AN INTRODUCTION TO:
HUMAN TRAFFICKING

“Modern Day Slavery in the United States and Maryland”

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Your Name
What we’ll cover today

• Definition and examples
• Global and Local view of trafficking
• Who are the perpetrators?
• Who are the buyers?
• Who are the victims?
• Methodologies of exploitation
• What you can do
1. **THE CRIMINAL ACT (What):** recruiting, harboring, transporting, provisioning, or obtaining of a person *age 18 or older* for labor or services,

2. **THE METHODS (How):** through the use of *force, fraud, or coercion*

3. **THE PURPOSE (Why):** for subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery
What does it look like?

- Forced labor
- Child exploitation
- Forced Prostitution
Scope of the Problem

- Difficult crime to measure due to covert nature of crime
- $150 billion total profits. $99 billion in sexual exploitation, $51 billion in labor International Labor Organization
- Most common form of human trafficking (53%) is sexual exploitation. Labor at 40%, and others (7%)
- Worldwide, almost 33% of all trafficking victims are children. But in some parts, they make up the majority (Africa and Middle East)

Why is this a U.S. Concern?

- The State Dept *first* included the U.S. in the Trafficking in Persons Report in 2010.
- The U.S. profits $8.9 billion each year on sex trafficking, and $300 million on labor trafficking.
- ~71% of international victims of human trafficking enter legally (work visa).
  - *Northeastern University*
- Investigators and researchers estimate the average predator in the U.S. can make more than $200,000 a year off one young girl. – *NBC Report*
- 300,000 children in the U.S. are at risk every year for commercial sexual exploitation. - *U.S. Department of Justice*

Polaris Project: measuring strength of laws

Source: Polaris Project 2014 Report
Polaris Project: Measuring Victims’ Assistance
Maryland's sex trafficking law makes it a crime to exploit a minor under 18 through commercial sex acts and does not require use of force, fraud or coercion, but minors are not statutorily immune from prosecution for prostitution and may face barriers to treatment and victims' compensation to fund their recovery.
Labor Trafficking

Types of labor trafficking… “domestic servitude, agriculture, manufacturing, janitorial services, hotel services, construction, health and elder care, hair and nail salons, and strip club dancing” (TIP 2012)

- victims of servitude commonly work 10 to 16 hours a day
- little to no pay
- uses deportation/legal issues as a threat
- employer uses force, fraud and/or coercion to maintain control over the worker
- cause the worker to believe that s/he has no other choice but to continue with the work
- In USA, about 11% of trafficking is for labor
Sex trafficking

**EXAMPLES OF TRAFFICKING**
- Child Pornography
- Child Exploitation and Prostitution
- Pimp-controlled prostitution
- Sex Tourism

**VENUES**
- Sex Tourism
- Strip Clubs
- Escort Services
- Major Sporting Events
- Truck stops
- Military Bases
- Brothels
- Fronted Businesses
- Social Media/Web
- High Schools
- Homes

Anyone under the age of 18 being used for commercial sex, pornography, erotic dancing, etc. is automatically considered a victim of human trafficking.
PROSTITUTION

The performance of sexual contact, a sexual act or vaginal intercourse in exchange for a fee or other payment.

In other words
If someone willingly sells his/her own body in exchange for something of value (money, drugs, shelter), and retains the benefit of that transaction

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Recruiting, harboring, transporting, provisioning, or obtaining of a person age 18 or older for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purposes of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery

In other words…
If someone is forced, deceived, or threatened into providing labor or services (by a third party) and/or does not retain (all or part) of the benefit of that transaction

“If the person can’t walk away without fear of harm, it’s trafficking”

--Mira Sorvino, UN Ambassador on Human Trafficking, 2013
WHO ARE TRAFFICKERS?

“Slave Master”
“Pimp”
“Daddy”

Photo by sokolovsky/Shutterstock.com
Arrested for Trafficking
Arrested in Maryland

- Lamin Manneh and Marissa Braun -- 2013
  - Baltimore City Police officer and his teenage wife face human trafficking charges.

- Edward Perkins -- 2011
  - Arrested in Linthicum, Anne Arundel County.
  - Trafficked a mentally challenged female in Dorchester County in exchange for drugs.
  - Dawn Boyd and Bryant Lake -- 2012

- Donald Brown Jr. -- 2013
  - Arrested in Easton, Talbot County.

- Jermaine Jack recruited girls in Las Vegas and trafficked them to Montgomery County -- 2013

- Jonathan Poland -- 2014
  - Calvert County Correctional Officer arrested for trafficking inmates.

  - Operated a brothel in a suburban home on Joppa Road and trafficking women.

- Arrested in Anne Arundel County -- 2012
  - Charged in 2008,
Arrested in Maryland

Tattoo of Julio Cesar Revolorio Ramos of Adelphi for domestic minor sex trafficking in MS-13 gang-- 2012

Hermegildo Escamilla-Granados, 30, of Frederick, solicited a minor for prostitution online (2014)

Germaine Wiggins of Allegany County arrested in Cecil County, charged with human trafficking prostitution, and kidnapping


31-year old Abudallah Hannibal Oakley charged with human trafficking in June 20 FBI sting

Chewayne Harrod, 42, of Baltimore, has been charged with multiple counts including human trafficking, prostitution, extortion, theft and second-degree assault. (October 1, 2014)


Mary Cassandra Paulos arrested with Briddell and McCrae 2014
“One of the most interesting findings was that many believed men would "need" to rape if they could not pay for sex on demand. One told me, "Sometimes you might rape someone: you can go to a prostitute instead." *Men Who Buy Sex 2010*
Who buys sex?

Eliot Spitzer and David Vitter

Baltimore City Police officer arrested, others, for solicitation

“Ordinary or Peculiar Men?”
(Monto and Milrod) 2013

- 14% of men in US report having ever paid for sex, and only 1% report having done so during the previous year
- Men who report military service slightly more likely to report paying in previous year and much more likely to have paid in lifetime
- Arrested offenders disproportionately younger and unmarried.

Source: Monto, Martin and Milrod, Christine Ordinary or Peculiar Men? Comparing the Customers of Prostitution with a Nationally Representative Sample of Men Int J Offender Ther Comp Criminol published online 22 March 2013 X(XX) 1-19
“Far from being gender-neutral, prostitution is gendered to the hilt. The buyers are men whose goal is their sexual pleasure. The bought are largely women and girls whose purpose—if they are enough in control of their destinies to have a purpose—is often economic survival.

The businesses are controlled by men, often assisted by women in their employ. Their goal is profit—and the profits figure in the billions.”

Other Statistics

2014 Sex Trafficking Summer Sting

- 111 prostituted persons recovered, 13 juveniles
- Seattle: mother arrested for attempting to sell 15 year old daughter
- Texas: arrested border patrol agent who was attempting to buy sex “in full uniform”
- 53% of arrested johns were married
- 47% were college graduates
METHODOLOGIES
The “Manufacturing” Process

Identifying and beginning to “seduce, coerce, lie, deceive” to get her to believe the Recruiter

Becoming her “Boyfriend” Abduction or coerced recruitment

Recruiting

Gradually pulling her away from her social network

Holding her captive against her will.

Transporting

Physically moving her to another location where she is less able to run or seek help

Her disorientation encourages dependency on the pimp

provisioning

Controlling where she eats, what she wears, who she talks to, when and where she sleeps, etc.

Forcing drugs or alcohol

Holding her captive against her will.

Obtaining

Actually selling her to customers or to a brothel or pimp

Torture, beating, seclusion, humiliation, breaking her spirit

Beating/torturing so she is reliant on the pimp for “safety”
The Internet

• #1 way that recruiters are finding victim prospects.. and their friends
• “Friend” connections are automated, not discerned
• GPS location data

Source: Journal of High Technology Law
The Boyfriend Method

- Works schools, clubs, parties
- Identifies the “vulnerable” girls and preys on their dreams & desires
- Promises romance, fantasy, excitement, money
- Pretends to love you, care for you, provide for you

It’s all LIES...

An international trafficker, featured in the film Not My Life, describes how he began exploiting young girls before he was sentenced to ten years in prison.

Source: Shared Hope International, FBI
The Bottom Girl

- Works the schools, malls, arcades, movie theatres—wherever girls hang out
- Pretends to be your friend
- Lies about what her boyfriend (or his friends) will do for you
- Lies about the gifts, money, fame

Her job is to **recruit** and **discipline**

Source: FBI, Shared Hope International
Dream Stealers

- Works malls, schools, newspaper ads, Facebook, anywhere youth can be found
- Preys on dreams of fortune, fame, family, independence, love
- Reported occurrences of “the modeling ploy” in Columbia, Security, Montgomery, Anne Arundel, and White Marsh malls
Methods

FORCE
• Beating
• Torture
• Rape
• Branding
• Restraint
• Confinement/Captivity
• Starvation
• Shooting

FRAUD
• Deceptive offer of:
  • Employment
  • Education
  • Romance
  • Marriage
  • Promises of “a better life”

COERCION
• Threats towards victim
• Threats towards victim’s family or livelihood
• Psychological manipulation
• Threatened use of the Legal system
Perpetrator Bonding Tactics

- Verbal or mental abuse
- Overt physical force / torture (forces victim to cooperate to avoid future abuse)
- Dependency on captor for all Basic Needs/bodily functions
- Punish (kill) another victim in front of others to “set an example”
- Threaten family members’ safety
- Get her arrested
- Induce drug addiction
- Control victims by threatening abandonment
- Get her pregnant
- Instill distrust/fear of police, INS, or other authorities
- Keep victims disoriented, constantly moving
- Eradicate the victim’s identity
- Deny entitlement to personal dignity, choices, integrity
- Perpetuate a belief that she chose this or is only worth this
- Gang membership and adherence to the “code”
### Branding

**Scrolls and Names** — Scroll tattoos are viewed as "sacred text" by many cultures. These tattoos serve as a constant reminders and also act as a warning to others as to where allegiance lies. Pimps and traffickers have incorporated the use of scrolls and tattooing or their names in inconspicuous places to show ownership.

**Branding** — Brands can be used on females to represent a particular pimp or "owner." Brands may also be used on girls to indicate what type of service they perform.

**Barcodes** — A longstanding tradition with pimps. Each barcode is unique to the pimp that has claimed "ownership" of the female. The females are viewed as commodities just as in grocery stores.

**Tramp Stamps** — A term referring to a tattoo that women have on their lower back. Ancient Egyptian prostitutes wore them. The reference has carried over to modern day prostitution as a method for pimps to mark their "property." It is has also become an acceptable form of body art.
WHO ARE THE VICTIMS?

“...more adult and child U.S. citizens are found in sex trafficking than in labor trafficking. Research indicates that most of the victims of sex trafficking into and within the United States are women and children.”

Targets for Sex Trafficking

- Target age for recruitment in the U.S: 11-13
- Targets: runaways, throwaways, walk-aways, foster, kids estranged from a protective social network,
- Don’t immediately identify as a victim
- Abused, isolated, looking for love
- On average a runaway will be approached by a pimp within 36 hours!
- Vulnerable populations: poverty, language, ethnicity (Native), opportunity

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Sources: Dept. of State; Polaris Project; National Center on Family Homelessness; World Childhood Foundation;
Victims in Maryland

• These girls are from every kind of background:
  • economically
  • racially
  • ethnically
  • from good families and not from good families
  • often sexual abuse at home

Source: Abell 2013 January Report; Photos from In Plain Sight Documentary: Baltimore
• Avg age of intake 20 - 26
• 94% of adult survivors were victims of child molestation, often trafficked
• 70% come from fatherless homes
• 40% have substance abuse issues, but 85% grew up in homes with addicted family members
• 50% are self-injurers
• 4th grade education – to – masters degrees
• 70% are Hep C positive and have other STD or abuse-related diseases
• Avg. 4-8 years in The Life before coming to TSW
• Nearly 100% diagnosed Bipolar. estimate that 6% actually are.
• Outstanding survival skills
What Happens to these Girls?
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Their Fate

- The average age of death for a prostituted woman is 34 due to homicide (19%), drug ingestion (18%), accidents (12%)...
- The life expectancy of a prostituted child from initial trafficking is 7 years.
- Prostituted persons suffer a “workplace homicide rate” 51 times higher than that of the next most dangerous occupation: working in a liquor store¹.
- Researchers and service providers find high levels of Complex Trauma, Dissociative Identity Disorder, PTSD, depression, suicidal ideation, OCD, and other psychological problems among prostituted persons.

Sources: American Journal of Epidemiology, FBI, USDHHS
Summarizing the Complexities

Case
- Came from CA to MD
- Believed to have had/have a pimp in CA
- Set up trafficking operation in BWI hotels
- Recruited and prostituted 4 teenage girls
- Held by AA Co. at Ordnance Rd facility
- Released and later identified in Texas

Questions
1. How does a 19 year old from CA have the skills to set up a MD trafficking operation?
2. What’s the likelihood she was trafficked as a minor?
3. So is she a victim or a criminal?
4. What is a “just” response?

Shkoyia Lomack, 19, charged with human trafficking and prostitution using hotels in Linthicum
What You Can Do

Promote AWARENESS
• Take the www.slaveryfootprint.org test – and make changes in your own lifestyle
• Host a human trafficking awareness program in your workplace, home, school, church
• Develop culturally-sensitive awareness materials/programs

REDUCE victimization
• Hold businesses and industries responsible to self-police
• Host prevention programs for youth
• Shop Fair Trade – and tell others!
• If you see something, SAY something

ADVOCATE for change
• Become aware of the laws at the county and state level and voice your concern
• Financially support local anti-trafficking and victim care agencies
The Work of The Samaritan Women

• Long-term residential and therapeutic program located in Baltimore city
• Transitional Program located at an undisclosed facility in Harford County
• 20-bed capacity, serving adult females, trafficked in the U.S.
• Program is 2+ years, investing in a woman Academically, Vocationally, Spiritually, Socially and in Self-Care
• Goal is increased resilience, social re-entry, social connectedness
What You Can Do to Help Survivors

Select The Samaritan Women as your charity of choice when you shop at Amazon Smile.

Become a monthly donor to support Survivors at TSW.

VOLUNTEER
TSW can use drivers, tutors, workshop leaders, farm & garden maintenance.
National Human Trafficking Hotline (Victim Assistance)

Call: 888-3737-888
Or text: 233733 (BEFREE)

Homeland Security Tip Line (Law Enforcement)

Call: 866-347-2423
THANK YOU

Please contact us with questions and partnership opportunities

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