children can include having a lack of trust in government institutions, economic hardship, isolation from family and/or community, and displacement from natural disasters.

Victims are found in legitimate and illegitimate industries, including primarily:

- **Sex Trafficking:** escort services, illicit massage services, outdoor sexual solicitation, residential brothels, bars and strip clubs, pornography production, personal sexual servitude, and livestreaming of sexual exploitation.
- **Forced Labor:** domestic work (such as housekeepers), traveling sales crews, restaurants, peddling and begging, agriculture (field/farm work), beauty services, construction, hotels, landscaping, entertainment, commercial cleaning services, manufacturing, fishing, mining, carnivals, forestry, healthcare, recreational facilities, and even criminal enterprises (such as illicit drug dealing).

DHS law enforcement alone identifies hundreds of girls, boys, women, and men as victims of human trafficking in the United States every year. The National Human Trafficking Hotline also receives thousands of contacts annually from people in areas all across the [United States](#).

## How Do I Identify Human Trafficking?

Human trafficking is often “hidden in plain sight.” Recognizing the signs is the first step in identifying victims. No single indicator is proof that human trafficking is occurring. The indicators listed below are a few examples that may alert you to a potential human trafficking situation:

### WORK CONDITIONS

Does the potential victim:

- Experience verbal or physical abuse (particularly from a supervisor), prevented from taking adequate breaks, made to work in unsafe conditions, or forced to meet daily quotas?
- Work excessively long and/or unusual hours?
- Accept a specific job but feels coerced or forced into a different job?
- Appear to be living at his or her place of work?
- Receive paychecks with negative balances or unreasonably low amounts for the pay period?





Is the employer or someone else:

- Creating debt for the potential victim or adding to a never-ending balance of debt?
- Processing payroll infrequently, not giving worker's compensation insurance outlays where mandated, or forcing the potential victim to transfer funds to an employer's account?
- Escorting the potential victim to the bank and/or using his or her banks accounts?
- Threatening the potential victim with deportation, arrest, or jail?
- In possession of the potential victim's identification, travel documents, money, or cell phone?
- Forcing, defrauding, or coercing the potential victim to engage in a commercial sex act?

### BEHAVIOR OR PHYSICAL STATE

Does the potential victim:

- Act fearful, anxious, depressed, submissive, tense, or nervous particularly around their work or someone they know?
- Defer to another person to speak for him or her and avoid eye contact?
- Show signs of physical and/or sexual abuse, physical restraint, confinement, or torture?
- Show signs of being harmed or deprived of food, water, sleep, medical care, other life necessities, or personal possessions?

### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR OF THE TRAFFICKER

Is someone else:

- Restricting the potential victim's contact with friends or family?
- Limiting the potential victim's social media use and/or stalking or monitoring their accounts?
- Preventing the potential victim from socializing or attending religious services?
- Preventing children from attending school and forcing them to work?
- Holding a large group in one place with poor conditions and limited space?
- Constantly watching or accompanying the potential victim?
- Threatening the potential victim or his or her family with harm if he or she leaves or quits work?
- Posting harmful content online about the potential victim to compel him or her to engage in a commercial sex act?

### MINORS:

- Is someone under the age of 18 engaged in a commercial sex act?
  - Causing someone under the age of 18 to engage in a commercial sex act, regardless of using force, fraud, or coercion, is human trafficking under U.S. law.

## What Should I Do Next?

If the answer is **YES** to any number of the above questions:



- Report suspected human trafficking to the Homeland Security Investigations Tip Line at 1-866-347-2423 or [www.ice.gov/tips](http://www.ice.gov/tips).
- Get help from the National Human Trafficking Hotline by calling 1-888-373-7888 or texting HELP or INFO to 233733 (BEFREE).
- If you have information on goods produced with forced labor destined for importation into the United States, provide it to CBP at [www.eallegations.cbp.gov](http://www.eallegations.cbp.gov) and HSI at [ICE.ForcedLabor@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:ICE.ForcedLabor@ice.dhs.gov).

#### Remember:

- Human trafficking victims have experienced significant trauma and harm. Victims may be unable or prevented from getting help due to existing vulnerabilities. It is important to treat victims with care and respect, and get immediate, professional support to ensure a victim-centered and trauma-informed response.
- Visit [DHS.gov/BlueCampaign](http://DHS.gov/BlueCampaign) for additional resources to combat human trafficking.
- Read the [DHS Strategy to Combat Human Trafficking, the Importation of Goods Produced with Forced Labor, and Child Sexual Exploitation](#).