



## A Generation at Risk

- Detectives found a trafficker with a 15 year-old girl he'd been offering up online (internet) for prostitution. (Baton Rouge)
- A trafficker sent two teens to Bourbon Street (New Orleans) forcing them to work as prostitutes while he held the 18 year old's baby as hostage.
- Her mother left her father and couldn't make ends meet. They moved from Texas to Louisiana. Her mother began to prostitute herself. Then Kathy and her siblings were sex trafficked and moved constantly. The trafficker said, "I will kill your mother." He drugged her. Kathy was 5, her brother was 7, and her sister was 9.
- Two 16 year old girls were reported missing from a children's shelter. They were runaways. Ten days later they were found at a Metairie, Louisiana motel. Police arrested two men on charges of child sex trafficking saying the men forced the girls into prostitution. The men were arrested for sex trafficking of minors.



National Human  
Trafficking Hotline:  
1-888-3737-888

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# Predatory relationships "if only I knew..."

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She thought his kindness was love. She thought his control over her life was protection. He forced her to prostitute. Nobody knew her secret. Her life had changed, in plain sight, but nobody knew...not parents, teachers, friends...no one knew... the signs of predatory relationships.



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"A nationwide operation by the FBI, to address commercial child sex trafficking, led to the recovery of 167 children who were being victimized through prostitution. Three of those children were found in Louisiana." (June 2014)

## Recognizing Signs

### A Trafficker:

Targets thru social networking, at malls, movie theaters, aging out of foster care, run aways are picked up within the first 48 hours, the fatherless, young women in debt or in need of emotional/physical attention.

Manipulates with purpose to control and break identity.

### A Victim:

is intentionally "groomed", "targeted", and "broken" by the trafficker through manipulation, alienation from friends and family, abuse, drugs, prostitution, and forced into other types of high risk behavior (usually illegal).

May be unsuspecting, trusting, vulnerable, entering into a controlling, progressively abusive relationship.

Demonstrates a sudden change in attire, behavior, or material possessions. Becomes a different person.

Chronically runs away from home, makes reference to travel from city to city, misses school, tends to bond with trafficker.

Exhibits bruises, physical trauma, withdrawn behavior, depression, fear, drug addiction.

Has a "boyfriend" who is noticeably older (10+ years), is controlling, manipulative, threatens her and others.

Lacks control over personal identification or schedule.

Exposed to high risk destructive situations, health risks, disease, pregnancy, forced abortions.

"Human trafficking has been reported in all fifty States. The FBI estimated that Human Trafficking generated approximately \$9.5 billion annually for organized crime." (FBI)

### What to do:

If given the opportunity, discretely separate the person from the suspected trafficker. The trafficker could be posing as a boyfriend, friend, family member, or employer, other adult, or translator.

The victim may have bonded to their "captor/trafficker", have been threatened with harm, and brainwashed not to trust those who can help.

### Ask (possible victim):

Do you feel controlled or manipulated?  
Can you freely contact friends/family?

Have you been forced to have sex, for money, and give your money to another person (for drugs or other reasons)?

Has your life or life of your family been threatened? Has the person been physically abusive?

Do you have ID (identification)?

### What to do/Who to Call for Help:

- **Call - 911 OR**  
**Call - 1-888-3737-888**  
**(call is free & confidential)**
- **Say:** "I suspect Human Trafficking"
- **Give:** Description of potential victim and trafficker (what can identify)
- **Give:** Location (street, business, or residence) and/or vehicle information
- **Give:** Your reason for calling

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### Pornography, stripping, and prostitution are related to human trafficking:

- "In the business of commercial sex trafficking, pornography serves as the marketing vehicle." (*Focus on the Family, Citizen*)
- "One out of every five pornographic images is of a child; and 55% of child pornography comes from the U.S. The sale of child pornography in the U.S. has become more than a \$3 billion annual industry." (*Shared Hope*)

**TEXT 24/7**

**BEFREE or 233733**  
**message: "possible HT"**  
**or "need HT help"**