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Child Prostitution Ring



<http://www.cbs8.com/story/37739036/crimefighters-alert-sex-trafficking-sting-in-san-diego>

CrimeFighters: Alert: Sex trafficking sting in San Diego

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SEX TRAFFICKING STING

SAN DIEGO (NEWS 8) – More than a dozen men were taken into custody Thursday night – accused of trying to pay money for sex during a sex trafficking sting.

The sting was the culmination of a multi-agency operation of an ongoing effort by the San Diego Human Trafficking Task Force to combat sex crimes in the region.

Each of the suspects charged with solicitation of sex.

The county-wide collaboration of law enforcement agencies used online ads advertising 'sex for sale' – directing alleged 'johns' or 'sex buyers' to a local hotel or motel in the Mission Valley area.

<https://www.thecoastnews.com/human-trafficking-in-san-diego-county/>

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A closer look at human trafficking in San Diego County

by Claudia Piepoltzberg

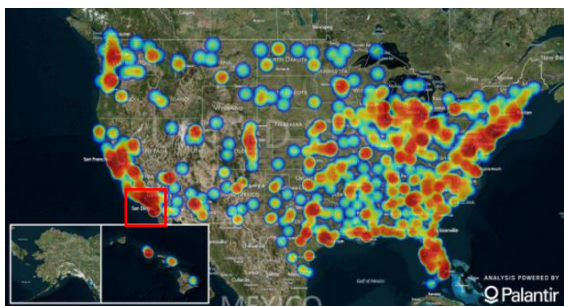
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REGION — The numbers are staggering. There are between 8,830 and 11,773 victims of survivors of human trafficking in San Diego County. The majority of sex-trafficking victims, 79.3 percent, are born in the United States; 11.4 percent are from Mexico. The average age of entry into sex trafficking in the county is 16.1 years. Fifty-five percent of victims are either homeless or have been homeless.



Polaris Project: <https://polarisproject.org/resources/2015-hotline-statistics>



What is Sex Trafficking?

Sex trafficking occurs when...

A person is made to perform a commercial sex act* through the use of force, fraud or coercion.

OR

A person performing a commercial sex act is under 18.

*A commercial sex act is a sex act exchanged for anything of value including food, shelter, drugs or money.

Quick Facts

Thousands

Thousands of minors in America are victimized in the commercial sex industry every year

12-17

Any age can be exploited, but commonly recruited ages range from 12-17 years



Traffickers prey on vulnerable youth:

- Hurting, abused, or bullied
- Runaway and homeless
- Lonely or disconnected
- Wanting someone to look out for them

Misidentification of Victims

- Most minor victims don't want to tell anyone
- They are often mislabeled



• Common misconceptions:

- Prostitute, slut, promiscuous
- They have to be a gang member or a juvenile delinquent
- They will be a runaway
- Victims are always female
- This only happens in other countries
- The teen puts themselves in a dangerous situation

In order to understand the issue, we
have to understand the victims.

They could be anybody's
brother, sister, cousin, friend,
classmate, or neighbor.





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Recruitment and Grooming

1. Changes in Behavior
 - Absences from home/school, dress, attitude, signs of abuse
2. Changes in Lifestyle
 - Money, material possessions, tattoos
3. Changes in peers
 - New boyfriend, new friends, parties, drugs/alcohol, signs of gang affiliation

Community Safety

- Peer to Peer Rescue = Evan
- Community Awareness= Evan's dad
- Professional Involvement = Sgt. Chapman, Trained Experts, Organizations like Shared Hope

**We need everyone involved in keeping kids safe!
Especially you!**

Chosen Demonstrates

- Spotter – identifies a prospect
- Recruiter – gleans information from the victim
- Trafficker – Or pimp, sells the product to another pimp or to buyers
 - A trafficker can masquerade as a boyfriend, or someone who has your best interests at heart

Social Media



Protecting Yourself Online

- DO NOT respond to strangers communication efforts
- Save messages and photos that are from strangers or are threatening or sexual in nature
- Go to a trusted adult
- Watch out for your friends and talk to them if you see something that seems suspicious
- Don't keep secrets

- Chosen
- Chosen Gang
- Elegidos
- Internet Safety
- Familial Trafficking

Stop and think right now of *one* person you could tell

Get Involved

- We can all do something!
- A woman in Florida that heard about SHI, bought *Chosen*, had not seen it, created a workshop, and advertised it through her church network. She thought 80 - 100 people would come and 800 people came. She READ the presenter notes and showed *Chosen*. They have started a movement in FL to fight trafficking, and out of that came the first JuST Faith Summit.

She bought the kit and read the notes... You can too!
- anyone can use *Chosen*.

Get Involved

- Make the call to save a life
 - Two High School students in California saw a presentation on trafficking and made a call when they saw suspicious activity on a Facebook account. Their report led to year-long investigation that eventually revealed more than 69 potential victims
 - A Facebook friend called the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and reported that the girl she knew was being sexually molested by a man but was afraid to end the relationship. In text messages obtained by the authorities, the girl wrote: "I'm more scared about the fact that he's a pimp knowing where I live."
- Create a PSA to educate and defend your friends

Get Involved

- **We can all do something!**
- Students age 16 and older may apply to become trained volunteer Ambassadors of Hope at www.sharedhope.org/aoH
- Start an anti-trafficking group at your school. Contact our National Outreach Manager for materials to help you educate your friends. awareness@sharedhope.org





If You Suspect Trafficking

Report it to the National Center
for Missing and Exploited Children:

1-800-THE-LOST

(1-800-843-5678)

www.cybertipline.org

Bookmark it in your phone right now

*You don't have to know everything,
just tell us what you do know.*