



**TRANSIT'S ROLE IN
COMBATING
HUMAN
TRAFFICKING**

CASE STUDY: OHIO



WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

The exploitation of human beings through force, fraud or coercion, for the purposes of commercial sex or forced labor, wherein a third party is making a profit.

**Human Trafficking is:
MODERN DAY SLAVERY**





THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A "CHILD PROSTITUTE"

By federal law, anyone under the age of 18 who is induced to perform a commercial sex act is automatically a trafficking victim.

THE TRUTH ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

*Most victims know
their trafficker.*



*Traffickers can be
anyone.*



*It's happening in your
backyard.*



SMUGGLING VS. TRAFFICKING

- Crime against a country's immigration law
- Requires movement

VS

- Crime against a human being
- Does not require movement





A bus driver noticed two teenage girls in a restricted area of a New York City bus terminal. They were dirty, disheveled and begging for a free trip to Pennsylvania...

TRANSIT & TRAFFICKING

Intersections:



Recruitment



Exploitation



Exit



Recovery

TRANSIT & TRAFFICKING

In a 2018 Polaris survivor survey:

42%

shared that their traffickers used local and/or long distance buses in their exploitation.

54%

named access to transportation as a barrier to leaving their trafficking situation.

26%

shared that public/mass transportation played a role in at least one exit attempt.

VULNERABILITIES

60%

of US children
from low-
income families
ride the school
bus.

Lower
income,
minority &
immigrant
individuals are
MORE LIKELY
to use public
transit.

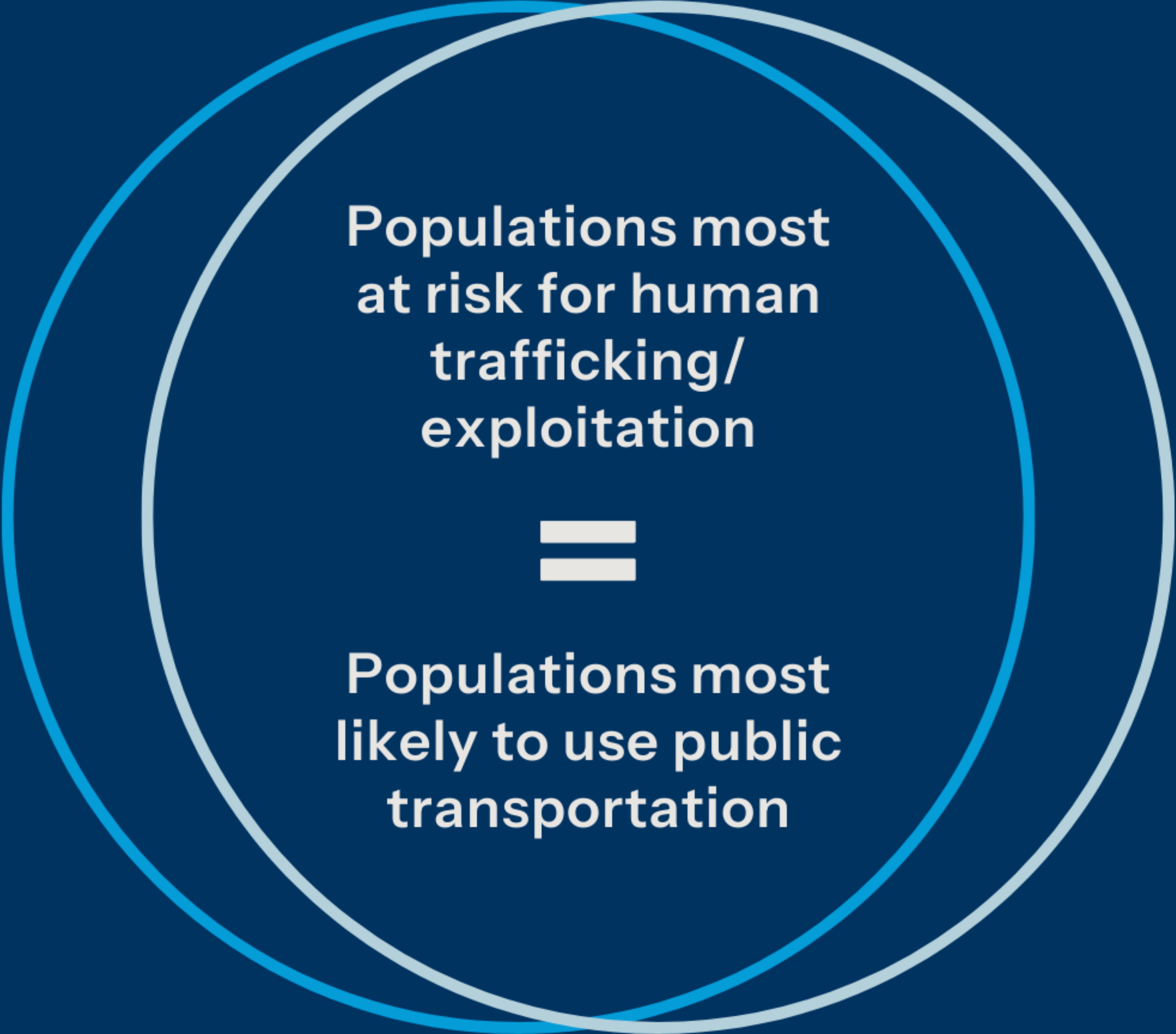
40%

of sex
trafficking
victims in the
US identified
as Black.

63%
of labor
trafficking
victims in the US
identified as
Hispanic.

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OPERATORS CAN NOTICE:

Signs of recruitment



A passenger who does not know who bought their ticket or the person they are meeting



Minor traveling without adult supervision



Person at bus stop or bus terminal approaching potential targets



Person/car always at terminal but never gets on a bus



Job flyers that are incomplete or too good to be true?

OPERATORS CAN NOTICE:

Signs of control



Not allowed to speak for him/herself



Not in possession of own ticket, wallet, ID, documentation



Branding or tattooing that marks 'ownership' (often of trafficker's name)



Don't know where they are, confused about whereabouts



Need a ticket but have no money

OPERATORS CAN NOTICE:

Signs of force/fear



Bruising, injuries,
signs of physical
abuse



Agitated,
scared/crying



Disheveled and/or
malnourished



Trying to get away
from someone

OPERATORS CAN NOTICE:

Signs of commercial sex/labor exploitation



Offers to exchange sex for a ride, meal, etc. or any mention of a pimp/quota.



Mentions having a pimp, making a quota, prostitution



Working excessively long hours and/or in dangerous conditions

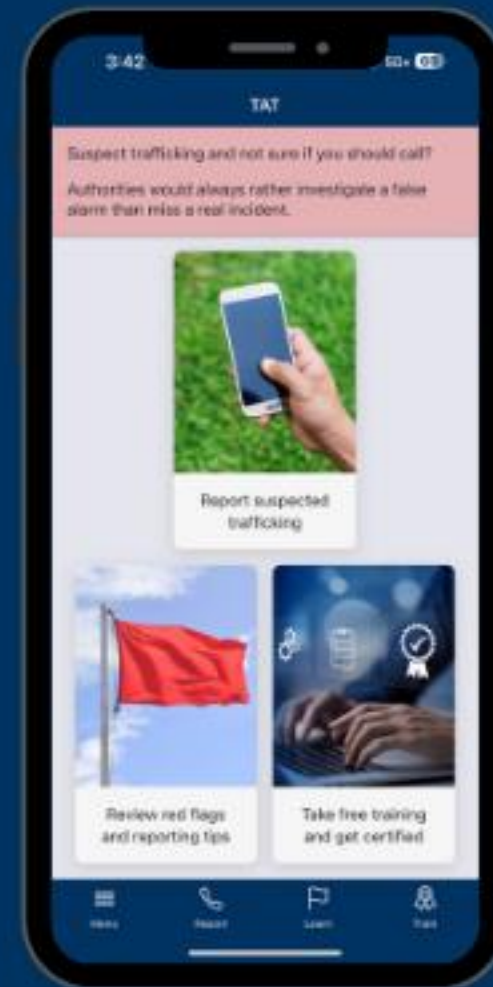


Employer is withholding pay

CASE STUDY: TEXAS



ANTI-TRAFFICKING RESOURCES



NOT SURE WHAT YOU'RE WALKING INTO?

Thousands of girls, boys, women and men are forced into prostitution each year. Sex traffickers lure them into the life with promises of work opportunities and romance. You are not alone. You have other options.



Call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-3737-888 (US) or 1-833-900-1010 (Canada). Confidential | TAT

If you or someone you know is being forced to engage in commercial sex, or cannot leave, whether it is commercial sex, house work, construction, factory, retail or restaurant work, activity, call the National Human Trafficking Hotline for help and services.

WHAT TRANSIT NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT LABOR TRAFFICKING

This document, focusing on labor trafficking, is intended to be a supplementary resource to TAT's human trafficking training materials for transit. Learn more here: www.tatnonprofit.org/transit.

What is Labor Trafficking?

Human trafficking – or modern-day slavery – is the exploitation of human beings through force, fraud or coercion for the purposes of commercial sex or forced labor. Labor trafficking is often characterized by factors such as:

- Extremely long hours with few or no breaks;
- Confiscation of identification documents (e.g. passports, driver's license, etc.);
- Receiving little or no pay, unreasonable sales quotas, wage theft;
- Excessive or unexpected fees/deductions taken from paychecks;
- Isolation of workers (e.g. withholding information, limiting contact with outsiders, etc.);
- Unsafe or hazardous work conditions;
- Housing at the worksite that appears sub-standard and closely monitored; and/or
- Verbal, physical or sexual abuse (or threats of abuse).

Victims of Labor Trafficking

Victims are often lured into labor trafficking through false promises about employment and opportunity. Immigrants are highly vulnerable to all forms of human trafficking, though the crime does not require the crossing of an international border. Victims can be of any nationality, gender or age, though certain types of trafficking may entice higher rates of men, women or children because of the type of labor involved. For example, men are trafficked in construction and agriculture at higher rates; women are trafficked more commonly in domestic work and hospitality; and children are exploited at higher rates in begging activities and forced begging.

Buses and Labor Trafficking: Intersections

Victims may be coming into contact with transit during their journey or exit phases.

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DISPATCHERS MATTER IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

While your drivers may be on the front lines of seeing potential victims, your actions can secure a safe exit for victims in need.

BUS DRIVERS: BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING!

LOOK FOR:

- Passengers who are not allowed to speak for themselves
- Distressed appearance, agitated, scared/crying
- Minors traveling without adult supervision
- Offers to exchange sex for a ride, meal, etc.
- Does not know the person who is picking them up
- Any acknowledgement of having a pimp or needing to make a quota
- Signs of branding or tattooing (often of trafficker's name)
- Passengers not in possession of own ticket, money or ID

TAKE ACTION:

- Watch TAT's training video for motorcoach and transit
- Spread the word with your colleagues and at home
- Display TAT's awareness materials on buses or in transit centers
- Whenever you suspect human trafficking... **make the call, save lives!**
 - Follow your internal reporting protocol
 - For victim services, call the National Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-888-3737-888 (US) | 1-833-900-1010 (CAN)

Download the TAT app:



INTERNAL REPORTING Report suspected trafficking to:



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What is your company's policy on handling potential human trafficking?

MAKE THE CALL, SAVE LIVES.

1-888-3737-888 (US)
1-833-900-1010 (CAN)



Warning: Please do not approach traffickers. Allow law enforcement to deal with traffickers and recover victims. Approaching traffickers is not only dangerous for you and their victims but could lead to problems in the eventual prosecution of traffickers.

When calling law enforcement: In order to open an investigation on your part, they need "actionable information." This would include:

- Descriptions of cars or trucks (make, model, color, license plate, truck and/or USDOT number, etc.) and people (height, weight, hair color, eye color, age, etc.) Take a picture if you can.
- Specific times and dates | When did you see the event in question take place? (What day was it?)
- Add names and locations where suspicious activity took place.
- When you contact law enforcement, **tell them you suspect human trafficking, not prostitution.**

Note: Human trafficking is a crime under federal law in both the U.S. and Canada. In the U.S., there is a lifetime ban on a CDL for any individual who uses their CMV to commit a felony involving human trafficking. Some states punish sex purchasers the same as sex traffickers, and most states have a buyer-applicable trafficking law that prohibits a mistake-of-age defense in prosecutions for buying a commercial sex act with any minor.

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TRANSIT ON THE LOOKOUT TO COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

A TOOLKIT FOR PUBLIC TRANSIT AGENCIES IN THE UNITED STATES & CANADA



CREATED BY BUSING ON THE LOOKOUT
A PROGRAM OF TRUCKERS AGAINST TRAFFICKING

TRAINING FOR...



VICTIM-CENTERED POSTERS

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Confidential | Toll Free | 24/7

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¿QUIERES DEJAR ESA VIDA?

Sarah tenía quince años cuando se fue de su casa. Chris parecía ser la única persona a quien ella le importaba. Cuando Chris le dijo que la dejaría si ella no se prostituía, Sarah creyó que no tenía otra opción. NO ESTÁS SOLA. TIENES OTRAS OPCIONES.



Llama a La Línea Directa Contra la Trata de Personas
1-888-3737-888 o envía un mensaje de texto al 233733
Confidencial | Gratuita | 24/7

Si tú o una persona que conoces está siendo forzada a cualquier actividad y no pueden dejarla, ya sea que se trate de sexo por dinero, trabajo en casa, en agricultura, construcción, fábrica, tienda departamental o restaurante o en cualquier otra actividad, llama a la Línea Nacional al 888-3737-888 para recibir ayuda y servicios.



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DO YOU REALLY TRUST THIS PERSON?

Every year, traffickers lure thousands of victims into exploitation with false promises of work or romance. If it sounds too good to be true, it usually is. You are not alone. You have other options.



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EL AMOR NO LASTIMA. LOS ENGANOS Y LOS PADROTES SÍ.

Keisha vivía en las calles. Scott le prometió amor y un lugar al cual llamar su hogar. Un día Scott le dijo que tenía que vender su cuerpo si quería seguir así. Si alguien te está pidiendo que vendas tu cuerpo o te pongas en peligro, eso no es amor. Haga la llamada.



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YOUTH ON TRANSPORTATION

- Youth targeted education/awareness materials
- Can be displayed on buses, at bus stations/transit centers, etc.
- Options for co-branding



WANT TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING WHERE YOU LIVE?

START HERE.

SCAN ME / SCAN ME / SCAN ME / SCAN ME / SCAN ME / SCAN ME / SCAN ME / SCAN ME / SCAN ME / SCAN ME

TAT *** If you or someone you know is in trouble, it's okay to ask for help. Talk to a safe adult or call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 to access help and services. ***

This advertisement features a purple location pin icon with a house inside. Below it, the text reads "WANT TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING WHERE YOU LIVE?". In the center, there is a QR code with the text "START HERE." above it. The QR code is surrounded by a circular border containing the text "SCAN ME / SCAN ME / SCAN ME / SCAN ME / SCAN ME / SCAN ME / SCAN ME / SCAN ME / SCAN ME / SCAN ME". At the bottom left is the TAT logo, and at the bottom right is a disclaimer: "*** If you or someone you know is in trouble, it's okay to ask for help. Talk to a safe adult or call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 to access help and services. ***". The background shows a pair of feet wearing red sneakers.



LIES, THREATS, MANIPULATION.

COULD YOU SPOT THE WARNING SIGNS OF A PIMP OR TRAFFICKER?

FIND OUT HERE.

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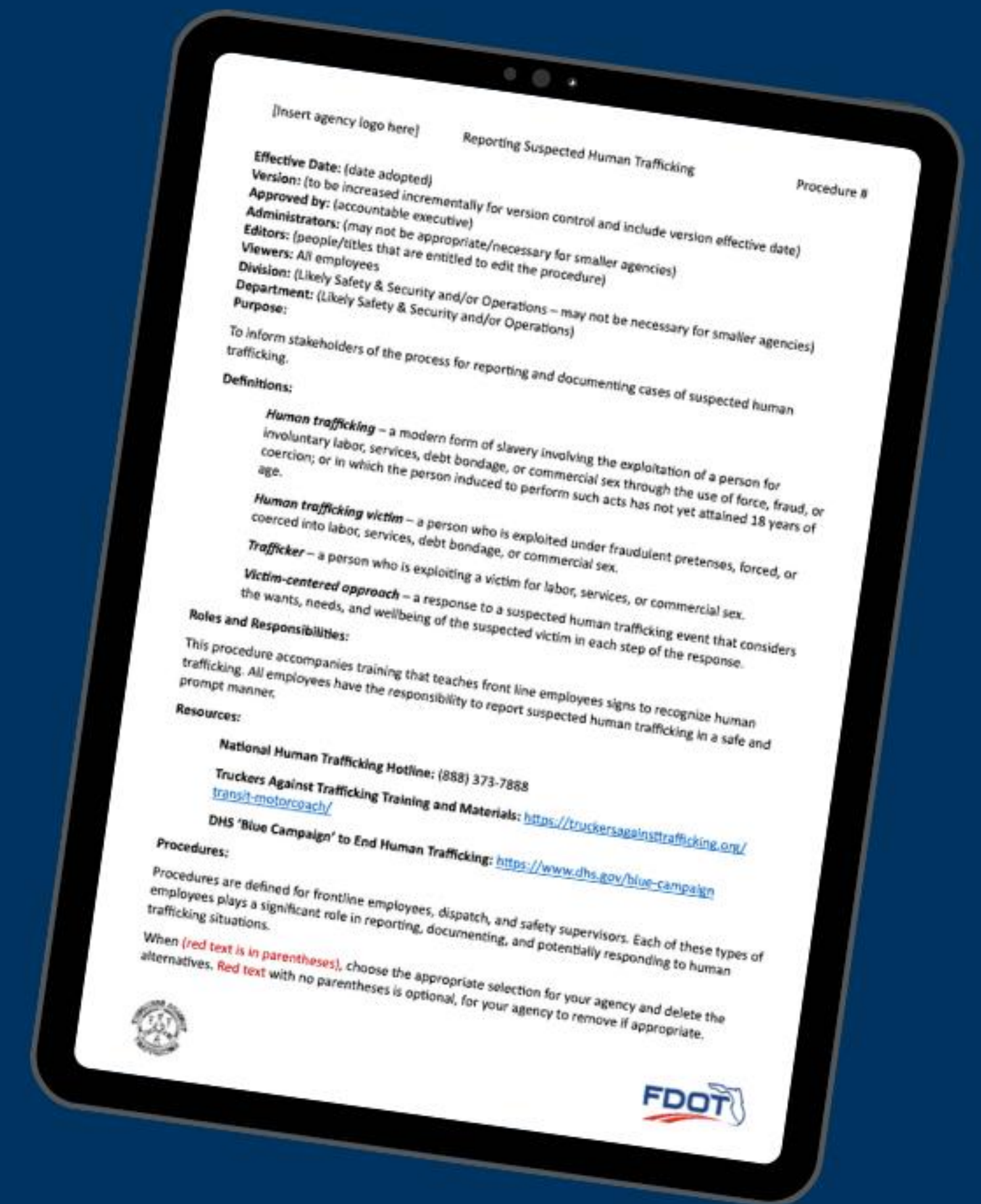
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This advertisement features a yellow prohibition sign (a circle with a diagonal line) over a background image of two young women. The text reads "LIES, THREATS, MANIPULATION." and "COULD YOU SPOT THE WARNING SIGNS OF A PIMP OR TRAFFICKER?". Below this is a QR code with the text "FIND OUT HERE." to its left. The QR code is surrounded by a circular border containing the text "SCAN ME / SCAN ME / SCAN ME / SCAN ME / SCAN ME / SCAN ME / SCAN ME / SCAN ME / SCAN ME / SCAN ME". At the bottom left is the TAT logo, and at the bottom right is a disclaimer: "*** If you or someone you know is in trouble, it's okay to ask for help. Talk to a safe adult or call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 to access help and services. ***".

RESPONSE PROTOCOL TEMPLATE

“This Human Trafficking Awareness and Response Procedure Template is one of the most useful pieces of work our team has produced, due to the potential impacts it may have on the lives of vulnerable victims of human trafficking.”

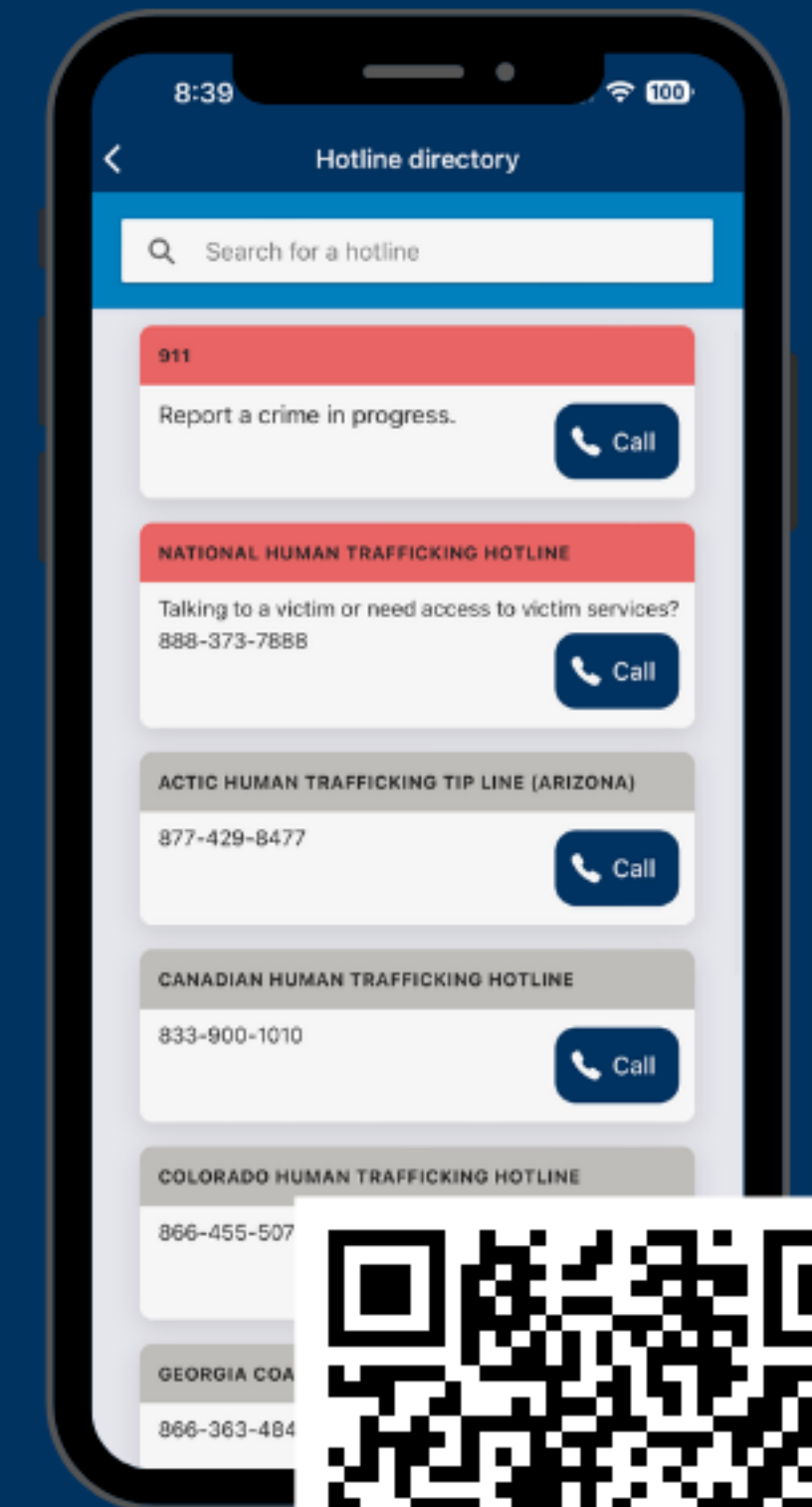
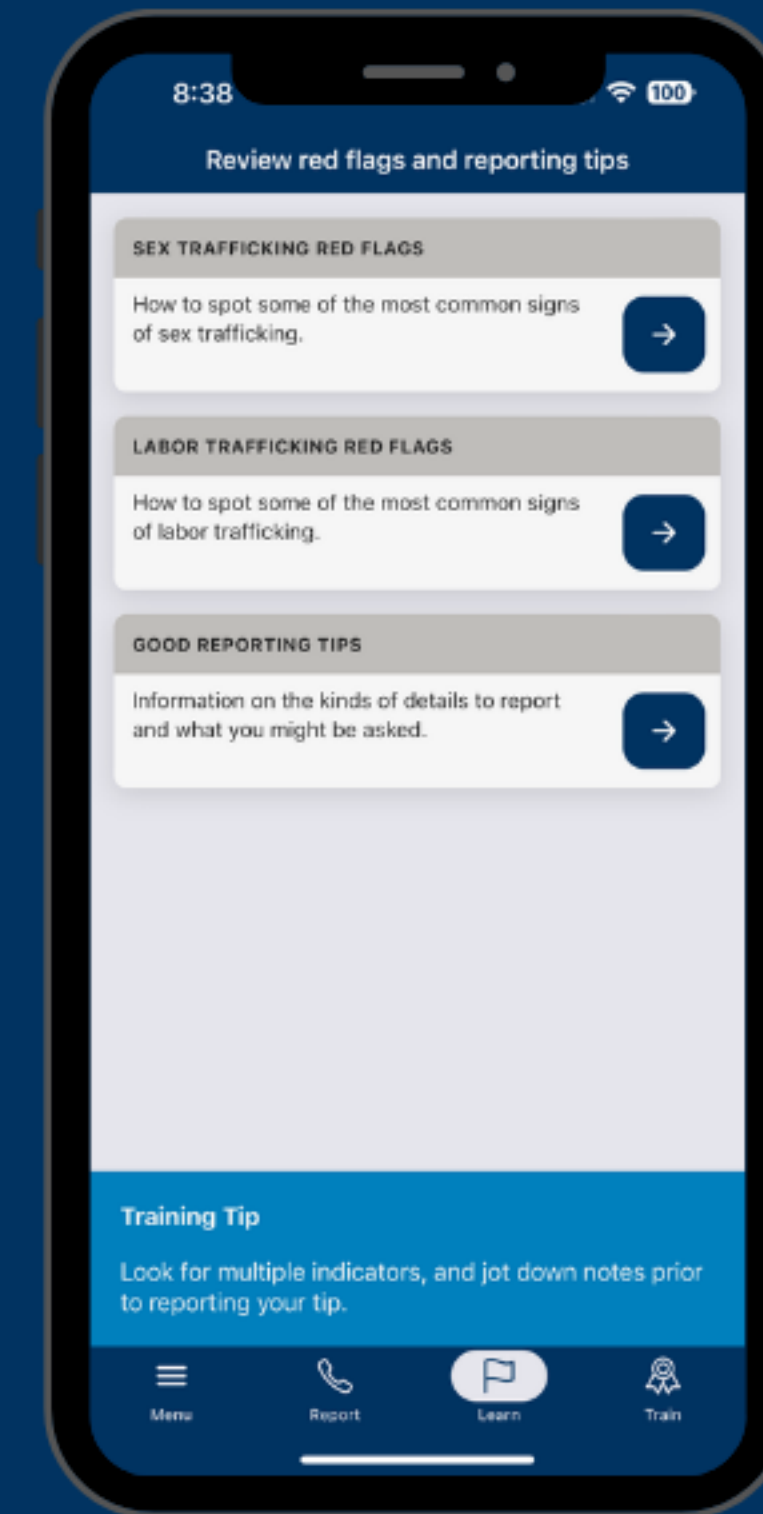
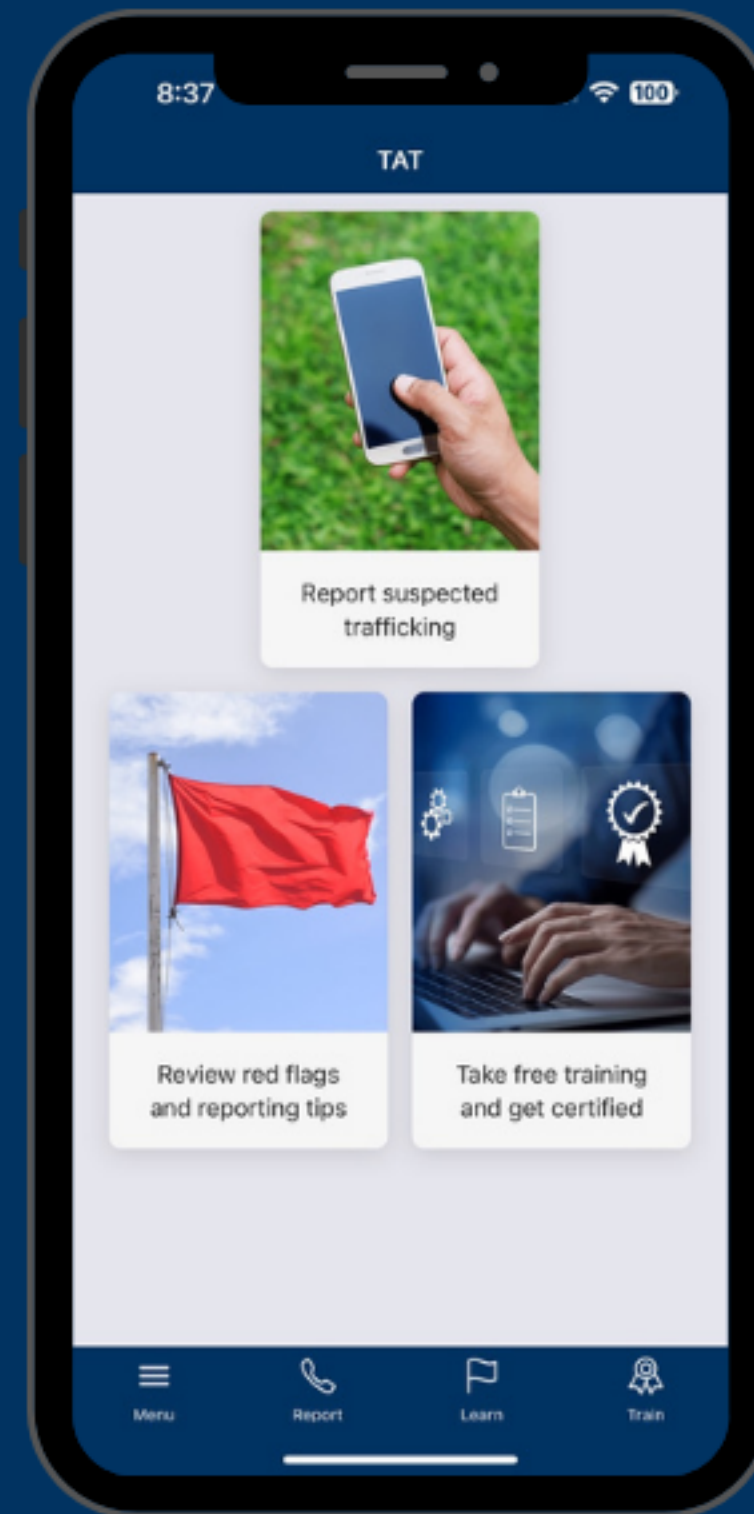
*–Jodi Godfrey,
Center for Urban Transportation Research*

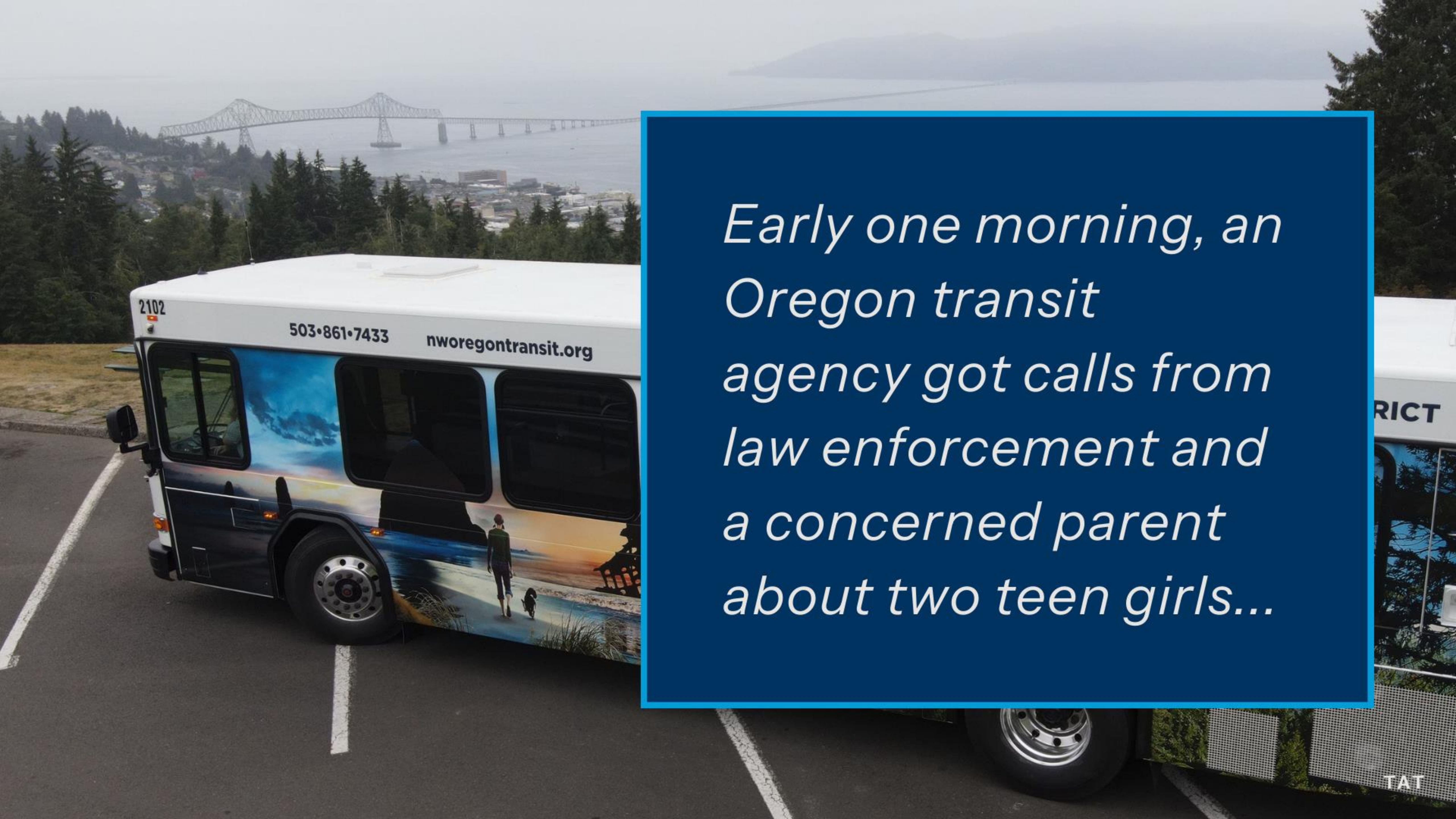


Date: 02/28/2024	Incident Type: Emergency	Route Name: 115/CC	Vehicle Name: 221JC
18:11	Driver calls dispatch reporting possible human trafficking after a young woman is 'coerced onto his coach.' Requested we contact the hotline.		
18:25	Incident reported to the 1-888-373-7888 Human Trafficking Hotline. Instructed to contact local police authorities.		
18:40	911 Police notified.		
19:40	Driver calls dispatch again and reports he suspects the passenger is a minor		
19:50	911 Police notified of the passengers age, and that she is still on the bus because the driver has granted her safe harbor for the time being until the coach goes out of service. Police informs that no one has been dispatched yet but the updates have been noted.		
20:24	Driver reports the passenger is silent and will not answer questions, believe she is not homeless, her clothes are clean and she does not smell bad. Every time she comes to the terminal she hides and states "I can't be here somebody is looking for me." Driver instructed to allow passenger refuge on the coach while I update police with the information.		
20:33	Police updated. Police dispatch states they will get in contact with the supervisor.		
20:40	Police calls to say the issue has been bumped up in priority, they will try to dispatch as soon as possible depending on call volume. Instructs us to call back as soon as the coach leaves the community college and to get a description of the passenger in case she departs.		
21:20	Driver reports passenger was transported from community college by local Health & Safety.		

UPDATED TAT APP

- Tailored red flag content
- Enhanced reporting capabilities
- Gather data about reports made





Early one morning, an Oregon transit agency got calls from law enforcement and a concerned parent about two teen girls...

WHAT CAN YOU DO?



Implement training for new and existing staff



Establish an internal reporting policy



Display TAT's victim-centered posters



Host a virtual information session with TAT



Introduce us to other transportation stakeholders

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

HOW CAN THE TRANSIT INDUSTRY COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

Frontline transit employees are uniquely positioned to combat human trafficking in the course of their everyday jobs. Pimps and traffickers sometimes recruit victims at bus stops and terminals. They utilize buses in transporting victims, and when victims are able to get out, a bus or bus terminal may be the first place they go to find safety and assistance.

The crime of human trafficking depends on people turning a blind eye and staying silent.

We can be the difference.



What is human trafficking?

Human trafficking is the exploitation of human beings through force, fraud, or coercion for the purposes of commercial sex or forced labor. There are an estimated 50 million victims of human trafficking globally, including thousands of children and adults in the United States. Safe House Project estimates that there are over 21,700 victims of human trafficking in Arizona annually.

What can you do?

Transit employees are uniquely positioned to observe what's going on around them as they transport passengers or assist customers at bus terminals. You can notice red flags in passengers who might be under the control of a pimp/trafficker. Be on the lookout for these signs:

- Passengers who are not allowed to speak for themselves and/or whose tickets or ID are being controlled by another person.
- Passengers who seem confused or afraid, have markings or tattoos that could be a trafficker's branding, or make comments about having a pimp or sugar daddy, or needing to make a quota,
- Anyone, particularly minors, who do not know the person they are traveling to meet, or perhaps are going to meet a 'friend from the internet.'
- A person/people in the transit center or terminal who regularly approach people who look vulnerable, perhaps to recruit them or start the grooming process.

Arizona Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-877-4AZ-TIPS

Always report suspected trafficking through proper agency incident protocols. The Arizona Hotline is another local resource: www.sextraffickinghelp.com/azthotline.

Want to learn more?

TAT offers free, industry-specific training for transit. You can complete their online training in less than an hour on their website.

Scan here to take the online training.



Scan here to download the TAT app.



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CREATING LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING

You are invited to a half-day human trafficking awareness event that will bring together key trucking, truck stop/travel center, bus/transit and energy industry stakeholders with local, state and federal law enforcement and government agencies to work together to close loopholes to traffickers.



May 21, 2024



11:30am - 3:30pm
(lunch provided)



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