

Investigating and Prosecuting Sex Traffickers in the Coastal Bend:



State of Texas v. Jovan Miles

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What is Human Trafficking?

- Modern day slavery
- Not just transporting immigrants
- Includes forced labor/services and/or prostitution



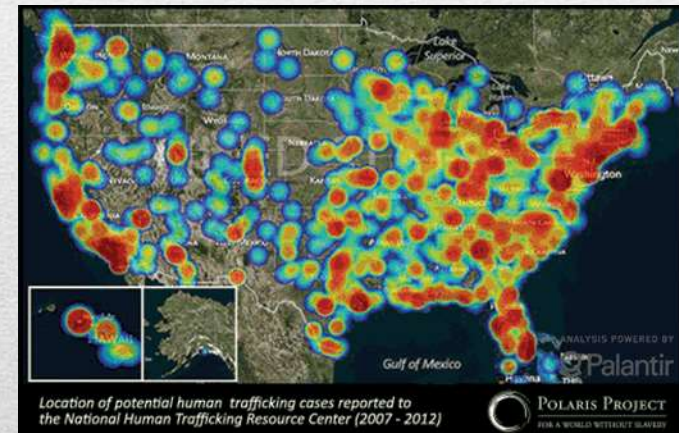
How Much Does Trafficking Impact Globally?

- Human trafficking is a massive industry - \$32 billion
 - More than McDonald's makes in 1 year <http://info.gozoe.org/what-is-human-trafficking>
- Estimated 20 million + people are enslaved
 - 26% are children, 22% are children in the sex industry (4.4 million children worldwide) <http://info.gozoe.org/what-is-human-trafficking>



How Much Does Trafficking Impact Domestically?

- From the National Human Trafficking Hotline:
 - United States in 2015:
 - 5,575 cases of human trafficking
 - 4,183 (75%) sex trafficking
 - 4,739 (85%) women
 - 1,653 (29%) children

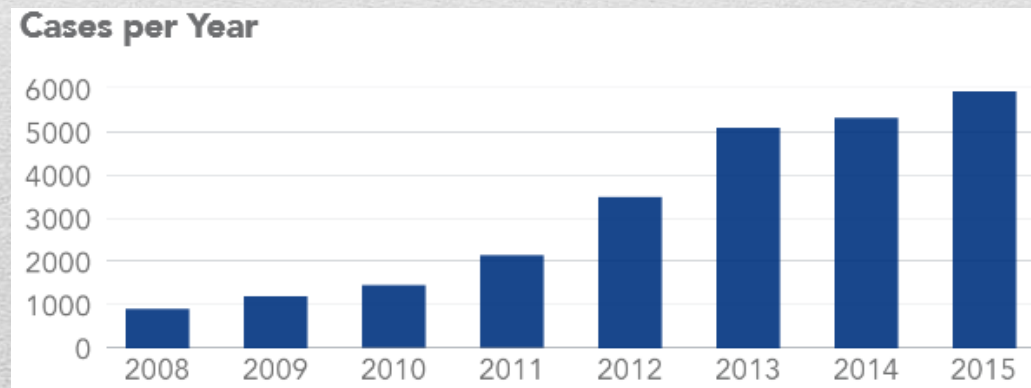


The Numbers Keep Growing...

- United States in 2016: 7,565 human trafficking cases reported
 - 5,549 (73%) sex trafficking
 - 6,344 (83%) women
 - 2,389 (31%) children
 - United States in 2017: 8,524 human trafficking cases reported
 - 6,081 (71%) sex trafficking
 - 7,067 (82%) women
 - 2,495 (29%) children
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How Much Does Trafficking Impact Domestically?

- National Human Trafficking Hotline:
 - United States in 2007-2015:
 - 25,696 human trafficking cases
 - 7,768 (30%) minors
 - 20,673 (80%) women



TRAFFICKING PROFILE

- US Department of State Trafficking in Persons Report 2018
 - The United States is a source, transit, and destination country for men, women, transgender individuals, and children—both U.S. citizens and foreign nationals—subjected to sex trafficking and forced labor.
 - Trafficking occurs in both legal and illicit industries, including in commercial sex, hospitality, traveling sales crews, agriculture, janitorial services, construction, restaurants, care for persons with disabilities, salon services, massage parlors, fairs and carnivals, peddling and begging, drug smuggling and distribution, and child care and domestic work. Individuals who entered the United States with and without legal status have been identified as trafficking victims.
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TRAFFICKING PROFILE

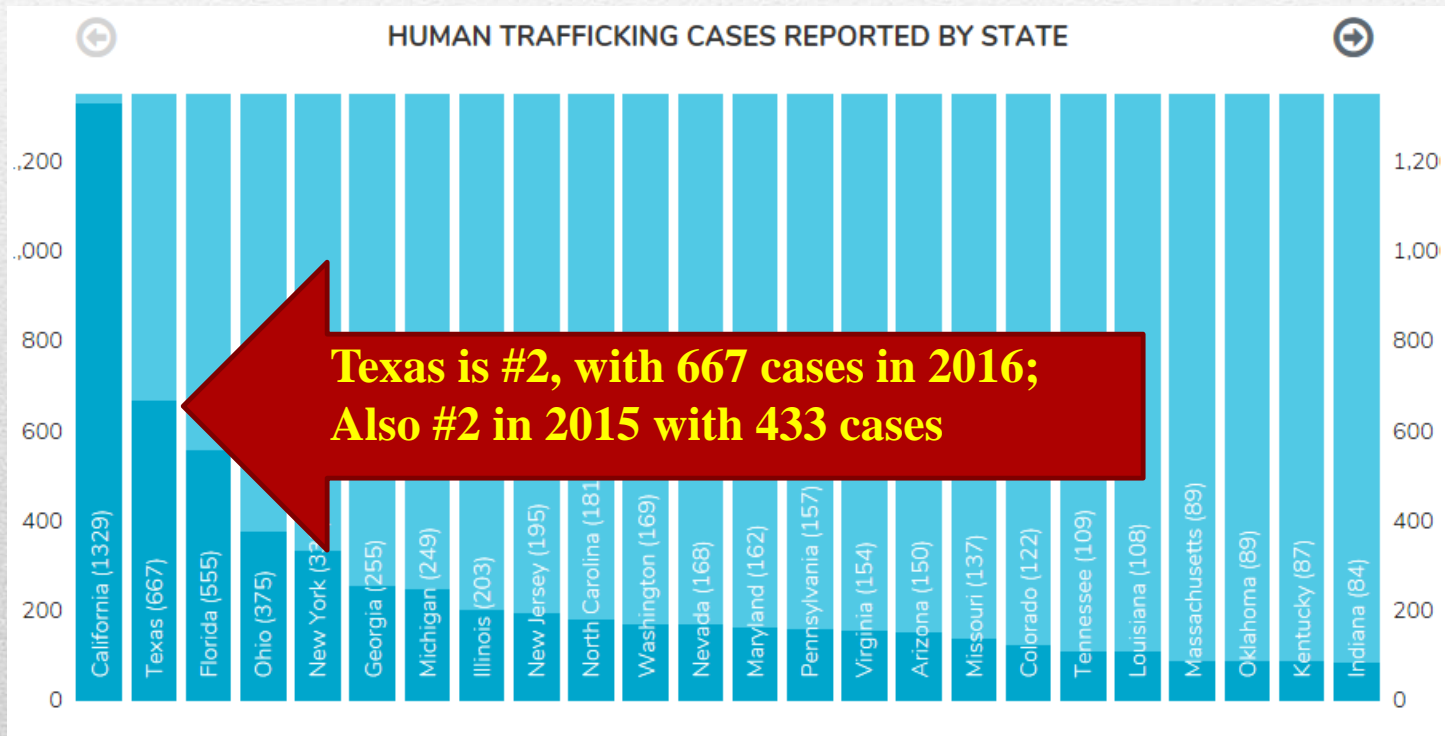
- Government officials, companies, and NGOs have continued to express concern about the risk of human trafficking in global supply chains, including in federal contracts. Victims originate from almost every region of the world; the top three countries of origin of federally identified victims in FY 2017 were the United States, Mexico, and Honduras
 - Populations in the United States vulnerable to human trafficking include: children in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems; runaway and homeless youth; unaccompanied children; American Indians and Alaska Natives; migrant laborers, including undocumented workers and participants in visa programs for temporary workers; foreign national domestic workers in diplomatic households; persons with limited English proficiency; persons with low literacy; persons with disabilities
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TRAFFICKING PROFILE

- LGBTI individuals; and participants in court-ordered substance use diversion programs. NGOs noted an increase in the use of technology to recruit and advertise victims of human trafficking. Some U.S. citizens engage in child sex tourism in foreign countries.
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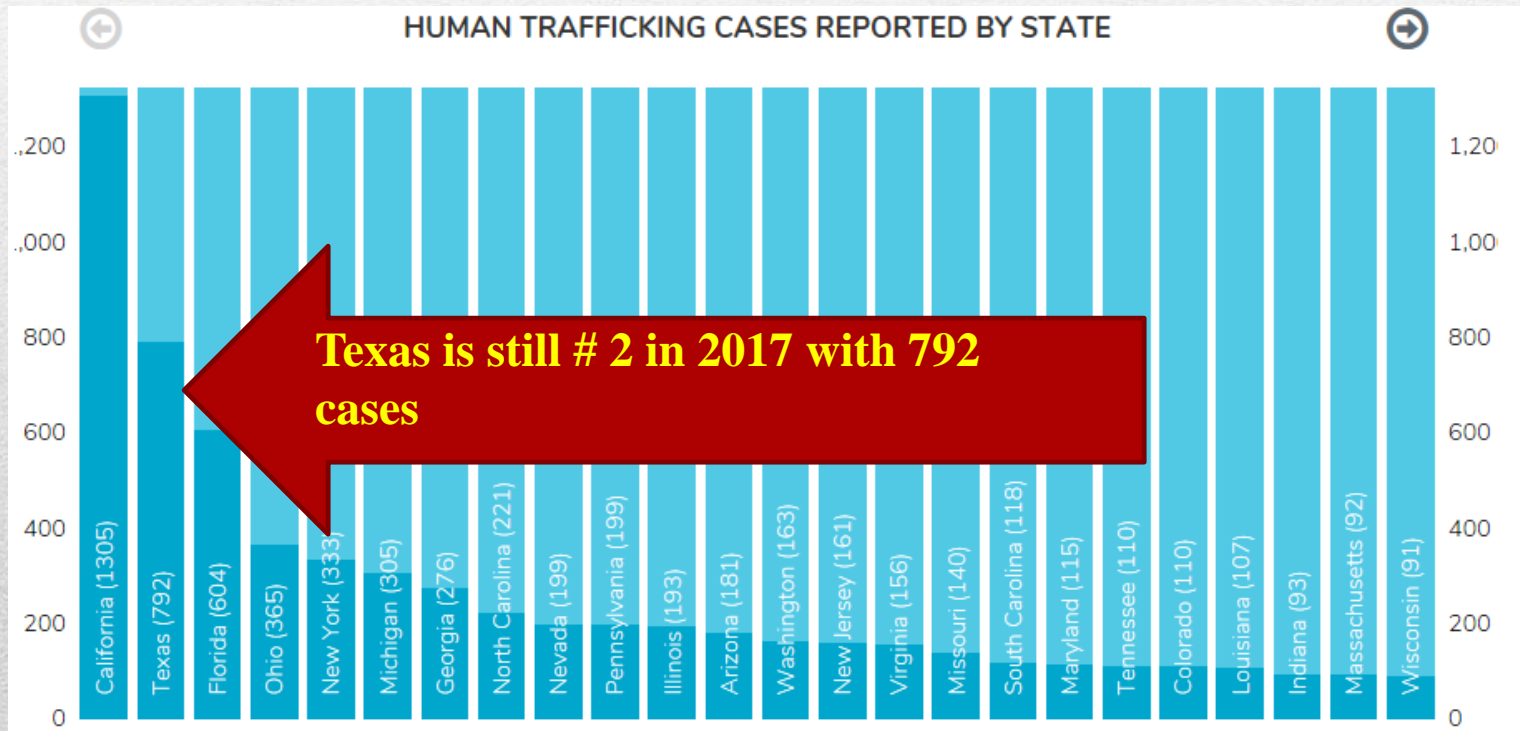
What about in Texas?

- National Human Trafficking Hotline:
 - Human trafficking reports by state, 2016



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APPROXIMATELY

79,000

MINORS AND YOUTH
ARE VICTIMS OF
SEX TRAFFICKING

IN TEXAS ★ ★

APPROXIMATELY

234,000 WORKERS ARE
VICTIMS OF
LABOR TRAFFICKING

THERE ARE CURRENTLY AN ESTIMATED **VICTIMS OF**
313,000 HUMAN TRAFFICKING
IN TEXAS ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

TRAFFICKERS
EXPLOIT
APPROXIMATELY **\$600 MILLION**
FROM VICTIMS OF LABOR TRAFFICKING
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **IN TEXAS**

MINOR AND YOUTH
SEX TRAFFICKING COSTS
THE STATE OF
TEXAS
APPROXIMATELY
\$6.6
BILLION

*Human
Trafficking by
the Numbers:
The Initial
Benchmark of
Prevalence and
Economic
Impact for
Texas,
University of
Texas at Austin
– Institute on
Domestic
Violence &
Sexual Assault,
December 2016*

Cost to Texas

Children as Victims

- Children can not consent to being prostituted



The Law in Texas - Definitions

- **Child** = a person younger than 18 years of age (regardless of whether defendant knew the age of the child at time of offense)
 - **Traffic** = to transport, entice, recruit, harbor, provide, or otherwise obtain another person by any means
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The Law in Texas, Cont'd

Trafficking of Persons – Penal Code 20A.02

Person knowingly:

(1) traffics another person with the intent that the trafficked person engage in forced labor or services

(2) receives a benefit from participating in a venture that involves an activity described by Subdivision (1), including by receiving labor or services the person knows are forced labor or services

(3) traffics another person and, through force, fraud, or coercion, causes the trafficked person to engage in conduct prohibited by: compelling/prostitution; aggravated/promotion prostitution

(4) receives a benefit from participating in a venture that involves an activity described by Subdivision (3) or engages in sexual conduct with a person trafficked in the manner described in Subdivision (3)

(5) traffics a child with the intent that the trafficked child engage in forced labor or services

(6) receives a benefit from participating in a venture that involves an activity described by Subdivision (5), including by receiving labor or services the person knows are forced labor or services

(7) traffics a child and by any means causes the trafficked child to engage in, or become the victim of, conduct prohibited by (various child sexual abuse offenses)

(8) receives a benefit from participating in a venture that involves an activity described by Subdivision (7) or engages in sexual conduct with a child trafficked in the manner described in Subdivision (7)

Easiest, Quickest Way for Traffickers to Get Johns?

- The Internet!
- Via websites such as Backpage, Facebook, Tagged, etc...



Grooming Process

- “Recruitment”
 - Grooming is the process of gaining a person’s trust to then exploit that trust
 - Extent of grooming sometimes depends on how much “in the life” victim already is
 - Runaways are easiest target – need shelter, food, protection; no strong family ties at the moment
 - Trafficker becomes “boyfriend”
 - Flattery, buys gifts/pays for things, sexual relationship
 - “If you love me, you’ll do this for me”
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Characteristics of Sex Traffickers

There are 3 different types of Sex Traffickers:

- Traffickers
 - Facilitators
 - Buyers
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Trafficker

- Anyone who receives money or a commodity in exchange for the sexual exploitation of another person is considered a trafficker
 - This person can be a:
 - Pimp
 - Boyfriend / Girlfriend
 - Father / Mother
 - Brother / Sister
 - Uncle / Aunt
 - Coach / Teacher
 - Anyone exerting control over a minor, even a peer
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Trafficker

Typical recruiter:

- Male
 - Between the ages of 18 and 35
 - May appear to be a normal young man who might be in high school
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Facilitator

- Any business or person involved that allows a trafficker/pimp to operate
- Examples:
 - Taxi drivers
 - Hotel owners

Websites like Backpage.com

- Newspapers where the victims might be advertised
 - They can work either directly or indirectly with the pimps and enable the commercial sexual exploitation of children
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What Is Backpage?

The screenshot shows the Backpage.com website interface. At the top, there is a browser address bar with the URL <http://sanantonio.backpage.com/> and a search bar with the text "san antonio classifieds for a...". Below the browser bar, the Backpage.com logo is visible on the left, and a navigation bar contains a "Post an Ad" button, a "keyword" search field, a "buy/ sell/ trade" dropdown menu, and a "search" button.

The main content area is organized into several columns of category lists:

- local places 268**
 - events
 - bars/clubs
 - restaurants
 - salons/nails/spas
- community 203**
 - childcare
 - classes/workshops
 - general
 - groups
 - lost & found
 - volunteers
- buy/ sell/ trade 7,312**
 - antique/collectibles
 - appliances
 - business
 - boat & motorcycle
 - farm/garden
 - clothing/jewelry
 - household items
 - computer/electronics
 - free
 - furniture
 - miscellaneous
 - pets, pet supplies
 - sports equip.
 - tickets
 - tools/materials
 - want-trade
 - yard sales
- automotive 11,251**
 - auto-truck/rv
 - auto parts
 - services
- musician 104**
 - available/wanted
 - equip/instruments
 - instruction
 - services
 - plug the band
- rentals 583**
 - roommates
 - apt/condo/house
 - commercial
 - vacation
 - miscellaneous
 - rentals wanted
- real estate 2,219**
 - house/condo
 - land for sale
 - commercial
 - misc
 - wanted
- jobs 3,882**
 - acct/finance
 - admin/office
 - computer/technical
 - customer service
 - domestic
 - driver/delivery/courier
 - education
 - focus group/studies
 - job wanted/resume
 - mgmt/professional
 - medical/health
 - miscellaneous
 - part-time jobs
 - real estate
 - rest/retail/hotel
 - sales/mktg
 - salon/spa
 - show biz/audition
 - trades/labor
- forums**
 - arts & ent
 - computer
 - employment
 - gay
 - legal
 - lesbian
 - misc
 - music
 - pet
 - politics
 - religion
 - sex
 - sports
- dating 214**
 - women > men
 - men > women
 - men > men
 - women > women
- adult**
 - escorts
 - body rubs
 - strippers & strip clubs
 - dom & fetish
 - ts
 - male escorts
 - phone & websites
 - adult jobs
- services 15,319**
 - biz opps
 - business
 - cleaning
 - computer
 - creative
 - financial
 - health & beauty
 - home improvement
 - landscape/lawn
 - labor/moving
 - legal
 - massage
 - misc
 - real estate

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This section contains sexual content, including pictorial nudity and adult language. It is to be accessed only by persons who are 18 years of age or older (and is not considered to be a minor in his/her state of residence) and who live in a community or local jurisdiction where nude pictures and explicit adult materials are not prohibited by law. By accessing this website, you are representing to us that you meet the above qualifications. A false representation may be a criminal offense.

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Fri. Nov. 30

[G6oRqOuS 36DD's \(+\)\(+\) ♥ ————— ♥ Make you say WOW ————— ♥ AMAZING SKiLLs ————— ♥ - 24](#) 📞 (airport/410)

[SpEcIaLs \(80\) SuPeR SeXy \(80\) SpEcIaLs \(80\) - 23](#) 📞 (SAN ANTONIO)

[HOTELS](#) [Perfect 10 Playmate](#) [ALL HOTELS](#) - 25 📞 (✓) / ALL SAN ANTONIO HOTELS VISTORS)

[sexii petite ASlan](#) - 20 📞 (San Antonio incall/outcall airport area)

[Swedish BLONDE BARBIE!! specials! - 22](#) 📞 (San Antonio/ MEDICAL CENTER)

[New to area beautiful blonde playmate - 23](#) 📞 (San antonio)

[★°o°★-100 Incall till noon ☺ ~Independent ☺ ~Sexy Latina☺ ~ No Drama☺ Lorena ☺ ★°o°★ - 23](#) 📞 (AIRPORT AREA)

[100\\$ ☆ ————— ☆ Asian Mixed Playmate☆ ————— Limited Time ! ————— Dont Miss Out ! - 19](#) 📞 (Vance Jackson / 10 Fwy (Call Me))

[Visiting from NYC Latina Hot BOdy Hablo Espanol - 28](#) 📞 (airPORT)

[SEXY \(\(BLONDE BARBIE \)\) COME PLAY \(\(NEW PICS\)\)](#) - 24 📞 (airport incall)

[Click Here Come Check My New Picks - 30](#) 📞 (san antonio)

[PLATINUM](#) [Perfect 10 Playmate](#) [BLONDE](#) - 23 📞 (♥—————Incall--Airport-REVIEWED♥)

[incall speciall airport area 281/Bitters - 35](#) 📞

[★ 100% ReAl BeAuty ★ Ask about my 100 Special](#) [SeXy Brunette](#) - 21 📞 (sa AIRPORT INCALL / OUTCALL)

SpEclLs (80) SuPeR SeXy (80) SpEclLs (80) - 23

Posted: Friday, November 30, 2012 12:48 PM

Reply: [click here](#)

~♥~ -!-~♥~* If you're searching for that experience that is like no other, look no further! I am playful, classy and sensual with a combination of brains and beauty, an elite companion for all of your dreams and desires. Sexy, soft curves, and I aim to please~In&Outcalls Available.....

Ms.Kyia
4692039623

Poster's age: 23

• Location: Medical Center, SAN ANTONIO

• Post ID: 7248958 sanantonio

• Other ads by this user:

[♥•♥•GOOD EVERY TIME♥•♥• - 23](#) (San Antonio) [adult entertainment](#) escorts

[YOUR ~♥~♥~ SEXY ~♥~ LITTLE ~♥~ SECRET ~♥~♥~U P A L L N I T E ~♥~♥~ - 23](#) (San Antonio) [adult entertainment](#) escorts

[**~A~v~A~i~l~a~B~l~E~**~♥~♥~R~i~G~h~T~**~♥~♥~N~o~W~&A~L~L~N~I~G~H~T~**XoXO - 23](#) (San Antonio (Ur place or Mines)) [adult entertainment](#) escorts

[>>~ JUST >>~ HOW>>~ YOU >>~ LiKe>>~ IT**OUTCALL SPECIALII - 23](#) (San Antonio(Outcall Special)) [adult entertainment](#) escorts



Buyer

- Anyone who pays for or trades something of value for sex is considered a buyer
 - Examples:
 - A family member
 - Teacher
 - Baseball coach
 - Member of the clergy
 - Can be either female or male
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Recruitment Tactics by Traffickers/Pimps

- Pimps are master manipulators who create a web of lies and false promises in order to gain a victim's trust
 - A pimp uses calculated recruitment tactics to:
 - Lure a victim in
 - Build a relationship with him/her
 - Ensure his/her dependency
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Recruitment Tactics by Traffickers/Pimps

- Recruitment process varies and can include instances of kidnapping or other forms of physical violence
 - The typical method of obtaining a victim is through psychological manipulation and coercion
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Recruitment Tactics by Traffickers/Pimps

Common steps in the recruitment process:

- Selection Process
 - Courtship
 - Isolation
 - Transition
 - Control
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Selection Process

- Pimps will select victims who:
 - Project a sense of low self-esteem
 - Are experiencing trouble in the home
 - Have run away and are vulnerable on the streets
 - Victims are approached in places where they might be alone or out of the sight of a guardian, like:
 - Bus stops
 - Malls
 - Churches
 - Schools
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Courtship

- The pimp will approach the victim slowly, getting to know the victim by listening to their problems or act like they care
 - Other times the pimp will provide the child with food or a place to stay
 - Pimp always establishes themselves as the victim's "boyfriend/girlfriend" or "caregiver"
 - This period can last from a few days to a few months
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Isolation

- Pimps isolate children from those who may object to their relationship by adopting “savior” role from child’s troubles
 - As the relationship shifts from caring to exploitative, the child will not have anyone to turn to other than the pimp
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Transition

- Eventually the pimp will introduce the idea of prostitution to his victim
 - The pimp may say that he/she is out of money and the victim needs to prostitute to make money for the both of them
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Control

- The pimp's primary focus is control
 - Controlling every movement the young child makes and every dollar they bring in
 - Physical controls are easier to identify and observe, whereas the psychological abuse is more difficult to understand
 - The pimp uses a mix of love and affection with anger and violence and is quick to fluctuate between the two states
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Control

- Pimps will frequently beat, cut, rape, and torture the victims ensuring the victim will do everything the pimp wants the child to do
 - The pimp tells the victim he/she loves the victim and in the next minute slaps the victim across the face
 - This creates a powerful combination of love and fear that makes the victim obedient
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Does This Really Happen in the Coastal Bend?

Yes!!! It happens EVERYWHERE!

State of Texas v. Jovan Miles

Posted: Jul 28, 2016 12:07 PM CDT
Updated: Jul 28, 2016 4:29 PM CDT

Victim and defendant testify in human trafficking trial



Investigation

- How CCPD got a tip from Houston PD
 - 14 y.o. EB arrested for prostitution 11/6/13 in Houston; placed on juvenile probation
 - EB, now 15, reported as runaway 8/15/14
 - Found by HPD 8/26/14 and returns home
 - EB runs away and gets into prostitution again
 - 3/3/15 Harris Co. ADA in HT division identifies EB on backpage.com and forwards to Det. Nieto at HPD
 - Det. Nieto calls EB's father, who says she's been missing since December 2014
 - Det. Nieto contacts EB via cell # on backpage.com, she tells him she is now in CC, so he calls CCPD (approx. 12PM 3/4/15)
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[backpage.com](#) > [Corpus Christi adult entertainment](#) > [Corpus Christi escorts](#)

[Report Ad](#)

Back-n-Town Sexy Columbian mami Peaches catering upscale gentlemen (60 special) - 20

Posted: Wednesday, March 4, 2015 6:22 AM

[Reply](#)

Hey sweetie , Thank you for glancing at my page ☐ My name is Peaches I'm 20 with a unique mix of columbian & white. Come unwind with a down to earth girl who has beauty&brains. Be greeted by my beautiful smile and inviting energy ☐ I only cater to upscale distinguished gentlemen xoxo

7133099883 Peaches

Poster's age: 20

- Location: Corpus Christi, SPID-WEBER Rd

- Post ID: 12775734 corpuschristi

- Other ads by this user:

[100% Natural Mouth watering Chocolate Treat - 22\(SPID-WEBER Rd\) adult entertainment: escorts](#)

[Last-Night-n-Town-Sexy Columbian mami catering upscale gentlemen \(80 special\) - 20\(SPID-WEBER Rd\) adult entertainment: escorts](#)

[\(New-N-Town\)*60 Special * Sexy Columbian mami catering upscale gentlemen - 20\(SPID-WEBER Rd\) adult entertainment: escorts](#)



[Enlarge Picture](#)



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[Embed this ad](#)

- Phone number listed on ad: 713-309-9663
- Det. Ilse sends administrative subpoena to backpage.com for the Post ID # 12775734
 - Gets all posts with that Post ID
 - Requests IP address associated with the ad

Administrative Data:

Partner: Cornus Christi

Recent Name: jovanbmp@aol.com

Recent Phone: Unknown

Email: jovanbmp@aol.com [+SPAM]

User Created: Thursday, February 19, 2015
11:29 AM CST

Invoices for this Ad:

\$5.00 on 03-04-2015 - Invoice 12848626 with [user on this site \(4\)](#)

CardRef 7165440

\$5.00 on 03-03-20

CardRef 7165440

\$5.00 on 03-03-20

CardRef 7165440

\$5.00 on 03-02-2015 - Invoice 12838713 with

CardRef 7165440

\$5.00 on 02-20-2015 - Invoice 12775735 with

CardRef 7165440

Ad Created: Friday, February 20, 2015 08:22

PM CST

IP address 173.175.93.162

Invoice 12846570 with

Invoice 12838713 with

Invoice 12775735 with

Law Enforcement Emergency/Life-Threatening Subscriber Information Request Form

Please complete this form whenever your agency requires Time Warner Cable's assistance in obtaining subscriber data on an expedited basis in connection with an emergency request involving a life-threatening situation. See 18 U.S.C. § 2702(b) or § 2702(c) for the legal requirements associated with these types of requests.

Please answer each of the following:

1) Does this emergency involve immediate danger of death or serious physical injury to any person?
Yes X No _____
(If you answered "No," please contact us at 703-345-3422 during regular business hours for assistance)

2) Briefly describe the nature of the emergency or threat:

Minor child involved in human sex trafficking in Corpus Christi. Minor child has been identified as possible victim.

3) What data are you seeking from Time Warner Cable in connection with this request (please be specific, e.g. subscriber name, address and phone number):

SUBSCRIBER NAME, PHONE NUMBER, ADDRESS.

4) What data are you providing to help us locate responsive subscriber information:

Subscriber Name: _____

Address: _____

IP Address: 173.175.93.1102 Date/Time/TZ: 3-4-2015 05:59:21 CST

IP Address: _____ Date/Time/TZ: _____

IP Address: _____ Date/Time/TZ: _____

Telephone Number: _____ MAC Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Account Number: _____

(Any request involving an IP address must include the date, time and time zone on which the IP was in use):

5) Law Enforcement Agency Information:

Requestor's Name & Title: DET. MIKE ILSE LEA Name: CORPUS CHRISTI PD

LEA Address: 321 JOHN SEXTON CC TX 78401

Requestor's Phone #: 361-815-5746 Fax #: _____ Mobile #: 361-789-5986

Supervisor's Name & Title: CAPT. D. COOK Phone #: 361-815-4096

Agency Main-Publicly Listed Phone #: _____ Agency Website: _____

Det. Michael March 4, 2015
Officer/Agent's Signature Date

email: micheali@cc-texas.com

Please FAX this completed form on your letterhead (or you can include your letterhead as a cover sheet)

- Received response via telephone due to exigent circumstances

SUBSCRIBER RECORD

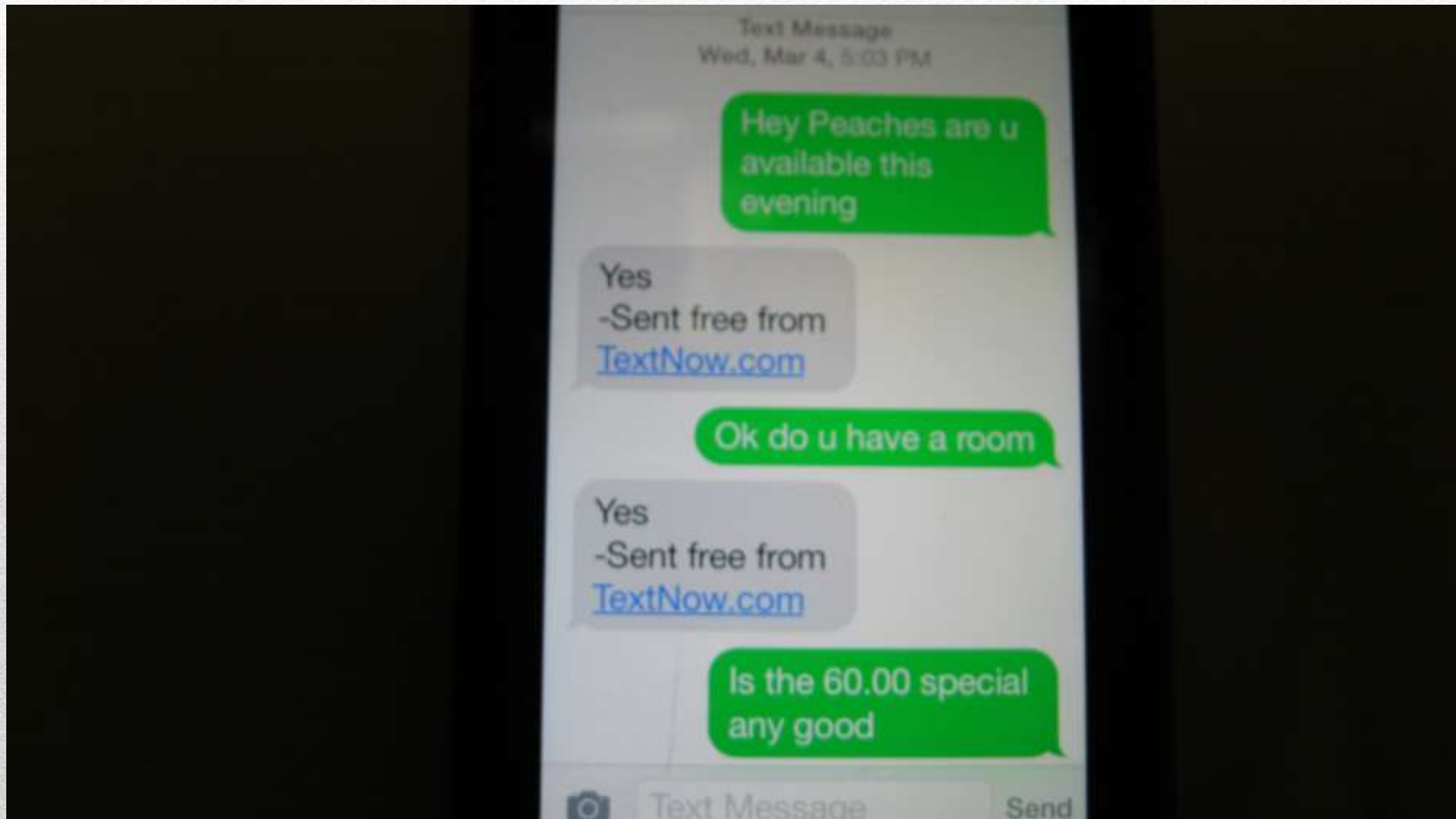
Target Details	173.175.93.162	
Subscriber Name:	BALDEV BHAKTA	
Subscriber Address:	3925 S PADRE ISLAND DR, CORPUS CHRISTI, TX 78415-2915	
Service Type - RR HSD	Activate Date: 6/7/2013	Deactivate Date: Still Active
User Name or Features:	bbhakta@stx.rr.com	
Phone number:	(361)225-2500	
Equipment Details		
MAC:	e86d527408bc	

- 3925 SPID is Day's Inn
 - Det. Ilse subsequently got the records in written form
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LE Tip

- Whether you are sending emergency requests with exigent circumstances or a normal request for information/records, ALWAYS send a blank business records affidavit for the company to fill out
 - Your prosecutor will thank you!
 - Otherwise, those records/information are hearsay and not admissible without the affidavit unless we can subpoena the custodian of records to appear in person at trial to testify (good luck with that!)
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- Det. Day w/ CCPD NVID texts the number on the ad to set up meeting with EB (5:03 PM on 3/4/15)





Messages

Peaches

Details

Yes get treated same
as any other date,
15 minutes
-Sent free from
TextNow.com

I ll be on my way in
about 30. Can I have
a full hour. Where u
at

A full hour is 140
30 minutes 100
15 60 special
-Sent free from
TextNow.com

Ok sounds good just



Text Message

Send



Messages

Peaches

Details

Ok sounds good just
let me know when
you on the way can't
wait to see you
-Sent free from
TextNow.com

Where do I go

[3925 South Padre](#)
[Island Drive, Corpus](#)
[Christi, TX 78415](#)
-Sent free from
TextNow.com

On 358 not to far.
The hr for 140
sounds good



Text Message

Send

< Messages Peaches Details

On 358 not to far.
The hr for 140
sounds good

What room do I go
to

You there baby?

Let me know when
you outside
-Sent free from
TextNow.com

I am here

Outside

Where are u



Text Message

Send

•••• Sprint LTE

9:25 PM

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Peaches

Details

Room 130

-Sent free from

TextNow.com

Ok. Are u alone.
Don't want to get
jacked

Yes I'm alone

-Sent free from

TextNow.com

Don't have to worry
about none of that
nonsense

-Sent free from

TextNow.com



Text Message

Send

- Detectives with NVID contact EB at the Day's Inn at 3925 SPID





- Room 130 was located right next to the rear exit, which provided quick and undetectable access for Johns



- Room 130 was located right next the exit, which provided quick and undetectable access for johns



- They made their way to EB's room, 130



Room 130

- Detectives get the receipts for Room 130



DAYS INN & SUITES CORPUS CHRISTI

3925 S. PADRE ISLAND DRIVE
CORPUS CHRISTI, TX 78415 US

Phone: (361) 225-2500

Fax: (361) 225-3000

Email: daysinn37091@yahoo.com

Printed: 3/4/2015 6:25:51 PM

Name:	MILES, JOVAN	832.244,1713	Confir
Address:	1931 DOLIVER CL	TX DL # 21097067	
	MISSOURI CITY, TX 77489 US		

Arrival:	3/2/2015 (Mon)	Departure:	3/5/2015 (Thu)
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4. I have read check out time notice and accept that staying after check out time, I will pay for additional ght.

I have read & accept Hotel Policy.

Initial X _____

Room Rate:

3/2/2015 (Mon) - 3/4/2015 (Wed)

\$84.95 + \$12.75 Tax per night.

- Detectives also get all receipts for rooms rented to Jovan Miles



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Folio (Detailed)

Name: MILES, JOVAN

Confirmation Number: 46781740

Account Number: 163-850372

Address: 1931 DOLIVER CL
MISSOURI CITY, TX 77489 US

Room: 124 Room Type: 001, 2 QUEENS SMK Nights: 2 Guest: 2/0

Arrival: 2/19/2015 (Thu) Departure: 2/22/2015 (Sun)

Date	Code	Description	Amount	Balance
1/30/2015	RM	ROOM CHARGE	\$89.95	\$89.95
1/30/2015	TAX1	STATE OCCUP. TAX	\$5.40	\$95.35
1/30/2015	TAX2	CITY OCCUP. TAX	\$8.10	\$103.45
2/31/2015	CA	CASH	(\$103.45)	\$0.00

Jermaine Matthews

- Right across the hall in Room 131 was Jermaine Matthews – he had rented the room with a couple of adult female “friends”
 - (what do you suppose they were doing?)
- Later discovered these girls tried to recruit EB
- Matthews arrived in the parking lot. Spoke with detectives:
 - Didn’t know who was renting room 130
 - “Doesn’t f– with minors, that’s nasty.”
 - Did see a male driving a black Buick Lacrosse associated with room 130



Interview #1 of EB

- EB is rescued by CCPD NVID
- She is taken to the CAC for forensic interview
 - She's scared
 - Runaway from Houston, lives w/ her dad
 - Left dad's house for the streets to live a "fast life" – she's been doing it since before she was 14
 - Will work by herself or with someone
 - Her parents did prostitution – was taken away from her mom
 - Smoked weed since age 8, used coke, x pills, bars
 - KJ brought her to CC to have sex for money
 - Has had sex w/ 30 men in the 3 days she'd been in CC
 - She has sex w/ KJ; KJ has hit her
 - KJ takes care of her, he is her "Dad"
 - EB "does not keep track of the days, is just living."
 - Doesn't know KJ's real name
 - 2 girls across the hall tried to recruit her, that's what "pimping" is about – "choosing up"



SANE at DCH

A. HISTORY (As stated by patient):

Time of incident: 03-02-2015 - 03-04-2015

Patient states: "KJ he's my daddy. He's my pimp. He took me from Houston to Corpus because he said we could make a lot of money and we did. This is the second time we were here. We were here 2 weeks ago. Then we went back to Houston. The first time we were here we made 2500 dollars in profit. I saw about forty to fifty men. I did oral sex and in the vagina. Their dicks went in my mouth and my vagina. I don't do the booty (patient indicates anus by pointing). All of them was protected with Magnums unless the paid for raw. Raw cost two hundred more. Protection not with my daddy, I have sex with him without a magnum in my mouth and my vagina. This time in corpus we came down two or three days ago. It's been slow down here. I've only seen about ten to fifteen guys. Their dicks went in my vagina and my mouth. They also put their mouths down there on my vagina. In Houston I had sex with five hundred guys both vaginal and oral sex."

Patient also states: "My dad was a pimp and my mom was his prostitute. They would do it in front of me that's why I'm the way I am."

2. Female Examination:

Sexual Maturation 4

Labia Majora No trauma noted

Labia Minora No trauma noted

Hymen 1 cm well healed tears noted to hymen @ 3, 4, 7 and 9 o'clock

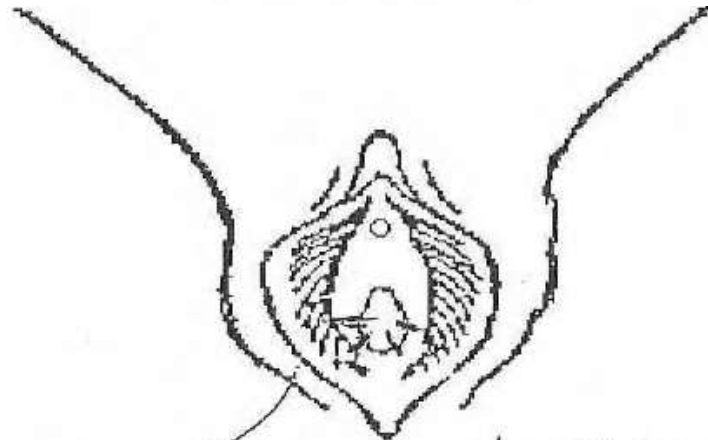
Vagina No trauma noted

Cervix No trauma noted

Perineum No trauma noted

Anus Good sphincter tone, no trauma noted

☒ Colposcope ☐ With Images



1 cm well healed tears noted to hymen @ 3, 4, 7 + 9 o'clock

EB also has gonorrhea of the mouth and Chlamydia in vaginal area and mouth

No Place To Go...

- Det. Ilse contacts Det. Nieto who talks to EB's parent to get her entered as a missing person
- EB is taken to NCJJC and booked as a runaway
 - Otherwise, EB would just run (clear history of it)
 - Get a 24 hour detention which gives time for CPS & juvenile Judge to get involved
- Took her to NCJJC – otherwise she would run away back to her Pimp to get her help – able to detain 24 hours
 - Gave time to get CPS involved and the juvenile judge
- 3/5/15 – Det. Ilse talks with DFPS Program Director – EB taken to Bayview Hospital on emergency removal until she can go to a residential safe facility



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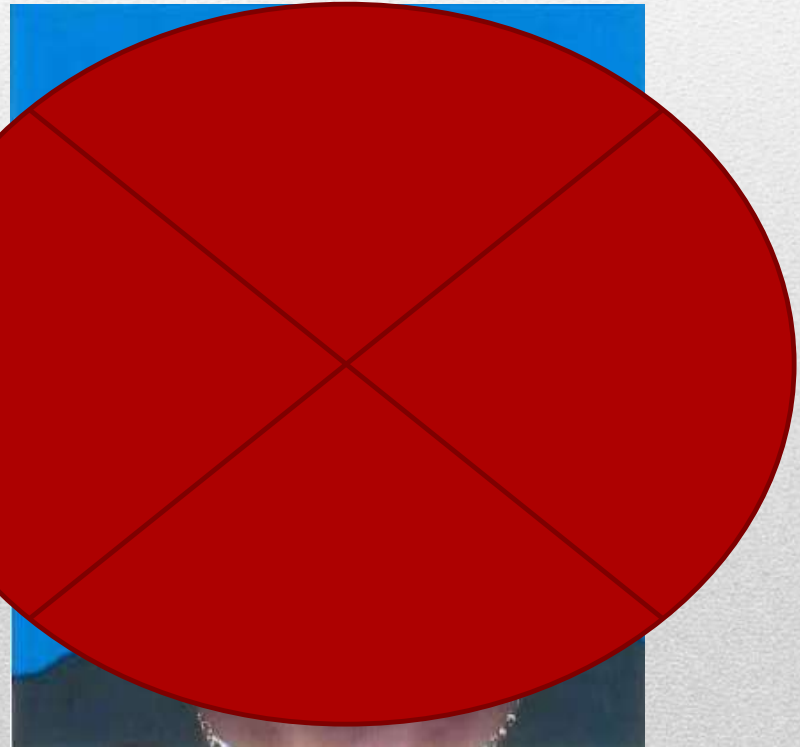
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Jovan Miles



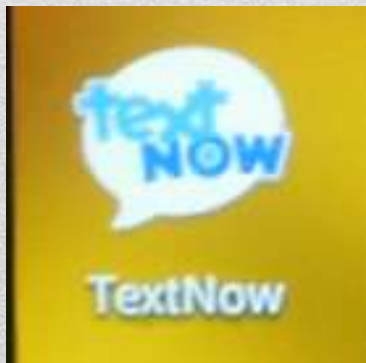
Identification # 1

- 3/11/15 – Detectives get photos of Miles and Matthews and go meet with EB at Bayview
- Who does EB identify as her trafficker?



EB's Phone

- EB gives detectives the password to her phone
- Det. Ilse sends admin subpoena to get subscriber info on 713-309-9663
 - Neutral Tandem says it's Layered Comm.
 - Layered Comm. says it's Enflick
 - Enflick is in Canada – no subpoena power
- Turns out her phone number is 832-594-7024
 - She later tells Ms. Putman that she used an app called Text Now to create a fake # to use on the BP ads



Analysis on EB's Phone

- Showed 92 total calls between EB's phone and 832-244-1713, contact name Daddy Bae (before anyone else) in a 6 day period 2/26-3/4

2250	Call Log	Outgoing	3/2/2015 10:43:27 AM(UTC-6)	To: 8322441713 Daddy Bae
2251	Call Log	Outgoing	3/2/2015 12:31:38 PM(UTC-6)	To: 8322441713 Daddy Bae

2593	Call Log	Incoming	3/4/2015 7:02:45 PM(UTC-6)	From: 8322441713 Daddy Bae
2594	Call Log	Incoming	3/4/2015 7:12:11 PM(UTC-6)	From: 8322441713 Daddy Bae
2595	Call Log	Incoming	3/4/2015 7:15:45 PM(UTC-6)	From: 3616332662 Aaliyah
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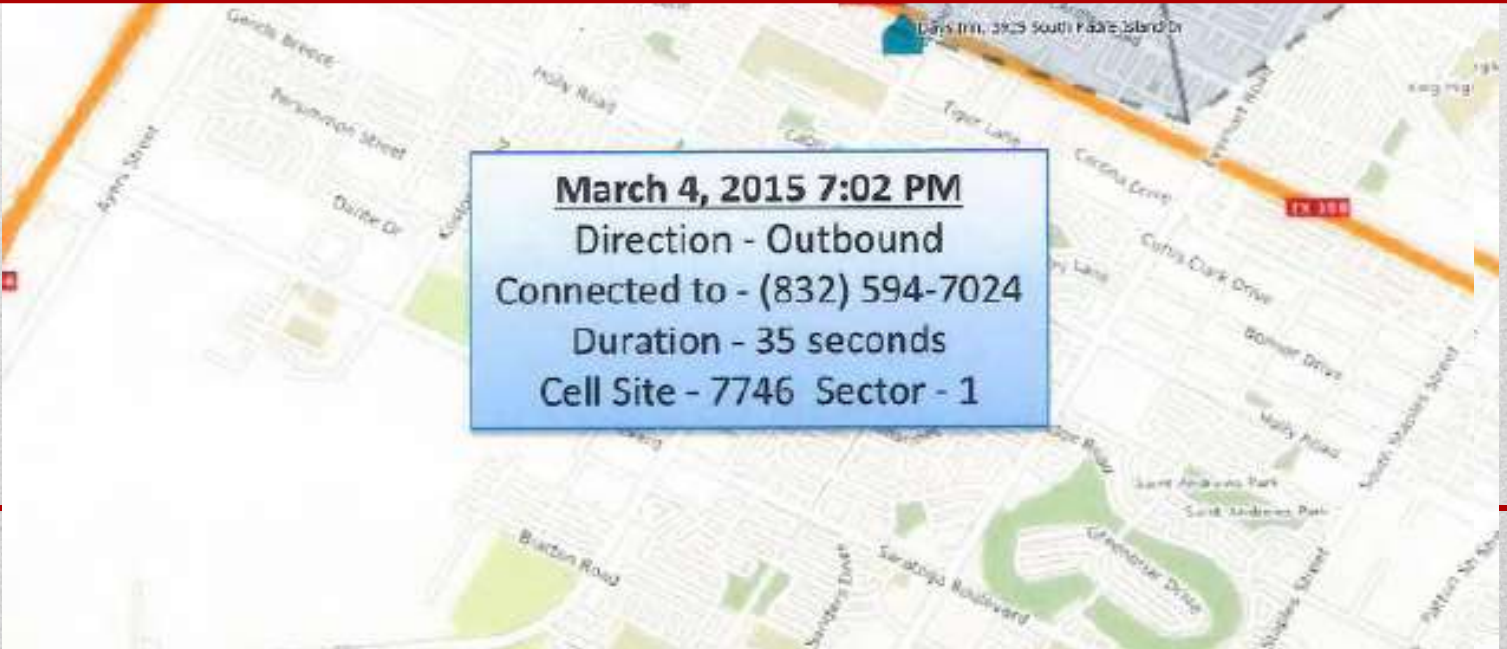
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2298	Call Log	Outgoing	3/2/2015 1:40:58 PM(UTC-6)	To: 8322441713 Daddy Bae

FBI Assists

- Special Agent Ryan Schultz, FBI, sends subpoena to AT&T for subscriber information on 832-244-1713
 - Returns to Locus Communications
 - Sends subpoena to Sprint for subscriber information
 - Returns to “Justin Case”
 - Gets court order for records with cell site information for 832-244-1713 from Sprint
 - Send that information to their team to map
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Cell Site Mapping

Why is that important?
Between 3:21PM and 7:02PM,
Jovan Miles' phone
(because they can't say the person)
is nearby the Day's Inn on March 4



March 4, 2015 7:02 PM
Direction - Outbound
Connected to - (832) 594-7024
Duration - 35 seconds
Cell Site - 7746 Sector - 1

Check in Process

- Special Agent Schultz meets with Gerald Bienek, assistant manager at the Day's Inn
 - He verifies the registration procedure – confirm name and address through driver's license of person renting the room
 - Bienek recalls seeing Miles on multiple occasions, including 3/2-3/4
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- Subpoena to get info on the Visa used to pay for the ads
 - Turns out to be gift cards, so no subscriber info available
- Run query of DL #, returns to Jovan Miles, 1931 Doliver Cl., Missouri City, Texas

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2/23/2015	plvL_HGLUfCZ33SEBFvghw	7165440	cc 478499*****1577
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2/19/2015	7ZGC4SHHGffigXW0lepWCg	7165440	cc 478499*****1577

Visa Prepaid
↳ No subscriber

Beckpage.com payment
info associated with
post ID# 12775734
on 03/04/2015.

Interview # 3 of EB

- Based on the investigation, detectives believed Jovan Miles to be the true trafficker of EB.
 - EB is in CPS custody in a rehab facility. Det. Ilse and Special Agent Schultz meet with EB.
 - Finally, EB identifies Miles as her trafficker
 - She met Miles through BP where she advertised herself
 - She was with him in Houston and CC for about 6 six weeks
 - With about 500 men
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Interview # 3 of EB

- He took photos of her, bought the phone to use, set up the prices, rented the hotel rooms, he would wait in the car while she was with “clients”, he would come in when she was done and get the money, he is “Daddy BAE” in her phone
 - He has beat her before for trying to take money
 - She has had sex with him, oral sex every day
 - Told him she was 19, he didn’t find out her age until March 4th
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BP Records Thru Email

- Subpoena Backpage records just using jovanbmp@aol.com
 - Find numerous other ads for other women as well as additional ads for EB
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Days Inn

- Days Inn has additional records showing rooms rented to Jovan Miles on 2/19-2/21, 1/30-1/31, and 1/25-1/27
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Miles' Vehicle

- FBI finds black 2011 Buick Lucerne CXL registered to Jovan Miles

Name	Jovan Q. Miles
DOB	07/06/1988 (26)
SSN	641-01-2919*
Address	1931 Doliver Circle
City/State/Zip	Missouri City, Texas 77489
Motor Vehicles	2011 Buick Lucerne CXL (Black)
Motor Vehicles (Continued)	Texas Plate DX4J621

- Det. Ilse obtained an arrest warrant for Jovan Miles for Trafficking of Persons and Sexual Assault of a Child
- Arrested by U.S. Marshalls on 6/10/15 and booked into Nueces County Jail

Inmate Info:

Name: MILES, JOVAN

Name ID: 323312

Addr: 1931 DOLIVAR CIRCLE
MISSOURI CITY, TX 78749

Race: B Sex: M

Hgt: 5'11 Wgt: 140

DOB: 7/6/1988... POB:HOUSTON

Age: 26 Eye Color: BRO

PSL: INTAKE | SHELF | M-10 |

Hair Color:BLK

Indictment # 1

- Based on police reports, investigation, etc., Miles indicted for 5 Counts Human Trafficking & 12 Counts Sexual Assault of a Child
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ADA Meets with EB

- 3/2/16 – ADA Putman sets up appt. with Hector Garza to meet EB
 - Talk with her counselor so he can get her prepared
 - Bring my VAC to San Antonio for meeting
 - At 13, met Motivation in Houston, tried to post her on BP, didn't work, put her on street, got arrested by PD
 - Got w/ Cash for 4 days, didn't feed her
 - Left Cash and went out on her own (Tagged)
 - Weezy came to see her, wanted to pimp her, gave her food
 - Weezy messages J, went to get J, got in J's car, Weezy says if he gets a cut, J can have EB
 - EB goes with J (Jovan Miles), never give \$ to Weezy, she and J have sex
 - EB goes off and posts herself, J messages her again, he picks her up and they work together
 - J put ads on BP, gets hotel room, drives, does everything
 - She loved J, didn't want to get him in trouble but now doesn't want him to do this to anyone else
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Indictment # 2

- 3/3/16 – reindict: 1 Count Continuous Trafficking; 12 Counts Sexual Assault of Child
 - Based on conversation with EB
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ADA Meeting with EB # 2

- Discuss what facilities she has been sent to
 - EB talks about being sexually assaulted by grandfather
 - Describes other dates and hotels she was with Miles in Houston – Red Roof Inn & Motel 6
 - EB talks about how she lies, manipulates people, even prostitutes her own girlfriend – “that’s how I know she loves me”
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More Records

- Order records from:
 - NCMEC
 - TCCC
 - Hector Garza
 - Harris Co. Juvenile
 - Nueces Co. Juvenile
 - Anchor
 - Prairie Harbor
 - Hermann Memorial
 - Chimney Rock Shelter
 - DPS (Texas Rangers)
 - HPD
 - Bloom Counseling
 - Harris County Psych. Center

- Why?
 - So there are no surprises
– we know all there is to know about EB
 - And so defense has it,
can't be ineffective for not getting it



Houston Hotels



Red Roof Inn Houston - Westchase
2960 West Sam Houston Parkway South
Houston, TX 77042 US
Phone: 832-301-3700
Fax: 346-212-2144
Email: i0229@redroof.com
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Folio (Detailed)

Name: MILES, JOVAN

Confirmation Number: 229-417154

Address: 1931 doliver circle
Missouri City, TX 77489 US

Room: 325

Room Type: ND2FM, NON-SMOKING DELUXE 2 FULL BEDS MICRO-

Nights: 1

Guests: 1/0

Rate Plan: P10

Daily Rate: \$71.10 + \$12.09 Tax GTD: 900 - CASH

Arrival: 2/17/2015 (Tue)

Departure: 2/18/2015 (Wed)

Room Rate:

2/17/2015 (Tue) - 2/17/2015 (Tue) \$71.10 + \$12.09 Tax per night.

Indictment # 3

- Just 1 count of Continuous Human Trafficking
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The victim and defendant in a human trafficking and sex assault trial testified in a Nueces County courtroom on Thursday.

Jovan Miles of Houston is accused of forcing a 15-year-old girl to work as a prostitute and sexually assaulting her multiple times. Houston police found the 15-year-old runaway in an online ad offering herself for sexual services in Corpus Christi.

She told the court that she first engaged in prostitution in

She told the court that she first engaged in prostitution in Houston. The teen says she never considered herself to be a child as she was forced to grow up fast, always being put in adult situations by her parents and grandfather. According to the girl, her parents were recruiters for human traffickers looking for girls.

Jovan Miles.

investigating officers.

During testimony, the officer explained how he met the girl named 'Peaches'. He explained that she asked if "he was affiliated with anyone." The officer told her "no", saying he didn't understand what she was asking. The girl then grabbed his arm and told the officer "I don't want you in here." The officer then identified himself and called for fellow officers to enter the room.

Miles defense attorney asked the officer why he did not immediately identify himself as a police officer when asked his 'affiliation'. The officer replied "because we have a 15-year-old runaway

"I never considered myself a pimp because I never influenced her or forced her to do those things," Miles told the court.

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Under cross examination he said he never posted any ads on the internet promoting prostitution, yet evidence presented it court show his email address associated with ads starting in 2014. Miles denied being a pimp or sexually assaulting anyone. As for why women were seen in his company, he stated "They just wanna be around me, I guess."

If convicted, Miles could be sentenced to life in prison.



CORPUS CHRISTI (KIII NEWS) - From the courts now, a Nueces County man, Miles, is found guilty of the punishment on human trafficking. Miles is guilty of bringing a then 15-year-old girl to Corpus Christi from Houston and soliciting her out as a 19-year-old on a local

website.

the jury decided to sentence miles to 40 years

prison.

"As the attorney general's office we commend the Nueces County District Attorney's office for taking this crime incredible seriously. And for moving forward with this prosecution," says Kirsta Melton with the office of the Texas Attorney General.

Miles will have to serve 20 years in prison before he is eligible for parole.

Appeal

- Judgment of trial court affirmed

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The State argues, and we agree, that E.B.'s contradictory and conflicting testimony does not render the evidence insufficient to convict Miles of the continuous trafficking of persons offense. See *Davila*, 147 S.W.3d at 575. Despite Miles's denial that he

Because the jury is presumed to have resolved any inconsistencies between E.B.'s and Miles's testimony in favor of the State, we defer to the jury's decision to believe the testimony of E.B. and other witnesses that Miles continuously trafficked E.B. See *Murray*, 457 S.W.3d at 448. Provided that the jury is the trier of fact and sole judge of a witness's credibility, it is not this Court's responsibility to question a witness's credibility

Take Aways

- On the surface, this was not a good case...
 - EB frequently ran away
 - Was admittedly manipulative
 - She prostituted herself and other girls (her own gf)
 - Lied about her trafficker's identity
 - Drug user
 - Still had feelings for defendant
 - Didn't see herself as a victim, didn't understand why she wasn't "in trouble"
 - Issue about defendant knowing her true age
 - Defendant never seen by officers at the scene
 - Never got defendant's cell phone
 - Ads paid for with gift cards
 - Sprint records: "Justin Case"
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Takeaways

- But don't give up! Corroboration is key!
 - Defendant's car is described by EB and Jermaine Matthews
 - Vehicle registration matches
 - Hotel rentals in Miles' name in CC and in Houston – Houston records support what EB said
 - AOL email used in the BP ads comes back to Miles
 - Cell site mapping placed Miles near the Day's Inn; same ph # id'd by EB and used on hotel registration
 - Analysis of EB's phone – multiple calls and texts with Miles
 - BP records – other ads over time posted by Miles with his email address
 - Days Inn hotel clerk remembered Miles
 - Miles' address used for AOL, hotel reservations, also on his DL and given by him at booking into jail
 - SANE – consistent with a child who has been trafficked
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What Happened to Backpage.com

- United States Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations conducted an investigation into Backpage's knowing facilitation of online sex trafficking and found:

The internal company documents obtained by the Subcommittee conclusively show that Backpage's public defense is a fiction. Backpage has maintained a practice of altering ads before publication by deleting words, phrases, and images indicative of criminality, including child sex trafficking. Backpage has avoided revealing this information. On July 28, 2011, for example, Backpage co-founder James Larkin cautioned Backpage CEO Carl Ferrer against publicizing Backpage's moderation practices, explaining that “[w]e need to stay away from the very idea of ‘editing’ the posts, as you know.”² Backpage had good reason to conceal its editing practices: Those practices served to sanitize the content of innumerable advertisements for illegal transactions—even as Backpage represented to the public and the courts that it merely hosted content others had created.

Backpage.com

- 73% of reports of trafficked minors to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children were based on Backpage ads
 - Both the federal government, California Attorney General's Office, and the Texas Attorney General's Office launched investigations into Backpage.com and its executives
 - Based on Human Trafficking cases in Nueces County, Carl Ferrer on behalf of Backpage.com pled guilty to Trafficking of Persons
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backpage.com and affiliated websites have been seized

as part of an enforcement action by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division, with analytical assistance from the Joint Regional Intelligence Center.

Other agencies participating in and supporting the enforcement action include the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona, the U.S. Department of Justice's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Central District of California, the office of the California Attorney General, and the office of the Texas Attorney General.

Additional information will be provided at around 6:00 pm EST on Friday, April 6, by the U.S. Department of Justice, and all media inquiries should be directed to the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Public Affairs at 202-514-2007 and press@usdoj.gov.

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