Human Trafficking: Ohio's Tragic Reality

NO ONE SHOULD BE SOLD FOR SEX

HUMAN SEX TRAFFICKING:

HOW TO RECOGNIZE THE SIGNS

- Appearance of physical/sexual abuse (Polaris)
- Scripted/rehearsed answers to casual questions(AG)
- He or she appears very young and fearful/overly submissive(AG)
- An older male at a hotel with a younger female whom she calls "daddy." Look for tattoos of man's name or slang name(AG)
- Someone not allowed going into public alone or speaking for themselves. (AG)
- Is fearful, anxious, depressed, submissive, tense, or nervous/paranoid (Polaris)
- Fearful or anxious about topic of law enforcement (Polaris)
- Person is "just visiting" and won't tell anyone a permanent address (Polaris)
- Person is unsure where they are or able to say where they have been recently (Polaris)
- You see a young person at a truck stop. Children generally don't go to truck stops (PCAR)

HOW TO REPORT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline at **1-888-3737-888**
- Text **BeFree (233733)** for specialized victim services referrals or to report the situation.
- Confidential Online Reporting Form-Polaris Project www.polarisproject.org/what-we-do/national-human-trafficking-hotline/report-a-tip
- Call local police department
- Call 1-866-347-2423 (Homeland Security)
- Report online at www.ice.gov/tips

THINGS TO KNOW WHEN REPORTING

- Describe details of the situation that led you to believe human sex trafficking was happening
- How do you know it's by force, fraud or coercion?
- Names, addresses, phone number, license plate, demographics and physical description of controller or victim

DIRECTING VICTIMS TO TREATMENT AND SUPPORT

Call Victim Support Service's 24-hour hotline at **1-800-346-7555** or visit **www.polarisproject.org.**

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