



San Diego Human Trafficking

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Smuggling vs. Trafficking

Smuggling

- Crime against nation
- Must cross international border
- Person free to leave after border passage
- A person consents to be smuggled
- No labor or sexual exploitation required

Trafficking

- Crime against person
- No movement required
- Person is NOT free to leave after border passage
- A person is trafficked through force, fraud, or coercion
- Involves labor or sexual exploitation



Public Perceptions

She wants to do it...



She's forced to do it...



Scope of the Problem

- According to the United Nations
 - Human trafficking is the fastest growing organized crime enterprise and the second largest criminal enterprise in the world
 - Billion \$ industry worldwide

How Big is San Diego's Underground Sex Economy?

\$810 Million

A silhouette of a person blowing bubbles against a sunset background. The person is on the left, and the bubbles are on the right. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm orange and red glow. The background is a gradient of colors from purple at the top to orange at the bottom.

SAN DIEGO

80% of California H.T. victims are born and raised in California

Schools take on sex trafficking

The San Diego County district attorney's office has sponsored billboards over the county (San Diego County district attorney's office)



Maureen Magee Contact Reporter

A 16-year-old girl from San Diego was among those rescued during a recent two-day anti-human trafficking operation that resulted in hundreds of arrests across the state.

The high school student is one of an estimated 8,000 to 11,000 girls and young women who are victims to sex trafficking each year in San Diego alone.

The issue has become so pressing that schools now regularly educate teachers and students — about the problem. The idea is to inform educators, teenagers and parents about the disturbing and complex issue of human trafficking on campus.

38 arrests in San Diego County as part of human trafficking sweep

The announcement of arrests and rescues resulting from a large-scale, multi-agency operation across Southern California to stop the sexual exploitation of young women and girls. Operation Reclaim and Rebuild was conducted over a two-day period.



Dana Littlefield Contact Reporter

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San Diego's Sex-Trafficking Shame

By Siobhan Braun, June 22, 2016

A leopard-print sign hanging on Andrea Smith's front door announces, "I am a luxury few can afford." Three years ago there was heavy truth in that statement. Smith was bringing in about \$2500 a night turning tricks.

"I charged \$500 for a half hour, full service — meaning blow job and sex — and \$1000 for the girlfriend experience. That was the loving, the hugging, the kissing, the affection, and the holding. A lot of people wanted that because they might have a girlfriend or wife at home, but they wanted something [different] with me."

Smith gave up drugs and prostitution after a severe beating handed down by her pimp and his friends landed her in the hospital and caused her to miscarry twin babies. She is now living at a seven-acre women's rehabilitation center in San Diego with her two children, a sixth-month-old and three-year-old. The program provides a free two-bedroom, furnished, apartment for up to a year until Smith gets back on her feet.

Exposing the hidden world of human trafficking in San Diego

Posted: Mar 02, 2017 11:20 PM PDT Updated: Mar 03, 2017 7:30 AM PDT
By Abbie Alford, Reporter



SAN DIEGO (CBS 8) - On Thursday night, Hope for San Diego hosted a discussion in North County to raise awareness and inform the community about the complexities of human trafficking and how to help others find their roles in untangling the hidden web that ensnares so many in San Diego.

Human trafficking is one of the most profitable criminal enterprises in the world.

Gang Members Are Highly Involved

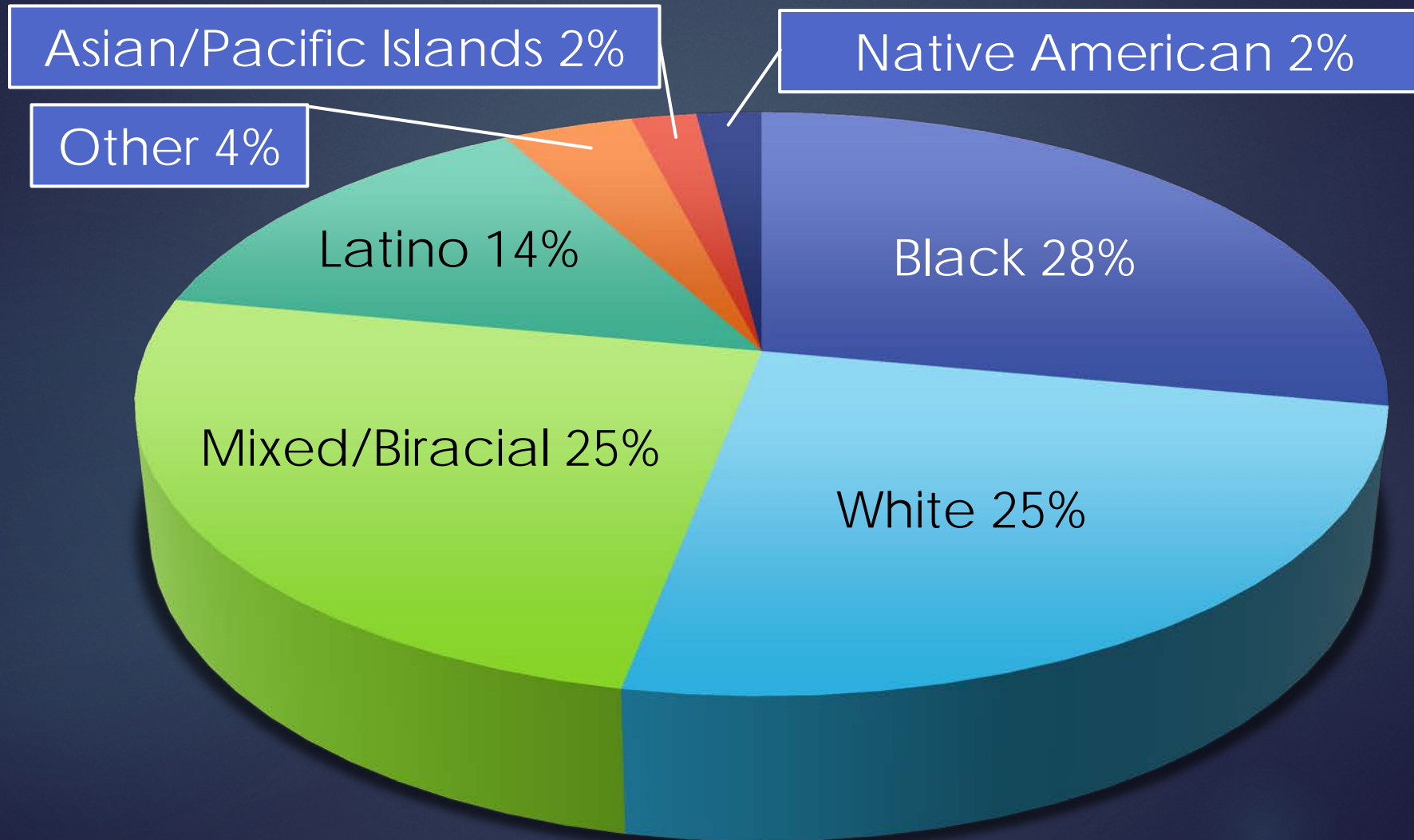
- 85% of facilitators were gang-affiliated

- 110 gangs involved in underground sex economy



Ethnicity of Survivors

The majority are Black, White and mixed ethnicity

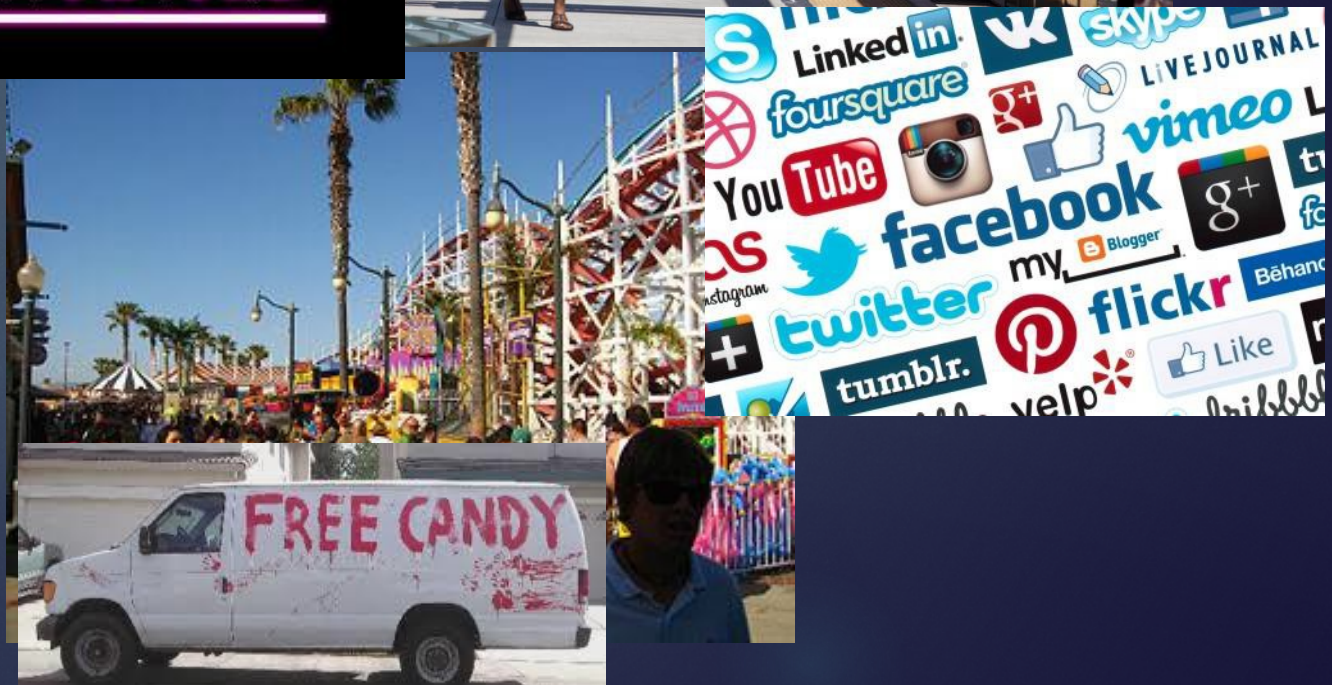


Where are Victims Recruited?



MODELS
WANTED

- Internet FACEBOOK
- Polinsky/group homes
- Schools/Facilities
- Shopping malls
- Bus & Trolley stops
- Parties/Clubs
- Churches/Youth Groups
- Beaches/Parks



Who are the Traffickers?

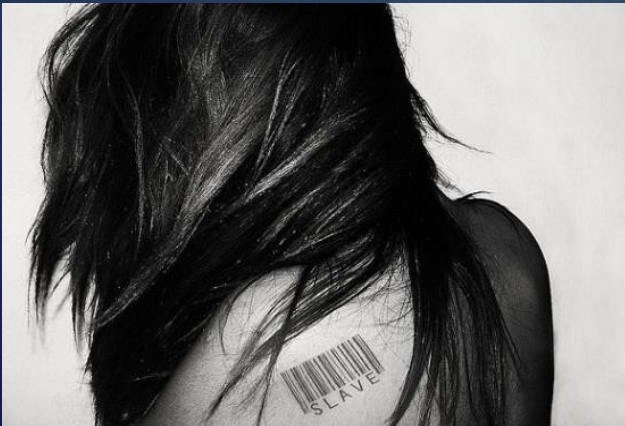
Father
Mother
Boyfriend
Siblings
Classmates
Friends
Strangers
Babysitters



Gang Members & Associates

Human Trafficking of Minors

- **Consent is NOT a defense**
- **Mistake of fact as to victim's age – NOT a defense**
- **Mandatory Reporting Duties**



The Past – Traditional



The Present

HUMANIPLEX
Spark Your Spirit of Adventure



Typical Ad in Backpage

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying a Backpage advertisement. The browser's address bar shows the URL: `sandiego.backpage.com/WomenSeekMen/cLAssy-and-cUTE-asian-goddess-sensual-playMate/25496665`. The Backpage logo is visible in the top left, and the search bar contains the text "women seeking r". The page title is "cLAssy & cUTE → ASiAn GODDESS → Señsuäl playMate - 24". The ad text includes a greeting "Hello Guys ~", a description of the poster as a 24-year-old Asian woman, and contact information: "619.261.3587" and "TIFFANY". There are two images on the right side of the ad: one showing a woman's back and another showing a woman holding a phone. The page also features a "Report Ad" button and a "Reply" button.

backpage.com > San Diego dating > San Diego women seeking men

cLAssy & cUTE → ASiAn GODDESS → Señsuäl playMate - 24 [Report Ad](#)

Posted: Friday, April 7, 2017 9:04 AM

[Reply](#)

Hello Guys ~

Are you tired of wasting your time, and not getting the attention you deserve☺?
I want to give you the TLC that you crave, creating memorable moments and an unforgettable experience.
I am a beautiful young Asian woman (5'8 130lbs 34b).
If my photos caught your eye, my bubbly personality will absolutely captivate you.
I am that Special Treat you've been wanting... So what are you waiting for! ☺

💡 The Best Way to Get In Contact With Me Is To Pick Up The Phone☎ And Give Me A Call


619.261.3587
TIFFANY ☺

NO texts or blocked calls!
 NO AA Men!


Poster's age: 24

- Location: (Chula Vista Ins), San Diego, South SD County
- Post ID: 25496665 sandiego

[email to friend](#)



[Enlarge Picture](#)



Red Flags In Health Care Setting

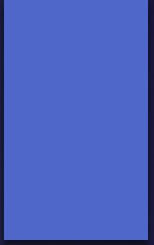
- Multiple cell phones
- Controlling partner, no separation
- Suspicious injury –
inconsistent mechanism with hx
- No regular access to health care
- Dental issues, injuries
- Frequent STI's
- No access to personal ID info
- Branding/tattoos
- Expensive clothes or purses
- Drug use
- Not knowing address

Tips For Engaging HT Patients

- ▶ Body language
- ▶ Tone
- ▶ Separating from others
- ▶ Non medical terms
- ▶ Use first name, show respect
- ▶ Not a rescue
- ▶ Know your resources in case of disclosure
- ▶ Provide resources that don't endanger

Trauma Informed Questions

- ▶ Can you tell me about...
 - ▶ How you got here
 - ▶ Who is with you today
 - ▶ The last time you ate
 - ▶ Where do you normally sleep
 - ▶ Do you have your ID with you
- ▶ Follow up questions as needed
 - ▶ Staying away from “Why” and judgment

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- ▶ I'm concerned
 - ▶ Is there anything I can do to help you
 - ▶ Connecting to resources
 - ▶ Thank you for sharing with me today
 - ▶ Warm handoff

Resources

- ▶ Protocols
- ▶ Call Police
- ▶ Mandatory Reporting
- ▶ Victim Services Organizations
- ▶ Hotline
 - ▶ 800-THE-LOST (NCMEC)
 - ▶ 888-373-7888 (POLARIS)
- ▶ Family Justice Center
- ▶ In House Social Workers
- ▶ Forensic Nurses – 888-211-6347



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