



Tennessee
Human Sex Trafficking
and Its Impact on
Children and Youth
2011



more arraigned in sex trafficking case

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5 face sex trafficking charges

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The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation would like to present the Tennessee Human Sex Trafficking Study: The Impact on Children and Youth 2011. This study shines a spotlight on a disturbing crime trend that little is known about and is rarely publicized. Human sex trafficking involves the slavery of children and women forced to perform sex acts for money at various locations across the state for the purpose of making money for their captors. Basically, human sex trafficking is sexual slavery at its worst.

In 2010, the Select Committee on Children and Youth prepared a public chapter passed by the General Assembly that directed a study on the impact of human sex trafficking in Tennessee and its impact on children and youth. In turn, the committee asked the TBI to conduct the study. With the assistance of Vanderbilt University and survey participation from more than 1,000 law enforcement officers and social service providers across

the state who investigate sex trafficking cases or come in contact with victims, the TBI has produced the first-ever research publication on human sex trafficking focused just on Tennessee.

The results of the study are shocking. Human trafficking and sex slavery in Tennessee is more common than previously believed possible. Focused specifically on victims between the ages of nine and seventeen, the study pulled together details that found children are moved from city to city in the state and sold as prostitutes. Tennessee, simply because of its geographical position to Atlanta and the large number of interstates that cross the state, is conducive to a traveling business. Many times those promoting prostitution transport the child victims to large entertainment events or sporting venues where people are traveling through or visiting the state. These visitors, often referred to as 'sex tourists', quite often become the clients.

The National Incidence Studies of Missing, Abducted, Runaway and Thrownaway Children reports that one in four children who run away from home are approached for commercial sexual exploitation within 48 hours of running away. The average age of a sex trafficking victim is 13. Trafficking victims rarely come forward to ask for help on their own because they are drugged, brainwashed, threatened and beaten into believing authorities will abuse them worse than their captors. Many times victims are arrested for crimes they are forced to commit. Inherently, cases against the traffickers are difficult for law enforcement to investigate and a challenge to prosecute.

The ability to prosecute human trafficking under Tennessee's law with more serious consequences is needed. Heavier sentences for offenders who subject their minor victims to violence and sex slavery as well as allowing victims to sue their captors under civil laws for damages would put a more stringent penalty on a horrendous crime.

I hope you find this publication informational on a topic that little is known about publicly.

Sincerely,



Mark Gwyn
Director/Tennessee Bureau of Investigation



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“There is not enough awareness of the seriousness of this problem. Many people think it only happens in third world countries.” - Rhea County“

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1023

SENATE BILL NO. 1751

By Marrero, Kelsey, Yager

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1302

By Sherry Jones, Gilmore, Hardaway, Towns

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39 and Title 40, relative to crimes and civil liability for such crimes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. (a) The Select Committee on Children and Youth is directed to study human sex trafficking, the improvements that should be made to existing laws relative to human sex trafficking and the impact of human sex trafficking on children and youth in this state. The committee shall study all issues associated with human sex trafficking and shall:

(1) Collect and organize available data, if any, on the nature and extent of human sex trafficking in this state;

(2) Examine collaborative models between governmental and nongovernmental organizations for protecting victims of human sex trafficking;

(3) Examine the progress of this state in preventing human sex trafficking;

(4) Examine the problems associated with identifying victims and establishing adequate sanctuary and rehabilitation opportunities for victims of human sex trafficking;

(5) Analyze current laws for their adequacy in protecting minor victims of human sex trafficking and, if necessary, recommend revisions to such laws that specifically address protecting minor victims of human sex trafficking;

(6) Identify available federal, state and local programs that provide services to victims of human sex trafficking, including health care, human services, housing, education, legal assistance, job training or preparation, interpreting services, English as a second language classes, voluntary repatriation and victim's compensation; and assess the need for additional services, including shelter services for human sex trafficking victims;

(7) Evaluate existing and potential programs to increase public awareness of human sex trafficking;

I have found that the 'trucker' routes and stops are used by the pimps during the day and clubs by night." - Tipton County

(8) Analyze existing state criminal statutes for their adequacy in preventing human sex trafficking and, if necessary, recommend revisions to such laws or the enactment of new laws that specifically define and address human sex trafficking;

(9) Consult with governmental and nongovernmental organizations in developing recommendations to strengthen state and local efforts to prevent human sex trafficking, protect and assist victims of human sex trafficking and prosecute human sex traffickers, and make such recommendations, if any; and

(10) Examine any other issues relative to deterring and preventing human sex trafficking in Tennessee.

(b) The Select Committee on Children and Youth shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Judiciary Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate no later than March 1, 2011.

(c) All appropriate state and local agencies shall provide assistance to the Select Committee on Children and Youth upon request of the chair.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: June 4, 2010



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 9th day of June 2010



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR

“Minors who are forced or coerced into the ‘sex industry’ should have the opportunity of counseling/treatment to help prevent a life-long descent into criminal actions, further impacting area crime rates.” - Blount County

The Tennessee Human Sex Trafficking (HST) Report provides analysis of the impact of human sex trafficking on children and youth in this state. The study was conducted in response to Public Chapter 1023, which called for a comprehensive overview of human sex trafficking, the laws pertaining to it, victim assistance, treatment, and prevention. To accomplish the directive, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI), with significant contribution from Vanderbilt Center for Community Studies (VCCS), took a three-pronged approach to the project.

The first initiative was a survey/questionnaire sent to the following entities:

1. Tennessee Police Department (PD) representatives
2. Tennessee Sheriff's Department (SD) representatives
3. District Attorney (DA) General Office representatives
4. United States Attorney General (AG) Office representatives
5. Juvenile and Family Court Office representatives
6. Department of Children Services (DCS):
 - a. DCS Case workers
 - b. DCS Group Home managers
7. Guardian Ad Litem representatives

The second initiative was conducted through focus group meetings held in West, Middle and East Tennessee. Meetings were held with subject matter experts from law enforcement (LE), the courts, social services (SS), treatment providers, and academia. The attendees were asked to provide input about the following subjects: laws, training, resources/treatment, traffickers/customers (supply and demand), and international/domestic trafficking.

The third initiative was to provide case studies profiling victims of human sex trafficking in Tennessee. The purpose of the case profiles was to shed light on who these victims are, where they come from, and how they became victims. The stories of these victims expose the pattern of abuse, gaps in the current system and the need for comprehensive training for law enforcement, courts, and treatment facilities.

The lists of participants for the surveys and focus group meetings have been provided. The names of the victims interviewed are confidential and were not revealed. No portion of this document may be copied without written permission from the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.

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“The fact that the issue is being addressed indicates that society recognizes the problem and will make demands to enforce established laws to help eliminate this injustice to our youth and adults.” - Madison County

Both trafficking for labor and sexual purposes occur in the U.S. among citizens and immigrants alike. But such a hidden crime makes it hard to quantify, which in turn can make it more difficult to create legislation to help a population that is not completely understood or misunderstood. Therefore, our study was an attempt to not only quantify, but qualify, the problem within Tennessee. There are alarming statistics surrounding modern day slavery, especially as it relates to sex trafficking. Twenty-seven million people are believed to be enslaved today (Bales, 2004, p. 8), and there are 800,000 people trafficked across borders annually (State, 2004, p. 6). It is estimated that 1.2 million children are trafficked, not necessarily across borders, for the purpose of sexual exploitation annually (UNICEF, 2007, p. 1). In the United States, there are approximately 200,000 to 300,000 children who are at risk of being exploited for sex commercially every year (Estes & Weiner, 2002a, p. 11).

Every two minutes a child is trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation in the United States.

—U.S. Department of Justice

Many forms of prostitution fall under sex trafficking, especially when there are pimps involved who use force or coercion to keep women working for them. In the cases of juveniles who are trafficked, their age alone makes them victims of trafficking regardless of the use of force or coercion. Also, in instances when there is a demand for

prostitution and there is no supply, the supply will be created whether by choice or force. If there is no one there by choice, then people will be trafficked to fill that gap as has been the case in many instances, such as big sporting events like the World Cup (Skinner, 2010).

The Domestic Issue

It is estimated that there are up to three-hundred thousand minors at risk of being sexually exploited annually for commercial purposes in the United States (Estes & Weiner, 2002a, p. 11). In the United States, trafficking victims spend an average of four to five years enslaved (Bales & Soodalter, 2009, p. 5). The numbers in the United States are astounding and prove that it is not just a developing nation problem. The statistics that are widely quoted are also beginning to grow outdated; throughout the first decade of the twenty-first century, economies around the world have struggled including the United States, thus increasing poverty. Therefore, these numbers might be growing yearly.

Estes and Weiner (2001, cited in Reid, 2010) indicated that the average age for girls to enter into prostitution is 12 to 14 years of age. Boys are also prostituted, and their average age of entry into prostitution is even younger than girls. Raphael et al.

“Answered the best I could since we have not had a case of any kind involving this area. I hope we don’t have to work one.” - Obion County

(2010), in their study of women and girls who are prostituted and trafficked in Chicago, discovered that the prostitutes/ trafficked victims they interviewed ranged in age from 16 to 25 years.

The Issue in Tennessee

People may assume that a crime such as trafficking does not exist in the United States, let alone in Tennessee. However, trafficking knows no community, border or country. In November 2010, a multi-agency investigation that was uncovered by the TBI, lead to a federal indictment of 29 individuals who were affiliated with Somali gangs in the Middle District of Tennessee. They were arrested for trafficking girls as young as twelve across the U.S., including Tennessee (Martinez, 2010). In July 2010, a man in East Tennessee was arrested for having trafficked over four hundred women (Stambaugh, 2010). These are just two, but there are many other cases that promote trafficking within the borders of the state. In this report, you will read two case studies that further demonstrate how trafficking happens in Tennessee and elsewhere.

Circumstances that Have Contributed to Slavery's Resurgence

Each part of the world varies greatly as to how and why trafficking has been allowed to flourish there. "The trafficking business feeds on conditions of vulnerability, including youth; gender; poverty; ignorance; social and cultural exclusion; political instability, war and conflicts; discriminatory social, cultural and legal frameworks; and ongoing demand." (Wyler & Siskin, 2010, p. 3-4). Trafficking has regained momentum for many reasons. Policies become outdated, people become concerned with other issues, and some even doubt the existence of modern-day slavery. Also, the reason for the growth of this "industry" is simply an economic one. Human trafficking can generate more money, and is less risky for traffickers, than drug trafficking. Also, there is a demand from consumers of the sex industry. Unfortunately, even those who know that the people they solicit are victimized, it does not stop their demand. Farley et al. (2009) conducted interviews with men who admitted they were not deterred from purchasing women for sex despite knowing some of the women were being forced to prostitute.

The Experiences of Those Who are Prostituted/Trafficked

In the Raphael et al. (2010) study, it was noted that the women started with 2 to 20 "Johns" a day, but that number ranged as high as 40 the longer they were prostituted. These women were slapped, punched, had forcible sex, and were hit with many different objects including a belt, electrical cord, a pool stick, lamp, and bricks. Eighty-five percent of the respondents were verbally abused. Forms of coercion included creating a drug and/or financial dependency, and threats of violence.

Coercion is a powerful tool for traffickers. This is especially true among juveniles who are trafficked. A Child Protective Services (CPS) provider indicated to a

"Laws need to be more strict and carried out."
- Grundy County

researcher that people who traffic juveniles “are the most brilliant child psychologists on the planet. They know these kids are not credible. They get them addicted to something, anything; then even if the child does rat them out, no one will believe them” (Reid, 2010, p. 158). In this study, Reid referred to the forms of coercion used as a “grooming process” that included both reward and punishment. The good and the bad follow each other immediately in many of these cases, trapping the juvenile or adult in a cycle of abuse. Finally, Reid also discovered that many victims of domestic minor sex trafficking did not have access to services because they were criminalized as prostitutes, perceived as delinquents, or refused to testify against their trafficker. In order for victims to be freed of coercion, they need time and space away from their abuser as well as multiple services, such as psychological therapy.

Conclusion

This study is an attempt to quantify and qualify the issue of trafficking domestically and within the state of Tennessee in particular. In the forthcoming pages, the scale of the problem is discussed using the combined knowledge of law enforcement and social service personnel in every county across Tennessee. There are indications that some professionals blame the victim or see trafficking (as it is federally defined) as a victimless crime. These are barriers to combat trafficking and have been indicated in other studies of sex trafficking. The problem of trafficking is not only a problem of supply and demand, but of understanding and training among professionals who may come across victims or potential victims of trafficking.

The analyses of the study provided a great number of facts and figures; however, please take the time to read the case studies that are offered in this report. According to the experiences of TBI staff, these are not uncommon stories of women who have been forced or coerced into prostitution, or were prostituted at a young age (i.e., the very definition of trafficking). These case studies put a face on the problem. In essence, they humanize the victims of human sex trafficking.

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“Human sex trafficking should be treated as a serious felony crime.”
- Crockett County

The primary goal of this research study was to explore the occurrences of minor human sex trafficking in the State of Tennessee. The study focused on law enforcement, court, and social service members and their experience with human sex trafficking over the past 24 months. A secondary goal of this study was to share the findings with members of the Tennessee Legislature, law enforcement, courts, and social services in order to understand the scope of the human sex trafficking issue within the different agencies in the State of Tennessee.

Research Questions

The following research questions for the State of Tennessee as posed by Public Chapter 1023 guided this study:

1. To what extent does human sex trafficking exist?
2. To what extent does minor human sex trafficking exist?
3. Are laws sufficient to prosecute perpetrators of human trafficking?
4. Are laws sufficient to protect the victims of human sex trafficking?
5. What is the impact of minor human sex trafficking on youth and children?
6. What services are available to victims of human sex trafficking?
7. Are law enforcement, courts, attorneys, and judges adequately trained to identify, investigate, prosecute and convict traffickers and to refer victims to services?
8. Are social service and service providers adequately trained to identify, refer, and treat victims of human sex trafficking?

Research Design

The mixed-method design used in this study included a 14 open/closed question survey, which consisted of 12 base questions and two questions, which were constituent specific (i.e., law enforcement/courts and social services), focus groups, which addressed five topic areas, and two case studies (i.e., one document analysis and one interview).

Survey

The measurement instrument consisted of questions about human sex trafficking cases that agencies reported or investigated in the past 24 months. The definition of *human sex trafficking* that was included in the survey was “a for-profit sex act that is induced by force, fraud, or coercion OR in which the person performing such an act is under the age of 18 years.”

“I think Tennessee should really step up crime [enforcement] against human trafficking.” - Hardin County

Focus Group

The information reported as a result of the focus group meetings is by its nature subjective and reflects the opinions of the participants; therefore, each focus group was presented with the same five subject matters to discuss:

1. Laws
2. Training
3. Resources/Treatment
4. Traffickers/Customers (supply & demand)
5. International vs. Domestic Human Sex Trafficking

Case Studies

The first case study participant was a middle-age adult female graduate from Magdalene, Nashville, Tennessee, which is a two year, rent-free, housing first, program for women who are homeless, addicted, and have a criminal history of prostitution. The case study participant was selected because of her victimization through human sex trafficking at a young age and her participation in a treatment facility. She is now gainfully employed and no longer associated with that lifestyle. TBI Assistant Special Agent in Charge Margie Quin interviewed the participant on March 24, 2011.

The second case study participant was a minor female in DCS custody who was a victim of sex trafficking. Her case study was constructed by a document analysis of her case file and victimization history. The analyses began on March 22, 2011 and concluded on March 25, 2011. TBI Special Agent Melanie Garner conducted the analysis.

Sampling Procedures

The first phase consisted of telephone calls to individual agencies to identify specific points of contact for study participations. Law enforcement agencies were identified by use of the Tennessee Criminal Justice directory and the Tennessee Court with Juvenile Court Jurisdiction listings. The Department of Children Services (DCS) provided contact information for group homes that were under contract with the State and DCS case managers. Contact began in mid December 2010 and lasted through February 2011. The second phase was initiated in January 2011 by emailing or faxing each identified contact to participate in the study. Individuals with invalid email accounts were contacted via telephone to secure an alternate email address or fax number.

REQUESTED PARTICIPANTS

**371 Law Enforcement
Representatives
134 Court Representatives
47 Group Home Representatives
2,412 DCS Representatives
1,497 Guardians Ad Litem
Representatives**

“I believe this is more of a problem than what is known or reported to authorities, especially in outer rural areas...” - Meigs County

Survey Instrument

The survey was administered through Survey Monkey, a web-based measurement instrument. An email with a link to the survey was sent on February 09, 2011 to 4,461 people. The Survey Monkey link was scheduled to close on February 23, 2011, however, due to inclement weather, the closure date was extended to February 25, 2011. Based on the low response rate from participants of the Department of Children Services, the closure date was extended a second time to March 04, 2011. All participants were contacted to inform them that the survey timeframe was extended.

Data Collection

Timeline - The survey was conducted over a 24-day period, and 941 surveys were returned. Twelve surveys were deleted because they were duplicated, leaving 929 surveys, with a 94% response rate for law enforcement, 40% response rate for courts, 16% response rate for group homes and case workers, and 7% response rate for guardians ad litem, for analysis.

Almost 300,000 American children are at risk for trafficking into the sex industry.

—United States Department of State

Analyses of the Data

Survey Monkey was used as the analytical tool. The close-ended question responses were converted into numerical values and exported into an Excel format. Qualitative analyses of the open-ended questions were completed through a process of coding the text to form themes. Statistical analyses were used to explain the summary of the sample and the measures. Graphic analyses illustrated what the data show.

NOTE:

The quotes at the bottom of each page were voluntarily provided from participants in the study and do not reflect the opinions of either the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation or the Vanderbilt Center for Community Studies.

“Counseling must be in place to assist the victims as well as laws to punish the persons behind human sex trafficking to the greatest extent possible.”

- Knox County

Assumptions

This study had several assumptions. The first assumption was that human sex trafficking occurs within the state of Tennessee. Second, there was a tendency for criminal justice and social service agencies to under-report actual cases of human sex trafficking. The third assumption was that participants in the study had some knowledge, training, or experience on the definition of human sex trafficking. Fourth, the underground nature of human sex trafficking prevents thorough quantitative analysis. Historically, the crime is one of secrecy and typically hidden from public view. Often, the crime of prostitution is confused with human sex trafficking. While all individuals arrested for prostitution are not victims of human sex trafficking, the numbers certainly represent some victimization; therefore, the use of a mixed-methods model (i.e., survey, focus group and case study design) was the most appropriate for this type of study.

There are girls as young as 5 and 6 years old in the U.S. that are forced to do sexual acts for economic gain by their pimp.

-United States Department of Justice

Limitations

This study had a number of limitations. The first limitation was that the study participants are limited to 4,461 personnel, located only in the State of Tennessee. The results do not represent the entire United States population. Secondly, study participants have specific backgrounds. Therefore, some participants who have limited or no training in identifying human sex trafficking would have difficulty recognizing a minor victim. This may cause the crime to possibly be underreported. Lastly, the conceptualization of human sex trafficking varies among individuals.

“Our agency to my knowledge has not received any reports of trafficking. I do believe this to be a serious issue and one that does occur often in numerous jurisdictions.”

- Humphreys County

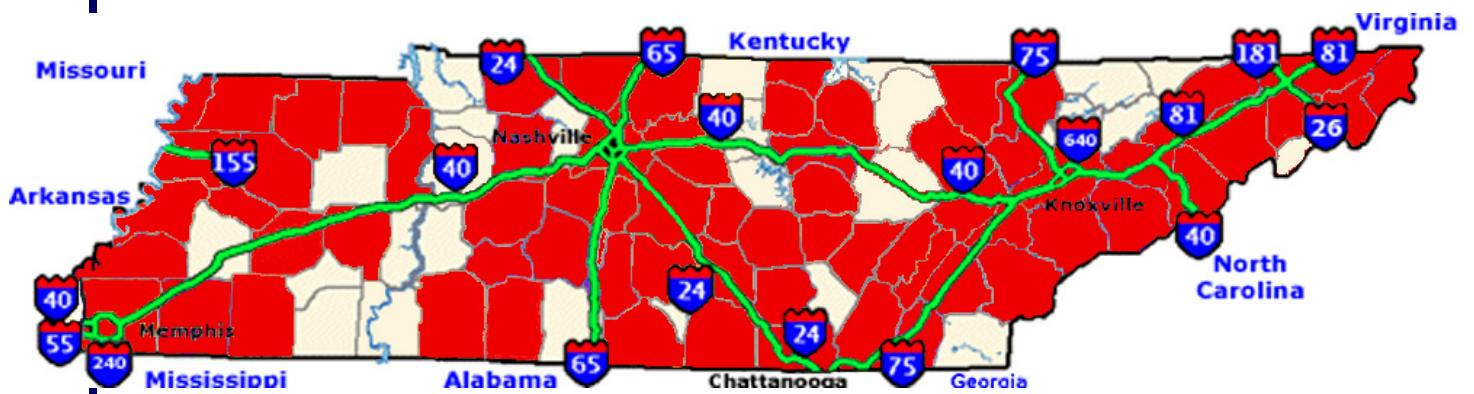
**Human
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and its
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Interstate System**

Counties that reported Human Sex Trafficking
 Counties that did not report Human Sex Trafficking

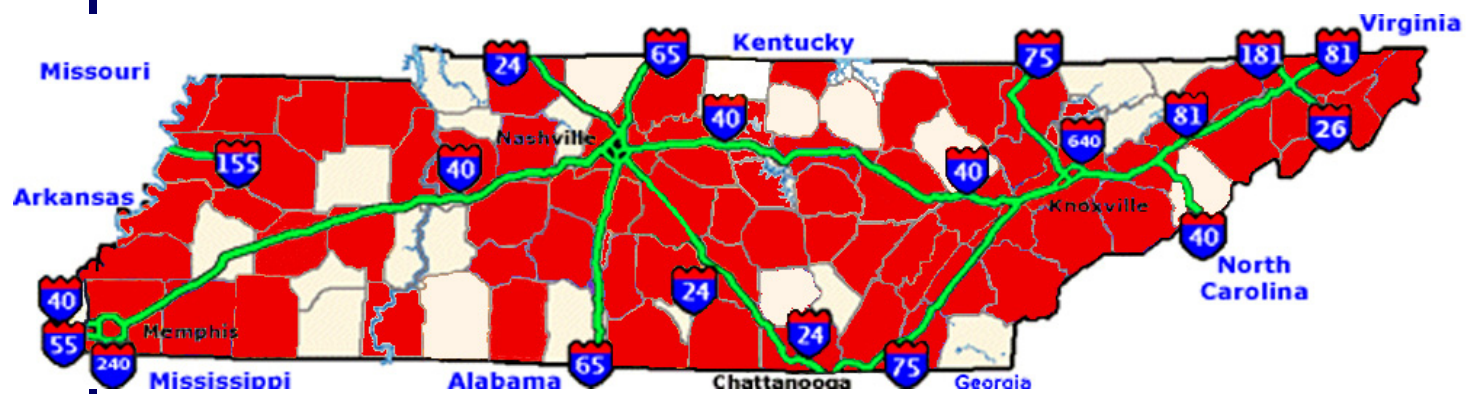
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Total Minor Human Sex Trafficking



Total Adult Human Sex Trafficking

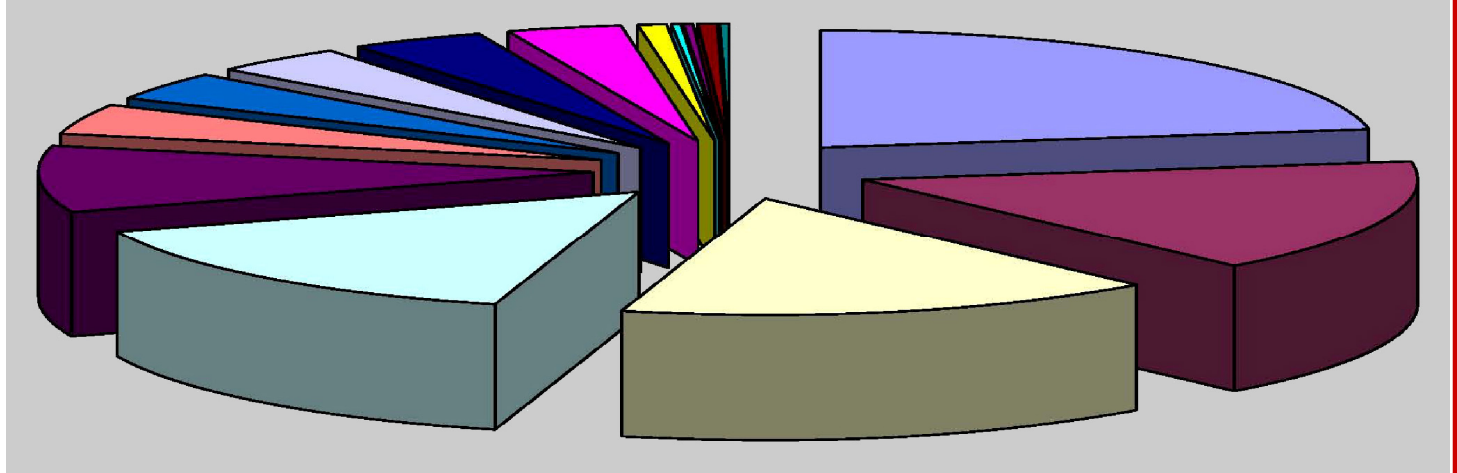


“Did not realize this was a problem in Tennessee.”
 - Marion County

Survey Analyses

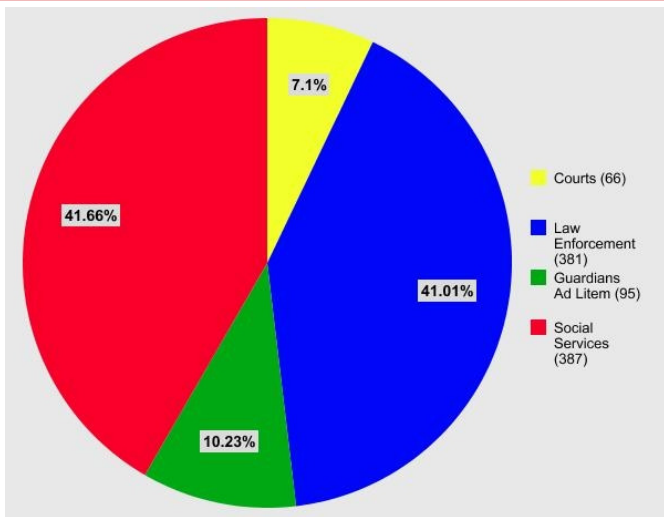
Survey Response Sampling

(Representing the top, middle, and bottom five responses)



■ DAVIDSON	■ SHELBY	■ HAMILTON	■ KNOX	■ MADISON	■ RHEA	■ CAMPBELL	■ CARROLL
6.4% (59)	4.6% (43)	4.5% (42)	4.4% (41)	2.6% (24)	1.2% (11)	1.1% (10)	1.1% (10)
■ GILES	■ JEFFERSON	■ JACKSON	■ HANCOCK	■ MOORE	■ PICKETT	■ TROUSDALE	
1.1% (10)	1.0% (9)	0.2% (2)	0.1% (1)	0.1% (1)	0.1% (1)	0.1% (1)	

Responses to the survey were provided from every county in Tennessee. Respondents to the survey include social services (Department of Human Services and Group Homes), law enforcement (Police Departments, Sheriff Departments, FBI, TBI, Homeland Security, and U.S. Marshals), Juvenile and Family Courts, District Attorneys, and Guardians Ad Litem. The chart above reflects a representative sampling of the total 95 counties. This sampling reflects the number and percentage of total respondents by county broken into the top, middle, and bottom five responses.



Survey Responses

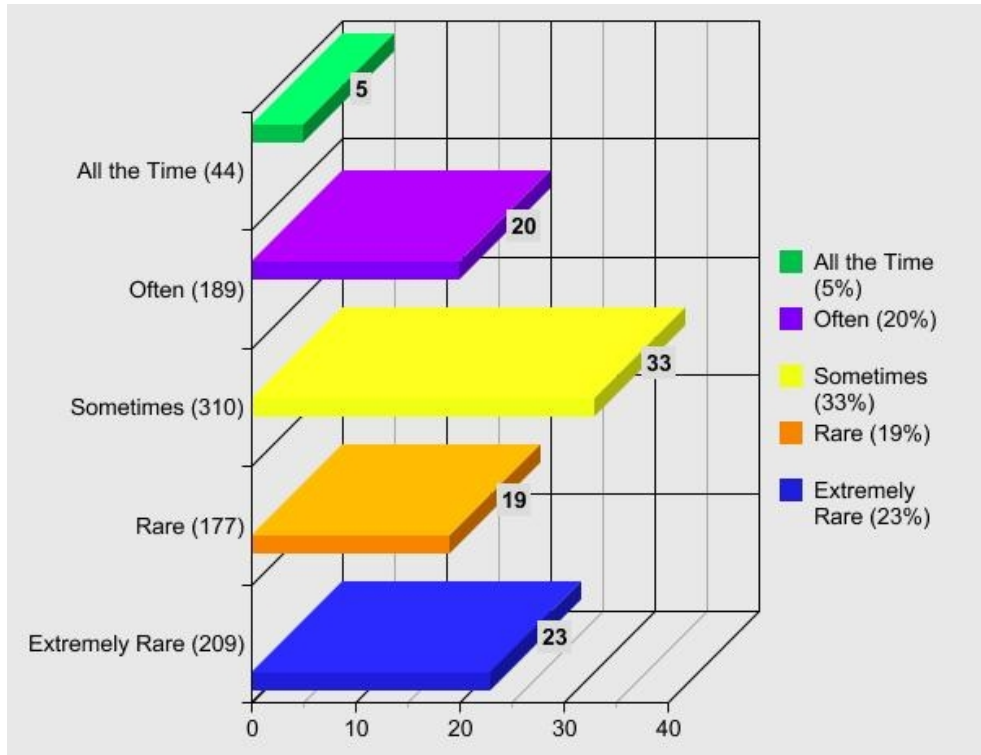
Courts	07%
Law Enforcement	41%
Guardians Ad Litem	10%
Social Services	<u>42%</u>
	100%

Response based on Capability

Courts (53 out of 130)	41%
Law Enforcement (348 out of 370)	94%
Guardians Ad Litem (95 out of 1,497)	06%
Social Services (387 out of 2,459)	16%

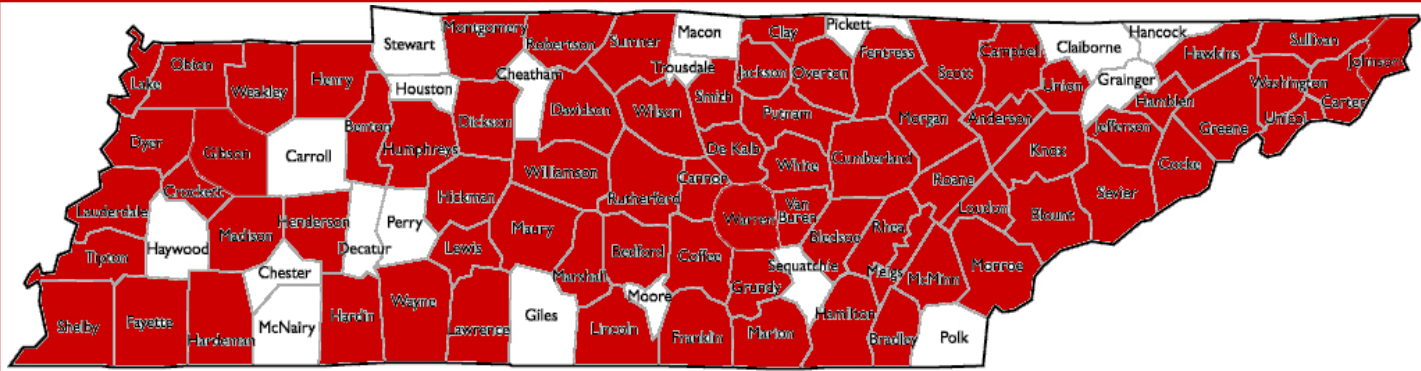
“I feel that the increase in this trend is disturbing. If it is involving children it should be caught and prosecuted. I am glad to see you are doing this.”

- Montgomery County



Frequency of Human Sex Trafficking

The response to the frequency of human sex trafficking occurring in Tennessee varied. Forty-two percent responded occurrence to be “rare” to “extremely rare” and 58% responded occurrence to be “happens sometimes” to “happens all the time” with 33% selecting “happens sometimes.”



State Map—All Trafficking

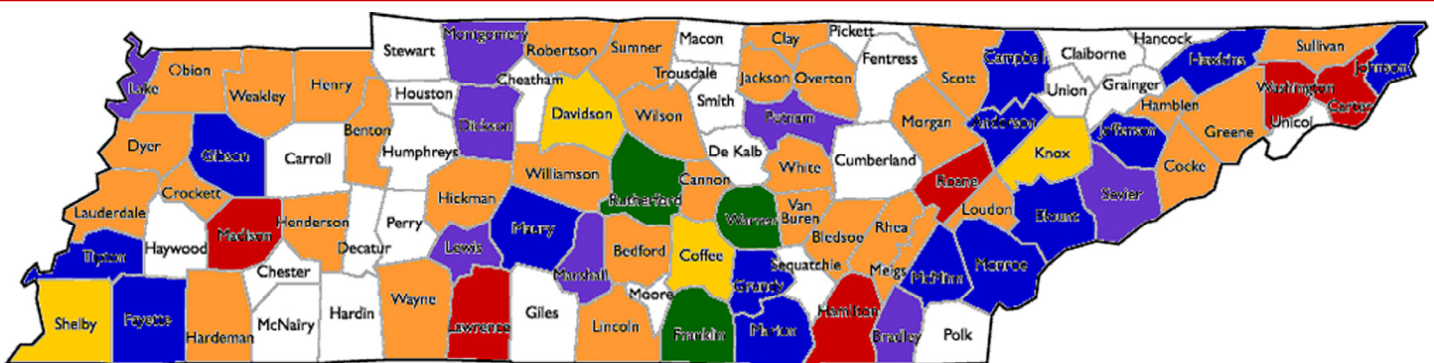
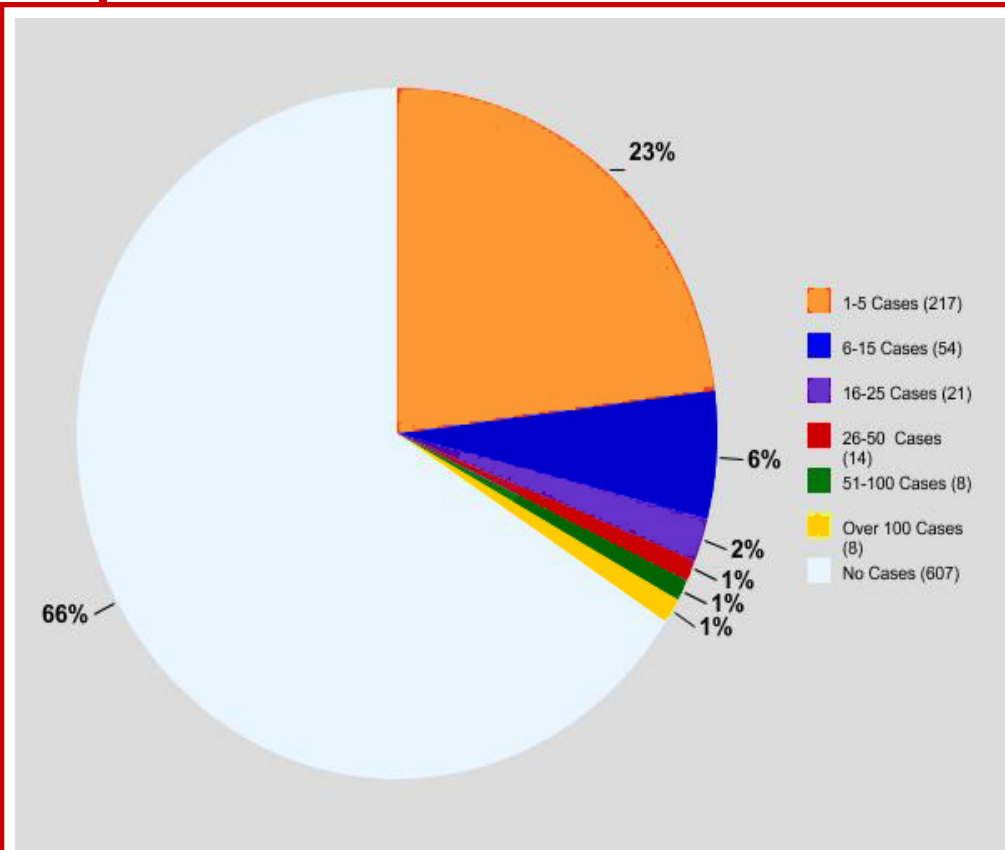
Seventy-eight counties representing 85% of the total counties in the state reported at least one case of human sex trafficking in the last 24 months.

“...I have seen an increase in human sex trafficking, but have also seen an increase in enforcement and awareness...” - Lawrence County

Minor Cases of Human Sex Trafficking

Minor human sex trafficking is present in Tennessee. Thirty-five percent of the entities reporting state that they have reported or investigated minor human sex trafficking over the last 24 months. There were 16 entities that actually had in excess of 50 cases and eight reported over 100 cases.

Note: A case may and often does include multiple persons.

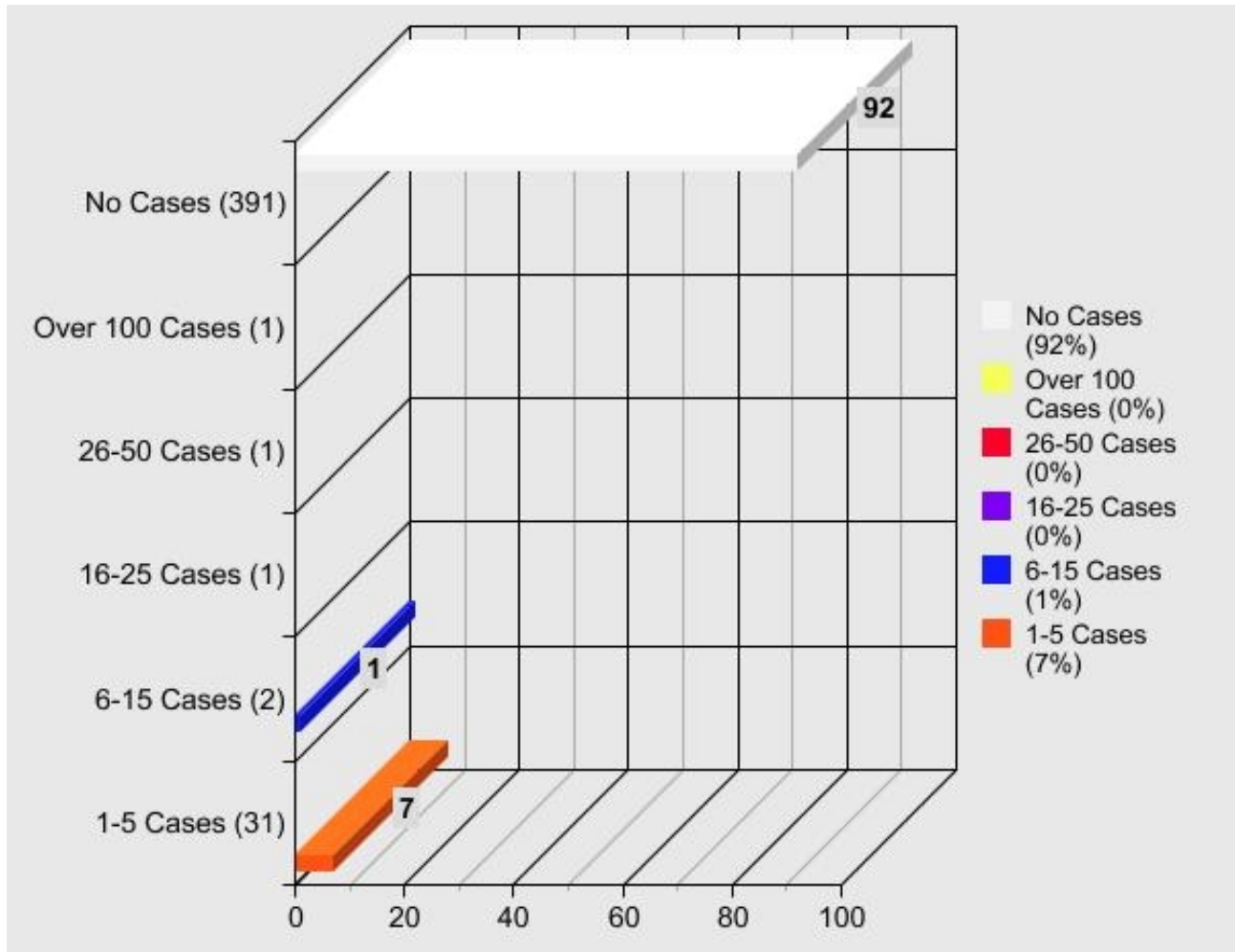


State Map—Minor Trafficking

Sixty-eight counties representing 72% of the total counties in the state reported at least one case of minor human sex trafficking. The following four counties reported more than 100 cases a) Shelby, b) Davidson, c) Coffee, and d) Knox.

“A study well worth its time and effort!!!”

- Blount County



Minor Human Sex Trafficking Cases Achieving Conviction

Minor human sex trafficking cases have received few convictions in Tennessee. Thirty-six of the 427 respondents received convictions for minor cases investigated or prosecuted over the last 24 months. Of the 36 respondents reporting:

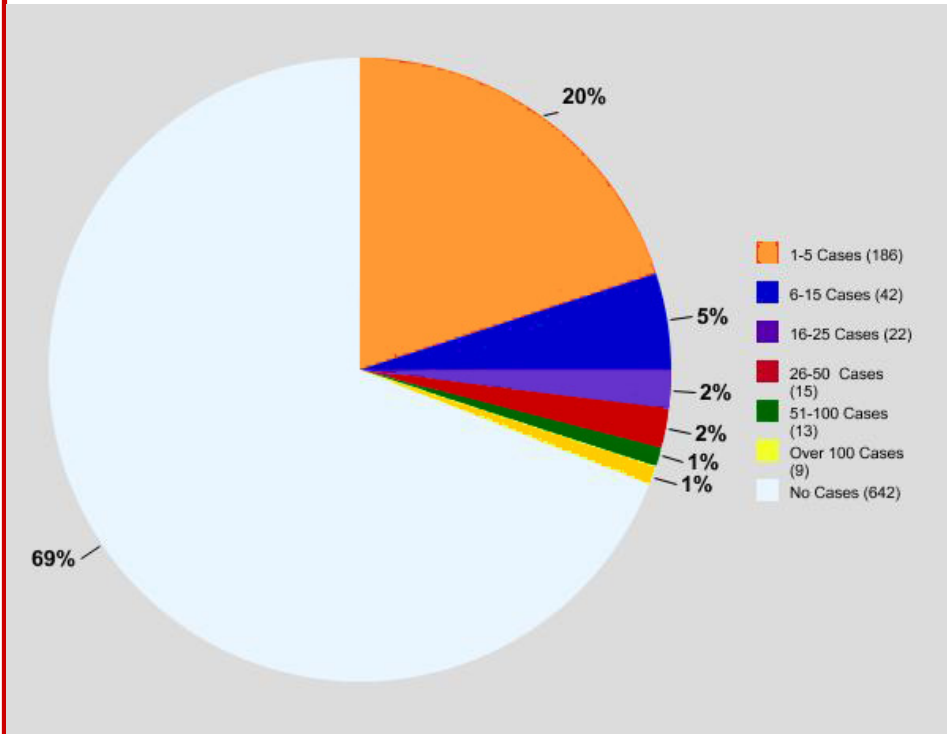
1. Thirty-one (7.3%) represents 1-5 cases
2. Two (0.6%) represents 6-15 cases
3. One (0.2%) represents 16-25 cases
4. One (0.2%) represents 26-50 cases
5. One (0.2%) represents over 100 cases

Note: There were no convictions in the category of 51 to 100 cases.

Note: A case may and often does include multiple persons.

“I believe this to be a state and national problem; however, we have not seen cases of this nature in any significance in our rural area. I am sure that it exists.”

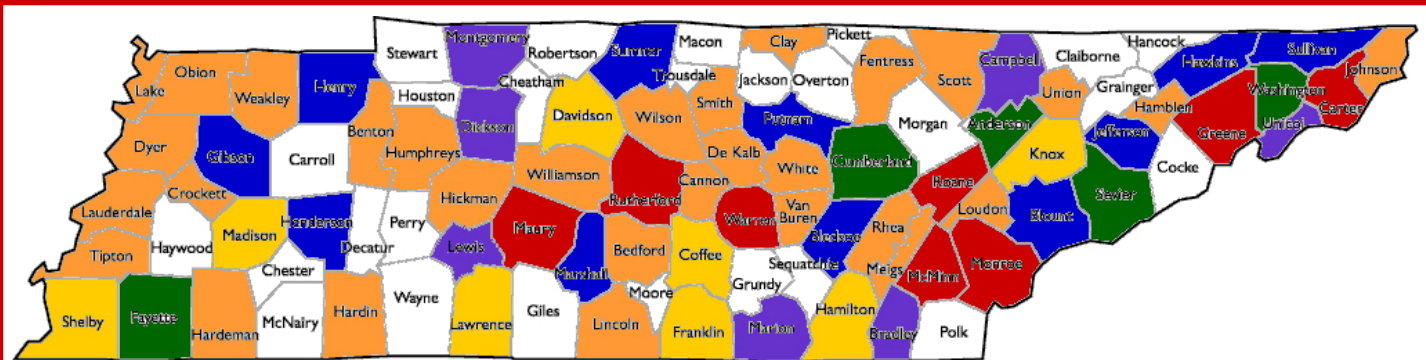
- Gibson County



Adult Cases of Human Sex Trafficking

Adult human sex trafficking is present in Tennessee. Thirty-one percent of the reporting entities state that they have reported or investigated adult human sex trafficking. Twenty-two entities had in excess of 50 cases with eight reporting over 100 cases.

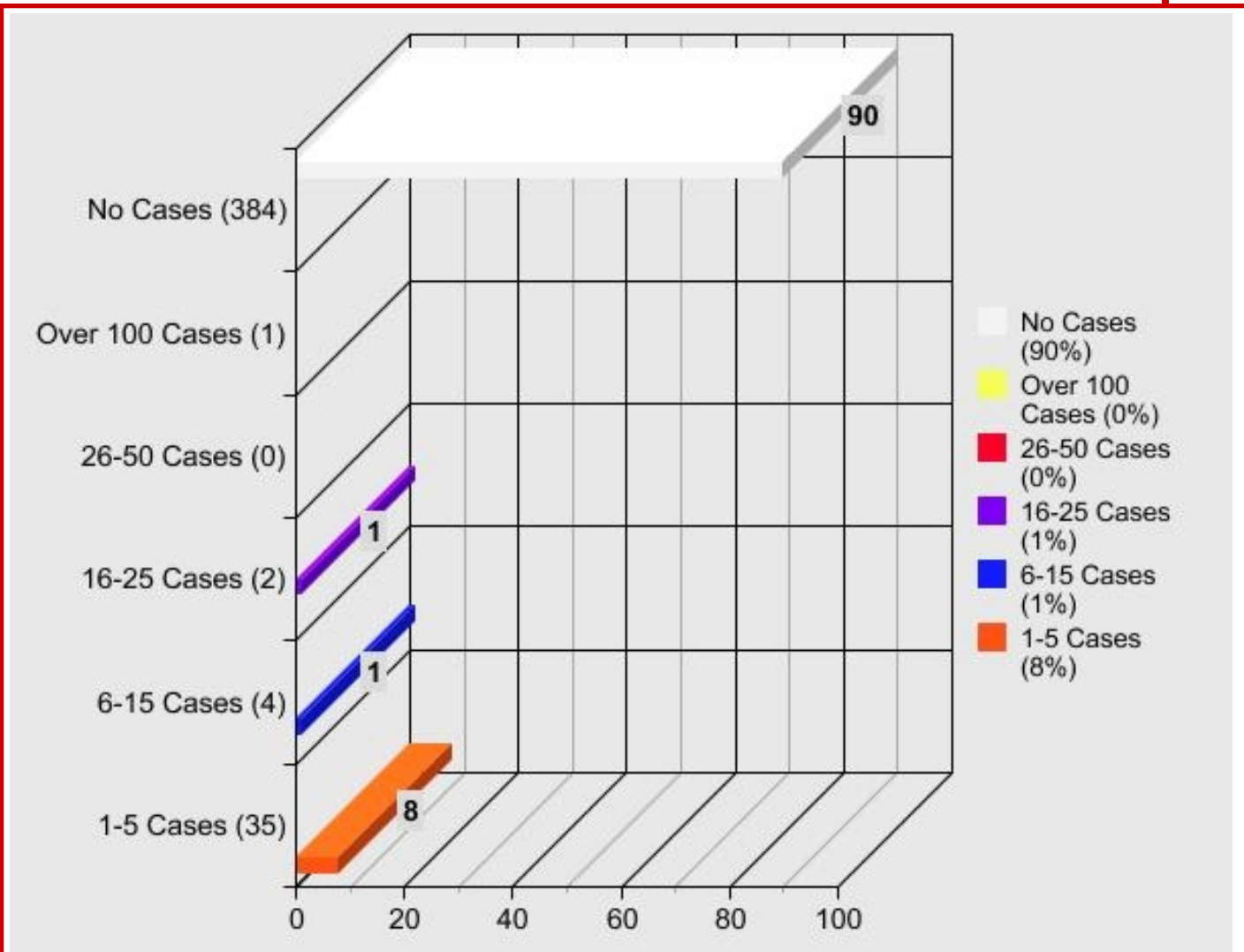
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State Map—Adult Trafficking

Sixty-nine counties representing 75% of the total counties in the state reported at least one case of adult human sex trafficking. The following eight counties reported more than 100 cases a) Shelby, b) Madison, c) Lawrence, d) Davidson, e) Coffee, f) Franklin, g) Hamilton, and h) Knox.

“This type of crime is probably one of the worst, if not the worst that there is. Any means/resources available for combating this should be used.” - Lawrence County



Adult Human Sex Trafficking Cases Achieving Conviction

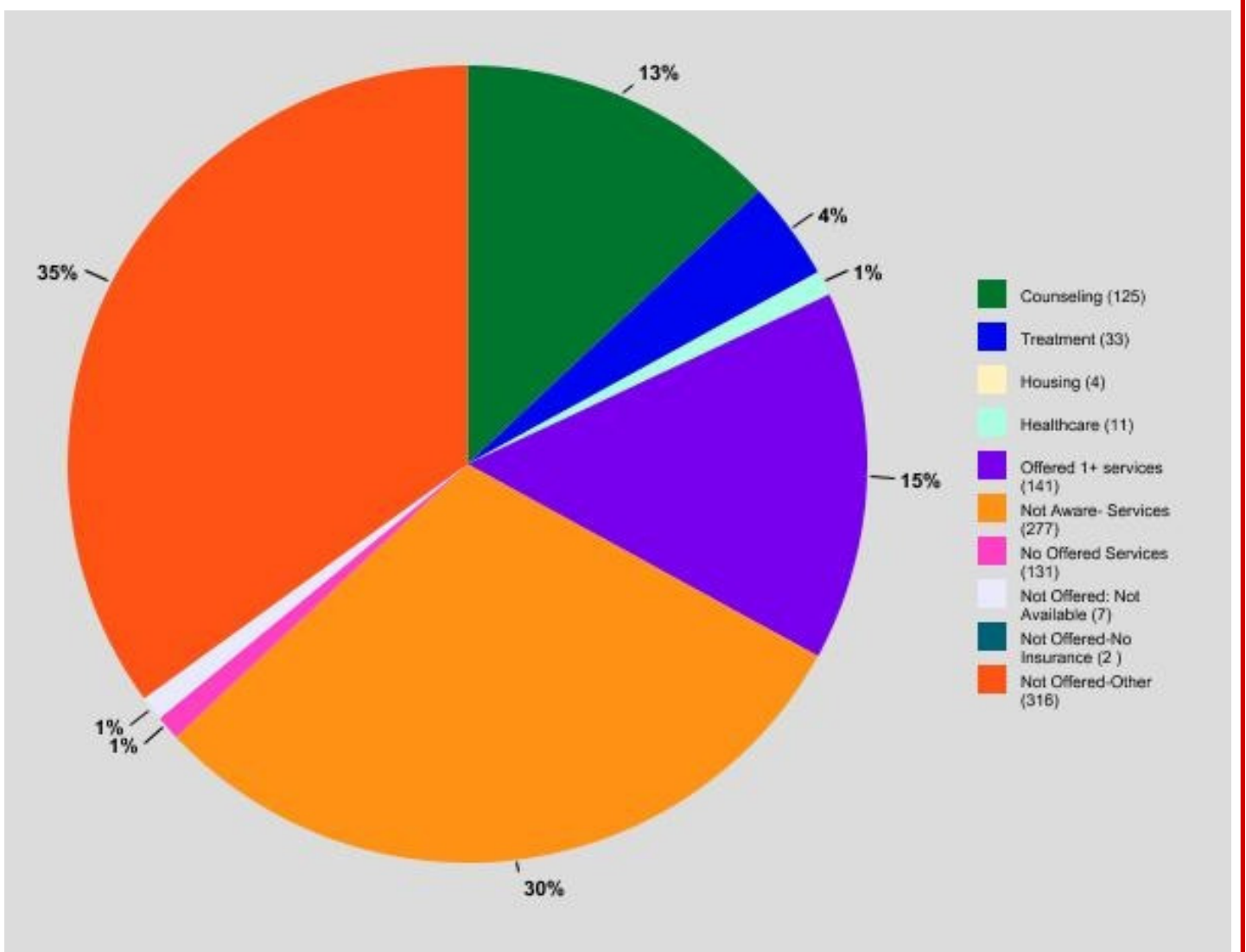
Adult human sex trafficking cases have received few convictions. Forty-two of the 426 respondents received convictions for cases investigated or prosecuted over the last 24 months. Of the 42 reporting:

1. Thirty-five (8.2%) represents 1-5 cases
2. Four (0.4%) represents 6-15 cases
3. Two (0.5%) represents 16-25 cases
4. One (0.2%) represents over 100 cases

Note: There were no convictions in the category of 51 to 100 cases.

Note: A case may and often does include multiple persons.

“I believe that human sex trafficking is a larger problem than is revealed by the number of prosecutions in this area...” - Dickson County

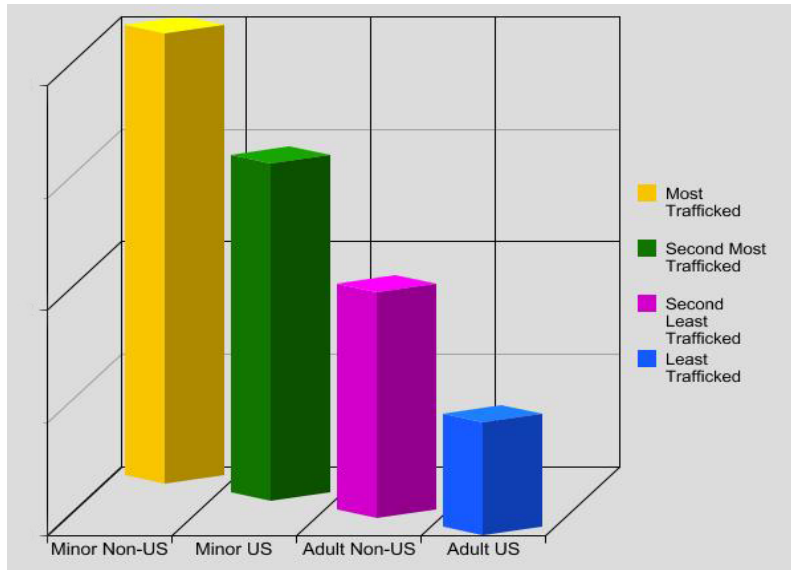


Victims Services Offering

Survey respondents were asked if the victims of cases they investigated or prosecuted involving human sex trafficking were referred to services. Services include counseling, treatment, housing, and healthcare. Thirty-four percent of respondents referred victims to one or more services with 15% referring victims to multiple services. Thirty percent reported they were not aware of services in their geographical area.

“I think that human sex trafficking is increasing in the State of Tennessee as a whole.” - Cannon County

Group Trafficking Frequency



Demographics for Group Frequency

Based on the structure of this question, some respondents gave the same ranking to multiple groups rather than ranking them based on most trafficked to least trafficked. Those responses (475) were removed in the analysis of this question. The remaining 454 (48%) were analyzed and the rankings are shown in the graph to the left.

State Trafficking Demographics and Laws

When looking at topics of demographics and laws respondents were asked to respond to questions in the range of strongly agree to strongly disagree. For the purpose of analysis the results were combined to reflect percentage agreeing or disagreeing in their response.

Trafficking Demographics

HST is increasing	80% agree
HST is unchanged but media exposure increasing	42% disagree
HST occurs in rural areas (Population less than 50,000)	58% agree
HST is most prevalent in urban areas (Population 50,000 +)	80% agree

Note: These responses are also supported by the focus group summaries.

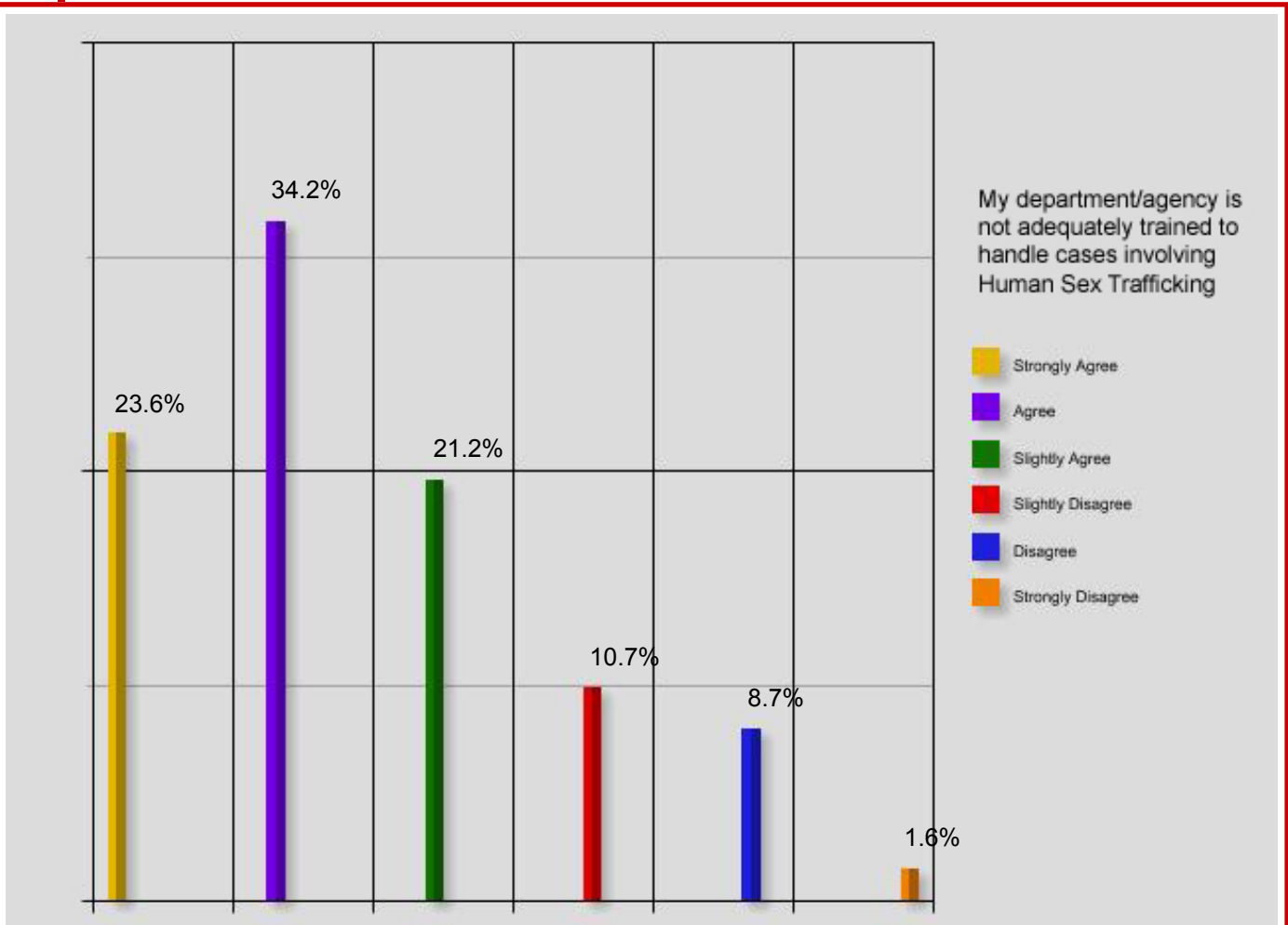
Trafficking Laws

Minors should not be charged with prostitution	53% agree
Additional laws are needed to combat HST	90% agree
Graduated sentencing should be enacted	81% agree
Asset forfeiture laws for pimps/Johns strengthened	97% agree/52% strongly agree
Persons convicted should be added as sex offenders	95% agree/56% strongly agree
Enhanced penalties for HST in restricted areas	94% agree/52% strongly agree
Compassionate custody laws should be enacted	91% agree*

Note: These responses are also supported by the focus group summaries.

*Given the high response to this question it could be concluded that the question relative to minors not being charged with prostitution may have been misread or misunderstood.

“Study should aid in the prevention/awareness and help move toward stricter sanctions against patrons [Johns].” - Grainger County



Training

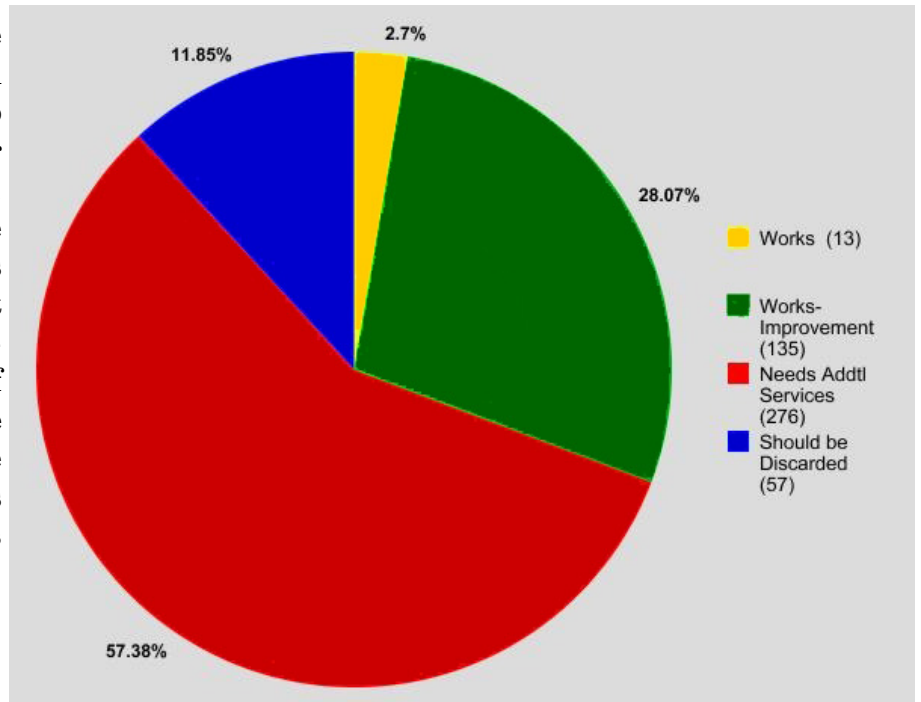
Respondents were asked if they felt they were adequately trained to handle cases involving human sex trafficking. Seventy-nine percent of respondents stated they are not adequately trained to handle human sex trafficking.

Note: These responses are also supported by the focus group summaries.

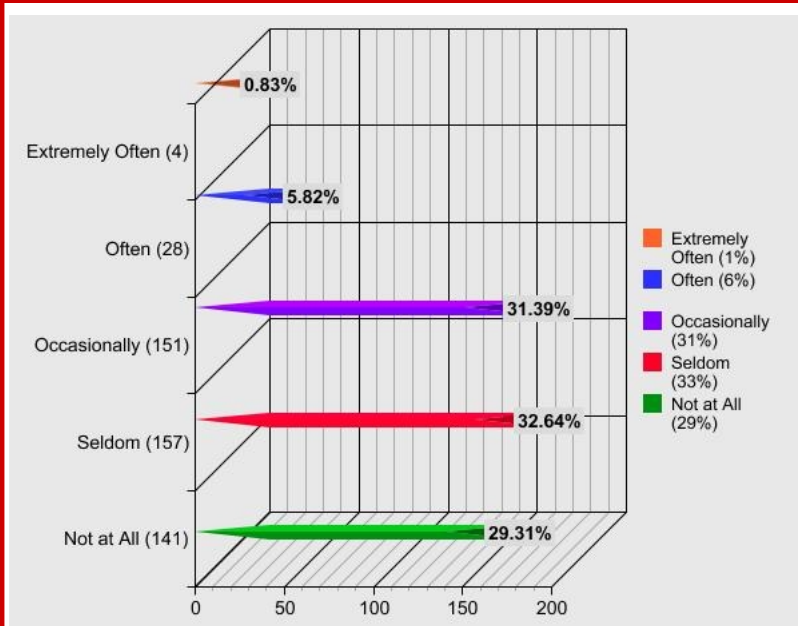
“...Often, these children are lured in while they are still juveniles to become slaves, not just to sex or other entreaties, but to the encumbrances of prescription medication or other drugs...” - Blount County

Social Services Systems—Victims Treatment

When social service respondents were asked if social services were adequate to support treatment for minor victims of human sex trafficking, 86% of the respondents believe that the current social services system works well, but that there is opportunity for improvement. Fifty-seven percent of these respondents state the system needs more service offerings as the existing services are not adequate to address victims' needs.



DCS Minor Recruiting other DCS Minors to Human Sex Trafficking



When social service respondents were asked to what extent are minors who are in DCS custody receiving services, recruiting other minors who are also in the custody of DCS for human sex trafficking, 71% responded that recruiting does occur between minors in DCS custody. Sixty-four percent of respondents believe that recruiting occurs “occasionally” – “seldom” and 7% believe it occurs “often” to “extremely often.”

Note: These responses are also supported by the focus group summaries.

“Human sex trafficking is a serious crime and I imagine it will get worse as time pass[es] in Tennessee.” - Crockett County

Focus Group Analyses

1. Laws

Are State and Federal Laws adequate?

2. Training

Are law enforcement and prosecutors sufficiently trained to address the issue?

Are social service representatives sufficiently trained to address the issue?

What recommendations do you have for how training could be accomplished?

3. Resources/Treatment

Do victims need a multiple treatment approach?

Are victims being treated in TN, if so, where?

4. Traffickers/Customers

Where is the enforcement focus?

How should supply and demand be addressed?

5. International vs. Domestic

Is the issue more international or domestic?

What are the international challenges?

“We do not deal with this enough to be able to feel comfortable in investigating or prosecuting these kinds of cases.” - Bedford County

Round Table Discussion Results
Memphis, Tennessee
February 02, 2011

Laws

1. Current state laws for prostitution and minor/adult sex trafficking are insufficient and not strong enough to deter the crime.
2. Recommendation: State level should work with the Federal level and law to make sure the crime gets prosecuted at the maximum sentencing level.
3. Laws are lacking relative to adequate sentencing. There is a disparity between Federal and State laws.
4. Social Services -When the girls are picked up, they are not charged with prostitution but with runaway.
5. District Attorney - Cases of prostitution are so high—volume that they are treated like traffic violations-Minimal punishment, fines, etc.
6. There is no place to put the victims that need to be treated. Should consider a “Safe Harbor Law.”
7. Restitution for the victims is important.
8. Federal law allows for civil suit against the trafficker. Recommendation: Include civil suit action in the state law.
9. Building a partnership with everyone on behalf of the victim to get services and prosecution will enhance success rate.
10. Gangs are usually involved in this crime, but not prosecuted for it.

Training

1. Overwhelming response that law enforcement is not adequately trained.
2. Training is needed at all levels: Law Enforcement (LE), Prosecutors, Courts and Social Services.
3. Uniform patrol staff needs recognition training.
4. The training should break the mindset and stereotypes related to prostitution.
5. Add it to Police Officer Standards and Training (POST): Focus on changing mindsets relative to the crime, how to identify minor/adult sex trafficking, and what information officers would need to get from the victims.
6. There is currently a child abuse training section and maybe minor domestic sex trafficking could be added to that area. If it is added to this section, the time must be extended.
7. Work with Chief and Sheriff’s and DA Conference groups to make this a priority training session as a part of what they do annually.
8. Target audiences: Law enforcement, juvenile court prosecutors and judges, DCS, child advocacy centers (CAC).
9. Treatment facilities must take a multi-treatment approach.

“I believe ‘pimps’ should be considered sex offenders.”
- Madison County

Resources/Treatment

1. Utilize Victim/Witness advocates.
2. DCS advised that if the child is currently in custody—a facility is identified. It was also felt that there are challenges with this option as some facilities that may be used for this population are not on the approved DCS contract listing. Also, the classification of the victim (social services or delinquent) impacts the service and facility provided.
3. The general feel was that most of these victims have multiple issues (sex, drugs, homelessness, hunger, lack of skills, etc.).
4. Some stated they don't know where to get services or treatment.
5. It was noted that each victim will need triage to determine what service/treatment is needed.
6. Child Protective Investigative Team (CPIT) teams currently do not handle human trafficking cases but may be a resource.
7. Look into CACs as possibility for resources.
8. Need to get a list compiled of all facilities.

Traffickers/Customers

1. Historically, the enforcement has been on prostitutes.
2. Currently, because many units are statistics driven, the enforcement focus has been on prostitutes and Johns.
3. Focusing on the trafficker produces lower statistical numbers as there are fewer of them compared to the other two groups.
4. Managing supply and demand: It will be difficult to allocate additional resources to this problem until the laws have been enhanced. The outcome does not equal the sentencing time required to impact this area.
5. We will not be able to break up a big ring with the current laws (i.e., 8 year sentences at 30%).
6. A multi-jurisdictional task force is needed to combat this type of crime.
7. Recommendations to impact demand:
 - Increase education.
 - Enhance the law.
 - Close it to charge Johns.
 - Add convicted Johns to the sex offender registry as violent offenders.

“The cases I have been involved with regarding minors and human sex trafficking have involved the minor’s parent and/or ‘significant other’ or another family member.” - Dyer County

International/Domestic

1. Based on cases worked, we are more aware of domestic human sex trafficking because of prostitution arrests.
2. We are aware that internationals are being shipped in but there are cultural and language issues impacting our abilities. They basically can remain invisible within their communities and they have been programmed to not trust law enforcement so they don't reach out to us.
3. All numbers we know will be under represented. Juvenile numbers are often being misreported if reported at all.
4. Atlanta is the number one trafficking hub and is the entry point for most trafficked victims. How does this affect us? It puts it five hours away.



“Working with females I have learned that somehow the ‘pimps’ know where to find girls in DCS custody. Talking to girls I have learned that once they are in that game they are taken all over the US.” - Shelby County

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“All agencies need more training in this area.”
- Hardeman County

Round Table Discussion Results
Nashville, Tennessee
January 05, 2011

Laws

1. Legal cover between LE and DCS.
2. Compassionate custody.
3. Asset forfeiture laws need to be cleaned up relative to Johns.
4. “Bright Line”....graduated penalties.
 - Under 12 years old – enhanced penalties.
 - 12 to 15 years old – enhanced penalties.
 - 15 to 18 years old – penalties.
5. Designate restricted areas like 1,000 feet of a school, etc.
6. Safe Harbor.
7. Modification to the involuntary commitment law.
8. Mandatory fingerprinting of individuals in states custody.
9. Obstruction of justice charge.
10. Add verbiage to child abuse laws to include trafficking.
11. Positively identify individuals booked into jails.
12. Expand the intercept authority to include prostitution/criminal enterprises.

Training

1. Focus group believed that LE, prosecutors, and social services were not adequately trained to address the problem and offered these possible solutions:
 - Mandatory POST training included in the annual 40 hour block.
 - Video/digital tape training.
 - Online/distance training.
2. Road level staff needs the training.
3. The training should break the mindset and stereotypes related to prostitution.
4. Other recommendations included: one hour training session, 10-15 minute video, on-line course on the TBI site, mandatory on-line training, add it to training for new recruits in law enforcement and to POST for others.
5. Target audiences: law enforcement, prosecutors, DCS, group homes, child advocacy centers, and guardians ad litem.

“Human sex trafficking is increasing throughout the State of Tennessee at an alarming rate. We are not adequately staffed, trained or qualified to handle the needs of victims of sex trafficking.” - Dickson County

Resources/Treatment

1. The state needs to create public/private partnerships to facilitate resources and treatment options for victims.
2. Multiple treatment approach and multiple resources will be needed. The general feel was that most of these victims have multiple issues (e.g., sex, drugs, homelessness, hunger, lack of skills, etc.).
3. People know they have to partner. It takes a long time to rehab. People in this situation have a hard time with authority. If you put them in a program that requires authority, they will do what ever it takes to survive. Emphasis should be on healing not rules. This will take time.

Traffickers/Customers

1. Law enforcement advised the group that they are focused on the pimps and Johns in these cases, but they were sometimes difficult to catch and/or prosecute.
2. The focus group believed that there was a significant amount of sex trafficking in the Middle Tennessee area because of the interstate system as well as trade shows and conventions.
3. It is believed that the amount of sex trafficking and prostitution would increase significantly with the opening of the new Nashville Convention Center.

International/Domestic

1. There was a difference of opinion of this focus group as to whether there was more international trafficking vs. domestic sex trafficking of juveniles.
2. The focus group agreed that because of cultural issues, international sex traffickers were difficult to infiltrate and prosecute.
3. Most felt like domestic sex trafficking of juveniles was vastly underreported.



“There is a need for extended care treatment. Girls who are subjected to this will need treatment even after their 18th birthday. We need to plan an extended care program for those with these needs.” - Lincoln County

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“The cases involving minors that we investigated—the minors were compliant, willing victims prostituting themselves for money or electronic devices, gift cards, etc.”

- Rutherford County

Round Table Discussion Results
Knoxville, Tennessee
February 22, 2011

Laws

1. Current laws are not adequate.
2. To ensure adequate sentencing would require large fiscal notes and that could be a challenge to getting the laws changed.
3. If you charge minors with a delinquent charge you can hold them longer thereby providing some protection.
4. Sentencing should be heavier on the pimps.
5. We should also look at the Johns for assets as well.
6. We should not criminalize juveniles, they need help.
7. Traffickers are underground and more sophisticated. They are big users of technology.
8. We need a new category for minor victims to track them as traffic victims and not runaways (e.g., Tennessee Incident Based Reporting System (TIBRS)).
9. Traffickers and those who patronize should be registered as sex offenders.
10. Develop compassionate custody laws.
11. Focus aftercare on the crime of trafficking rather than prostitution because the needs and treatments are different.
12. Create a tracking category for trafficking so the crime can be accurately reported. (TIBRS).
13. Modify asset forfeiture/Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act (RICO) laws and wiretap law to assist with crime deterrent.

Training

1. There is not adequate training. Training is needed at all levels, LE, prosecutors, courts, and social services.
2. Social services are seeing more of it and there is no structure in place to deal with it.
3. Options for training include: free on-line training for law enforcement through FLETC.gov, POST, Safe Haven training, Legal Aid training, and LE conferences (e.g., DA, Sheriff's, Police Chief's, etc.).
4. Add it to POST.
5. "Train from the top downward"....work with Chiefs and Sheriffs and DA conference groups to make this a priority training session as a part of what they do annually.
6. Target audiences: law enforcement, juvenile court prosecutors and judges, DCS, and social service agencies.

“There needs to be more preventive/educational type resources out in the community or schools. Children often get ‘pulled’ into this for ‘gifts’.” - McMinn County

Resources/Treatment

1. Resources and treatment are needed for trafficked victims.
2. A protocol should be established for need identification and referral.
3. People receiving victims are not adequately trained. Often they do not know how to treat them so they are released with inadequate treatment.
4. Language is often a barrier to identification and treatment. The state needs a linguist program to deal with crime victims.
5. Victim referrals come from FBI, Coalitions, and 5 domestic violence (DV) Shelters.
6. Resources noted were: FBI Victims Specialist, Safe Haven, and Chattanooga-Emergency Placement (Less than 10 beds), Knoxville-Coordinate with Shelter for Minors.
7. Non-profit organizations (NPO) and non-government organizations (NGO) want to know what LE needs and they will try to provide.
8. Some stated they don't know where to get services or treatment.
9. Communication between NPOs and NGOs should be improved.

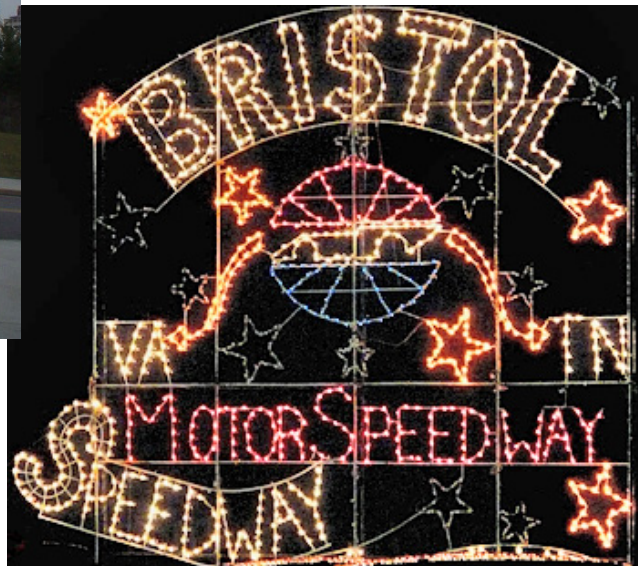
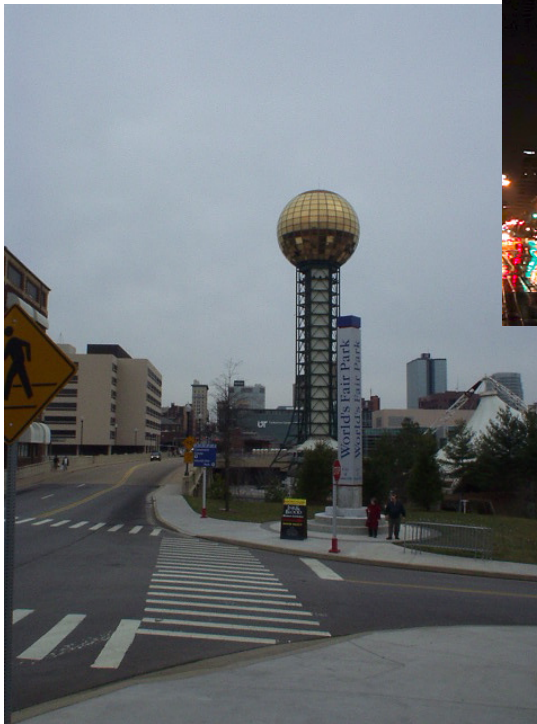
Traffickers/Customers

1. Historically law enforcement has targeted prostitutes instead of pimps and Johns.
2. The feeling is the punishment for Johns does not equal the crime and is not necessarily a deterrent.
3. Patronizing prostitution is a misdemeanor and should be considered a more severe crime.
4. Model patronizing prostitution after existing driving under the influence (DUI) laws, which become more severe after second and third offenses.
5. Managing supply and demand.
6. Make the crime a felony.
7. Have a restitution clause in the law (criminal fines).
8. Strengthen asset forfeiture for pandering.
9. Make fines reasonable for pimps and Johns. Court dockets are filling up with cases where fines are delinquent or not being paid. It takes time away from prosecuting other crimes.
10. A multi-jurisdictional task force is needed for the greatest impact.
11. Recommendations to impact demand: increase education; enhance the law for charges against Johns; add convicted Johns (who have a minor victim) to the sex offender registry as violent offenders.

“We are eager to investigate any crimes that occur in our area. I am not sure that we are equipped or educated enough to do so.” - Campbell County

International/Domestic

1. Language barriers are an issue. Foreign victims and perpetrators stay within their communities, and they are taught to not trust law enforcement or government.
2. Human trafficking rings operate in circuits.
3. There were trafficking rings noted in Clarksville (international), Knoxville (domestic).
4. There is a very large Russian, Polish, Czech, and Ukrainian population in East Tennessee. There is a huge language barrier and a great need for translators during interviews and investigations.
5. 'Task Force' should be formed and additional funds should be allocated.



“I think DCS and other [agencies] need training on human trafficking so they know what the signs are and what to look for. I think this [is] happening more and more but we do not know what to look for in these situations.” - Knox County

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“...I suspect there could be cases of human sex trafficking in this city because of the large numbers of hotels and motels...our transient population in the summer can be as high as more than 50,000 persons per night.” - Sevier County

Case Studies

Carrie's Story

Carrie was born one of eight siblings to a single mother in a county in southern Middle Tennessee. Her name and exact hometown have been obscured to protect her privacy. Carrie told her story brokenly and with frequent tears, even though her life and story began decades ago.

Carrie's mother was an alcoholic and very violent. Carrie described severe physical, mental and emotional abuse at the hands of her mother beginning at the age of four. All of her siblings had different fathers, so some were treated better than others. Carrie described her younger siblings getting new shoes every few months, but she did not. Her father was absent and she said her mother hated her grandmother, and she (Carrie) looked just like her. She blamed the absence of her father and her resemblance to her grandmother for the abuse. She was reluctant to blame her mother; instead, she blamed circumstances and the disease of alcoholism.

Carrie said one night when she was thirteen years old, her mother beat her severely and came after her with a butcher knife, cutting her on the arm. She left that night with a girlfriend and they "hitched" a ride with a truck driver to Nashville. Carrie said she and her girlfriend stayed in a house in North Nashville with a number of men and her first sexual experiences were in that house. When asked to describe this, she replied, "...they pulled trains on us." It was what was expected for her room and board. Carrie said her girlfriend didn't stay long, calling her family to come get her. Carrie stayed for more than a week before calling her brother to come and get her.

When Carrie got home, her mother beat her so badly, that she, "almost killed me." Carrie immediately left again and hitched her way back to Nashville. She said the men in that house where she had been were tired of her, so she had to move on. Carrie said she went to the sister of a friend, where she stayed for several weeks. She went to night clubs around Jo Johnston Avenue (North Nashville) at night and met a man named Johnny, with whom she would start a relationship.

Carrie said Johnny would take her out and very quickly moved them into a motel room, where she lived with him for a few weeks. She said he would buy her things, gave her alcohol, marijuana, and attention. She thought he loved her and she loved him. Carrie said this man was in his mid-20's at the time. Carrie described a night where a woman came to the motel room door and told her that Johnny had been robbed and shot and she needed to come to the hospital. Carrie said that after he got

"I believe that DCS should have more training and have more treatment options in Tennessee." - Gibson County

out of the hospital, she, Johnny, and two other women left Nashville and drove to Washington D.C. It was there that Johnny told her that she would be expected to “work” for money to support him.

Carrie was required to make a minimum of \$75 per day. She said she started on the corner of 14th street in D.C. Her first “trick” came at the hands of a woman. Carrie said an older woman approached her on the street and negotiated sex with a man for \$40. She said the older woman took her to a residence where she was forced to have sex with both the woman and her husband. She said she was raped, “over and over and over” again for three days. Carrie said after three days, they gave her back her clothes and the woman took her and put her on a corner and told her that she worked for them now.

Carrie said that the woman negotiated a “trick” for her but insisted on accompanying her on the “date.” The “John” refused to allow the older woman to come. He turned out to be the police. Carrie said God was looking out for her that night. She said she was arrested and that Johnny came and picked her up. Carrie said the experience scared her so badly; she refused to go back to the street for a period of time. Johnny then introduced her to more hard core drugs, heroin, cocaine and others. Carrie said she could not tolerate the heroin, it just put her to sleep, and then she could not work. She said that she was probably too young for a drug like heroin. She was fourteen years old.

Carrie said she used drugs to medicate herself; she described being very afraid all the time. Johnny also became violent during this period. Carrie said he usually would heat metal hangers and burn her on the back with them. If a woman was lying on her back, you wouldn’t see the burns. They moved from D.C. to Norfolk Virginia, where she was expected to produce \$200 per day. She said they also worked in Rhode Island, New York, Dallas, Fort Worth, Arlington and other cities and states. Carrie described moving to another pimp once, but Johnny paid to get her back and then he beat her with butt of a shotgun and cracked her pelvis.

Carrie said sometimes she would get into a car or truck and she would cry to the John, tell them how young she was and that she didn’t want to do this. She said some would give her \$20 and let her go. She said that there were two kinds: “flat backin’ hoes” and “thievin’ hoes.” She said one of the other women taught her how to be a “thievin’ hoe” by stealing or robbing her tricks. She said “thievin’” got her shot in the leg and thrown off of a bridge, but she survived.

By sixteen, she had her first child by Johnny. She left the child with family and went back on the road with him. By seventeen, she was so addicted to drugs that she

“We want to deepen our awareness and training within our agency and we are open to collaborative relationships with other agencies.” - Hamilton County

said, "The dope man got all my money." Carrie said by the age of eighteen, she was back in Nashville with no pimp and working on her own. She mostly worked the Dickerson Road and Trinity Lane area and gave all her money to drug dealers for cocaine and crack cocaine.

Carrie wanted people to know that she was raped dozens of times by police officers who would demand sex in exchange for not going to jail. Carrie said this happened in multiple cities during her years working the streets. She said she was as afraid of them as anybody else. Carrie said that many nights, she would have preferred to go to jail, she described being so tired. It was clear that despair was a frequent companion. It was also clear that Carrie received few if any offers for help along the way. She said, "Who wants to have sex with 15 or 20 men a day? It was a living fucking hell."

The good news is Carrie found her way to Magdalene, a facility for women operated by women in Nashville. Carrie credits the help she got there with saving her life and changing her destiny. Carrie said when she started treatment for the last time, she was so angry. Carrie said she does not know how those women put up with her. She said they just kept hugging her and patting her back and they just nodded when she lashed out. "My destiny now is to have a positive life." Despite several starts and stops, Carrie graduated from the two-year program two years ago. She said the more she talks about it, the more it loses its power over her and she hopes it helps somebody. When asked how and why, she said, "I just wanted any kind of attention...anywhere."

"I am not sure of all of the laws that are in place but there needs to be stiffer laws for the men or women who force minors into this type of activity."

- Shelby County

Rachel's Story

Rachel was born in a rural Middle Tennessee community and lived with both biological parents as well as a younger brother. At a very young age, Rachel recalls watching as her parents fought continuously over prescription drugs. Her father was familiar to local law enforcement because he was always in and out of jail. Rachel would beg her parents to take her to the doctor when she became ill but they refused. Her only refuge was her maternal grandmother, who she remembers being the only one to actually agree to take her to a doctor's appointment. Rachel's early childhood was very chaotic and unstable. She was the main caretaker of her younger brother and they never knew what to expect at home. Rachel recalls one incident where her mother left the home and did not return for over a week. She worried that her mother might be dead. Eventually, her mom returned with a boyfriend and kicked her father out for three months until the relationship ended and he was allowed to return.

At age 11, Rachel was sexually abused by a neighbor who had befriended her. Her parents reported the abuse to the police. By the time law enforcement went to his house to question him he had moved all his belongings and was never seen again. At 13, Rachel's mother was diagnosed with terminal cancer. Rachel worried endlessly about her younger brother and what would happen when her mother died. Shortly after receiving the devastating news that her mother was dying, her father contacted the Department of Children's Services (DCS) and relinquished custody of her. Rachel recalled that her case worker took her to the hospital to visit her mother on her deathbed.

After Rachel's mother died, she was bounced around different foster homes. At 15 while at a foster home, she began calling a Nashville talk/date line. Rachel was communicating with an older male for several months. Once he gained her trust he told her he was in prison and calling from a cell phone, but he said all the things she wanted to hear; that he understood her and loved her. He listened to Rachel talk about her mother and how much she missed her and how she was tired of going from place to place. He told Rachel that he knew some people on the outside that would come and get her and take care of her.

That same night, Rachel snuck out of her foster home and met a car down a nearby street and climbed in. A male in his 40's and two younger females were in the car. They drove Rachel to a hotel, gave her drugs and began taking pictures for online escort service ads. The older male gave her a pre-paid cell phone and taught her the "rules" about not getting caught by the police. He said if Rachel was going to stay with

"Most cases, which are few, that I get are not ones that we can confirm...where parents were allegedly selling their children for drugs." - Campbell County

them she would have to work. That night, 15 year-old Rachel had her first “date” with another older male two doors down from where they were staying in the hotel.

Over the next three months, Rachel had numerous encounters with “Johns.” Because Rachel was often high, she does not exactly remember how many “Johns” she had to have sex with. Rachel developed a bond with the 40 year old pimp. He gave her attention that she so desperately wanted and they began having a sexual relationship. The pimp’s “bottom bitch” (essentially the top girl) became increasingly jealous of Rachel. She would often pick on Rachel and try to start fights with her. Rachel noted that the third female was often her rescuer and would defend her. The pimp had semi-professional pictures of the girls made by a local photographer. He also had plans in the works with a local information technology professional who was a frequent customer to produce pornographic videos of Rachel and the other girls to stream over the internet. After nearly three months on the run, Rachel was eventually picked up during a police sting.

Initially, Rachel lied to investigators. She denied knowing the pimp or being involved with him. The DCS placed her in another foster home that same night. Several hours later, Rachel was on the run again. She was found hiding at a relative’s home and the police charged her with prostitution. That was the investigator’s only avenue to keep Rachel safe from herself and the pimp who had her. Rachel was locked up in a juvenile detention center until her court date. During that time, Rachel began disclosing what happened to her and admitted she was still “in love” with the pimp. Eventually, Rachel was placed in a DCS group home in another part of the state.

During her stay at the group home, Rachel was allowed to volunteer at the local hospital. It was during this time she met another older man. She said there was lax supervision at the hospital and so eventually she would leave the hospital with the male during her volunteer hours and they would go to a nearby friend’s house and have sex. Shortly after Rachel turned 16, she took a pregnancy test and it was positive. Additionally, her court date was approaching to determine where she would be placed next. Rachel just wanted to return to her grandmother. A week prior to her scheduled court date, she was told by her case worker that it was unlikely the judge would allow her to go home to her grandmother. Rachel was devastated. With the knowledge of her pregnancy and the fear of what would happen to her next; she borrowed a friend’s cell phone and called the man by whom she was pregnant and he picked her up that day.

That began several months again on the run. The new boyfriend was also older than Rachel and she described him as crazy. He would beat her in the face and kick

“This area is rural. Most human sex trafficking in this area are single women, frequently white, trading for drugs. Much is rumored, but not reported.”

- Decatur County

her in the ribs until she could not move. He would hold her down and tell her that he loved her so much and was only doing this because of his love for her. He threatened to kill her more times than she could count. Rachel indicated that he was insanely jealous. After a couple of months, he kicked and beat her so badly that she had a miscarriage. Rachel was not allowed to go to the doctor. She said she was bleeding so badly that he became frightened and drove her to a Knoxville homeless shelter and dropped her off.

At the shelter, Rachel lied about her age so that no one would report her to the police. Eventually, she met an older man who was visiting his nephew. She told him that she was older and her boyfriend had beaten her so badly that she had a miscarriage. The man offered her a place to sleep on his couch. Rachel conveyed that this male never expected anything out of her and that he showed her nothing but kindness. He had a girlfriend and they invited Rachel to spend Thanksgiving with his family. She said it was not until a few weeks later that she saw him and his girlfriend smoking crack. She decided to leave and called a friend to send a bus ticket to her.

Eventually, she made her way to Nashville and met two women. One was underage and the other in her late 20's. They had a man with them and they wanted Rachel to travel to Arkansas with them. Rachel indicated that the older female seemed to be "in charge." While in Arkansas, she provided Rachel with marijuana and took pictures of her and the younger female for online advertisements for prostitution. Rachel said the male that accompanied them had a legitimate job and was very afraid of getting in trouble because he was on parole. While working in Arkansas, Rachel developed a medical issue that needed immediate attention. The man dropped her off at a local hospital.

Shortly after the hospital visit, law enforcement identified Rachel's whereabouts and initiated an undercover sting to recover her. Rachel was transported back to a Middle Tennessee detention center. After several months at the center she was placed in a secure facility for juveniles and has been in a new program until her next court date.

"Greater than twenty-four months ago I busted a massage parlor twice believed to be trafficking Asian females. Conviction did occur." - Grundy County

**Response
to the
Public Chapter
1023**

1. Collect and organize available data on the nature of human sex trafficking in the state.

A survey was distributed with 929 responses that yielded a numeric count of human sex trafficking cases. Structured focus group meetings were held to obtain subjective data and case studies were reviewed that highlighted key problem areas in the current treatment system.

2. Examine collaborative models between governmental and non-governmental organizations for protecting victims of human sex trafficking.

Informal evaluations of collaborative models were discussed and shared during focus groups. It was apparent that both governmental and nongovernmental organizations were working together in some areas, but not necessarily in a formal partnership. In some instances, it was apparent that law enforcement and social services were not in communication over cases. It was noted that more communication and formalization would be important to the overall enhanced success of the relationship.

3. Examine the progress of this state in preventing human sex trafficking.

Based on the data collected through the survey, it is clear that the state is becoming more aware of this crime and expects it to increase. Human sex trafficking is prevalent all over our state and minor sex trafficking is in 72% of our counties. Davidson County was featured on the Cable News Network (CNN) special "Selling the Girl Next Door." Seventy-nine percent of those surveyed advised they were inadequately trained to investigate this crime; therefore, the state is in need of resources (enhanced laws, staff training, personnel, treatment options, etc.) to appropriately move forward in preventing human sex trafficking.

4. Examine the problems associated with identifying victims and establishing adequate sanctuary and rehabilitation opportunities for victims of human sex trafficking.

The two most significant problems are crime secrecy and lack of resources. Given the nature of the crime, it is not easily detectable or is incorrectly detected and therefore goes under reported. Resources needed include, but are not limited to, trained personnel to identify victims, trained service/treatment providers, language interpreters, health care, compassionate custody facilities, and safe haven facilities.

5. Analyze current laws for adequacy in protecting minor victims of human sex trafficking and, if necessary, recommend revisions to such laws that specifically address protecting minor victims of human sex trafficking.

Laws were discussed in both the survey and the focus groups. It was the general consensus that the laws need to be strengthened and they should include the specific

"...Sexual abuse, rape, and rape of a child are reported more often than one would think for such a small town." - Wilson County

crime of human sex trafficking. The majority felt that the punishment did not fit the crime. Recommended laws for consideration include compassionate custody, safe haven laws, enhanced asset forfeiture for pimps and Johns, enhanced penalties for sex trafficking within restricted areas, graduated offender sentencing, persons convicted of patronizing prostitution of minors or human sex trafficking of minors register as violent sex offenders, and victim restitution.

6. Identify available federal, state, and local programs that provide services to victims of human sex trafficking, including health care, human services, housing, education, legal assistance, job training or preparation, interpreting services, English as a second language classes, voluntary repatriation and victim's compensation, and assess the need for additional services including shelter services for human sex trafficking victims.

Vanderbilt Center for Community Studies has provided a listing of resources that are available. It was determined that the treatment models currently in place were inadequate to address the needs. A multi-treatment approach was suggested to address all of the needs of victims of human sex trafficking.

7. Evaluate existing and potential programs to increase public awareness of human sex trafficking.

Due to time constraints, no evaluation of existing or potential public awareness programs was conducted. What was determined through the focus groups and on-line searches is that the month of January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. During this month awareness programs are held. Some of the organizations in Tennessee who participate in this awareness process are: Community Coalition against Human Trafficking, End Slavery Tennessee, Cry for Justice, Doctors at War, Free for Life International, Global Women of Blount County, Operation Broken Silence, and 2nd Life Chattanooga.

8. Analyze existing state criminal statutes for their adequacy in preventing human sex trafficking and, if necessary, recommend revisions to such laws or the enactment of new laws that specifically define and address human sex trafficking.

Existing criminal statutes in general were discussed at the focus groups and questioned as part of the survey. To address prevention, you have to address demand. The response was that the laws needed to be strengthened and existing laws are not adequate to prevent human sex trafficking. Some revisions mentioned were enhanced asset forfeiture for pimps and Johns, enhanced penalties for sex trafficking within restricted areas, graduated offender sentencing, and register persons convicted of patronizing prostitution of minors or human sex trafficking of minors as violent sex offenders. Specific crafting of statute revision language was not undertaken.

“Make every sex related law stronger.”
- Dyer County

9. Consult with government and nongovernmental organizations in developing recommendations to strengthen state and local efforts to prevent human sex trafficking, protect and assist victims of human sex trafficking and prosecute human sex traffickers, and make recommendations , if any.

The recommendations are contained in the focus group meeting notes as well as the survey results.

10. Examine any other issues relative to deterring and preventing human sex trafficking in Tennessee.

While the primary focus of this study was human sex trafficking and its impact on youth and children, there were often issues of drug use, gang activity, social service needs (health care, housing, etc.), recruiting methods, enforcement focus and impaired/incomplete communication mentioned. However, no additional issues were examined.

“In 2009, Metro police detectives and FBI busted what they believe is a *family-run prostitution ring* using underage *teens* as prostitutes in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.”

- Daily News Journal, August 18, 2009

“This may be a topic of training for law enforcement in our area in the future.”

- Dickson County

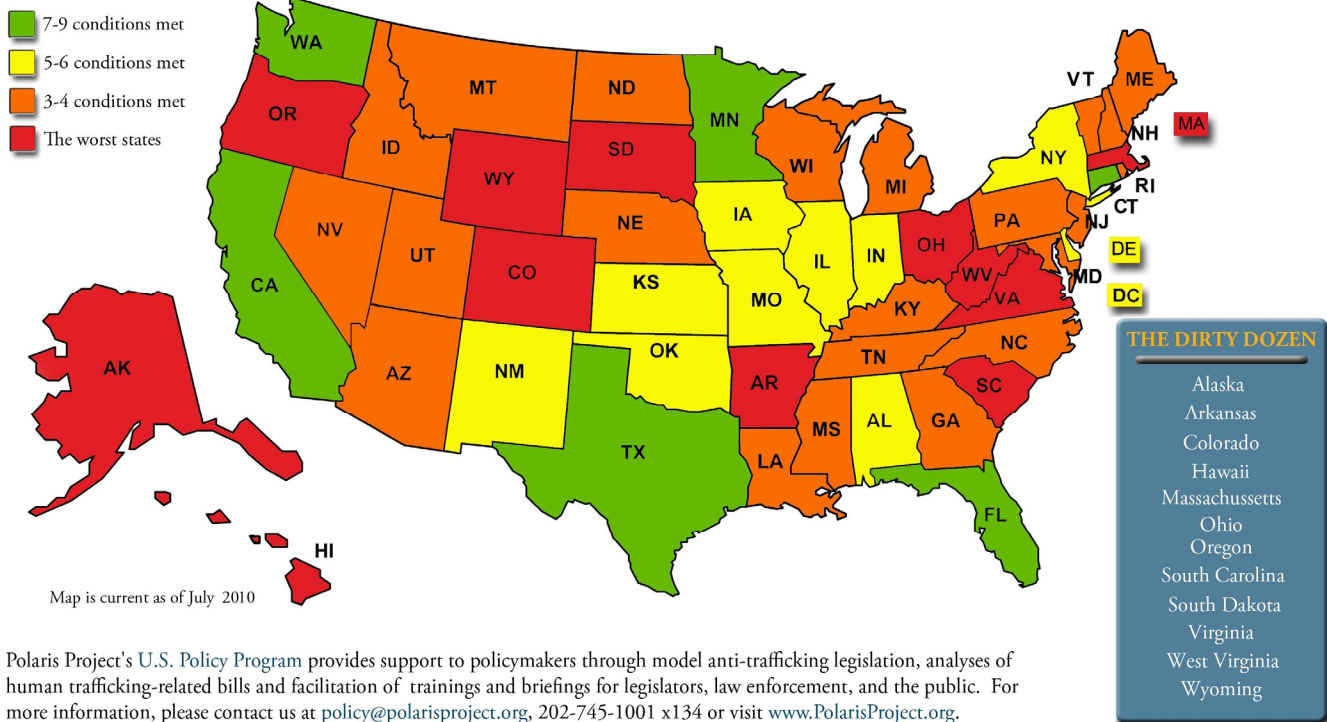
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HOW DOES YOUR STATE RATE ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING LAWS?



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States are evaluated on the strength and inclusion of the following 10 statutes on: (1) Sex trafficking (2) Labor trafficking (3) Asset forfeiture for human trafficking crimes (4) Training on human trafficking for law enforcement (5) Human trafficking commission, task force, or advisory committee (6) Posting of a human trafficking hotline (7) Safe harbor (8) No requirement for force, fraud, or coercion for minors (9) Victim Assistance (10) Civil remedy



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State	1. Basic Sex Trafficking provision	2. Basic Labor Trafficking Provision	3. Asset Forfeiture	4. Training Requirement	5. HT Specific Task Force, Advisory Committee	6. Posting and HT Hotline	7. Safe Harbor - CSEC	8. No Req. of Force, Fraud, or Coercion to Prosecute Sex Trafficking of Minors	9. Victim Assistance	10. Civil Remedy	PENALTY - Failure To Enact Basic Anti-Trafficking Provision	Total
TN	X	X	-	-	2010	-	-	X	-	-		4

“There needs to be more information released to the agencies concerning this crime and how to recognize the elements of a human sex trafficking crime when it occurs.”
- Hamilton County

2010 STATE RATINGS CHART CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

1. **Sex Trafficking:** A statute that criminalizes sex trafficking or trafficking in persons and includes elements of coercing another to engage in a commercial sex act. Some states have related laws under the prostitution code that do not necessarily qualify as sex trafficking laws.
2. **Labor Trafficking:** A statute that creates the crime of labor trafficking or trafficking in persons, in which a person is compelled through force, fraud or coercion into providing labor or services.
3. **Asset Forfeiture for Human Trafficking:** A statute that provides for the forfeiture of assets used in the course of conducting the crime or acquired with proceeds from the crime of human trafficking (*States with statutes that provide for vehicle forfeiture in similar crimes, such as prostitution or abduction as in the case of Virginia, are noted).
4. **Training on Human Trafficking for Law Enforcement:** A statute that mandates or encourages law enforcement to be trained in human trafficking issues and the law.
5. **Human Trafficking Commission or Task Force:** A statute that creates, establishes or encourages a task force, commission or advisory committee dedicated to addressing human trafficking.
6. **Posting a Human Trafficking Hotline:** A statute that provides, requires, encourages, allows or mandates the public posting of a human trafficking hotline, such as the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline or a state human trafficking hotline.
7. **Safe Harbor:** A statute that dictates that minor victims of sex trafficking cannot be prosecuted for prostitution, and instead are diverted to the child protection system and/or victim service programs rather than criminal/juvenile detention programs for prostitution crimes (NOTE: Because this is a relatively new trend, states are credited for taking the first steps toward “safe harbor” to ensure that minors are not prosecuted for prostitution).
8. **No Requirement of Force, Fraud or Coercion for Sex Trafficking of Minors in the Human Trafficking Law:** A statute that ensures that the elements of force, fraud or coercion are not required for a trafficker to be prosecuted for the sex trafficking of a minor.
9. **Victim Services:** A statute that specifically provides assistance or funds programs to help victims of human trafficking. Victim services and protection may include counseling, job assistance, housing, improving access to crime victim compensation funds or other existing state programs, and/or a victim/caseworker privilege.
10. **Civil Remedy:** A statute that provides victims of human trafficking with the ability to seek civil damages from their traffickers.

“More training is needed for the investigators and the road officers.”
- Williamson County

Appendix

Organization Name	Type of Provider	Services	Location	Website	Contact Information
B.F.C. Mission Inc	Education	Provides parenting skills classes - especially for dads who have a court appointed training requirement- their website also has information on where to call to report human trafficking	Nashville, TN	www.bfcmissions.org	Rueben Y. Dockery; bfcmissions@bellsouth.net
Catholic Charities of East Tennessee	Direct Services	Services for children (trauma counseling) and immigrants (documentation issues); as well as basic needs (food, clothing, etc.)	Chattanooga & Knoxville, TN	www.ccectn.org	Laura Bryant - Director of Counseling and Children's Services; lb@ccectn.org
Catholic Charities of Middle Tennessee	Direct Services	Services for children (trauma counseling) and immigrants (documentation issues); as well as basic needs (food, clothing, etc.)	Nashville, TN	www.ccectn.org	Marie Gilland (Child Welfare Services) Donna Gann (Program Coordinator, Immigration); mgilland@ccectenn.org dggann@ccectenn.org
Centerstone Community	Direct Services	Mental health/substance abuse services/ Residential group homes	Tennessee	www.centerstone.org	1101 Sixth Ave North, Nashville, TN; 615-463-6600; 800-681-7444
Coalition Against Human Trafficking (CCHAHT)	Education	website is a good resource for HT news in Tennessee;	Knoxville, TN	www.ccaht.org	Christi Wigle; info@ccaht.org; 865.236.1046
Doctors at War	Direct Services	Provides medical services to victims of human trafficking as well as emotional and financial support	Tennessee/ Worldwide	www.doctorsatwar.org	PO Box 681364, Franklin, TN 37068; 888-552-8927
End Slavery Tennessee	Direct Services and Education	Services include: rescuing and aiding victims; education; protecting youth, etc. - indicated that they work with law enforcement - website keeps up with latest local (TN) news on human trafficking.	Nashville, TN	www.endslaverytn.org	Bill or Derri Smith; group@endslaverytn.org

“This is the most useless questionnaire to which I have ever been asked to respond.” - West Tennessee

Free for Life International	Direct Services; Counter-trafficking	Partner with shelters and provide financial, emotional and spiritual support	Tennessee/ Worldwide	www.freeforlifeministries.com	Colette or Dan Bercu (Executive Directors), 109 Holiday Court Suite D-6, Franklin, TN 37067; info@freeforlifeministries.com, 888-335-8835
Freedom's Promise	Direct Services	Equine Assisted Psychotherapy - for victims of sex crimes	Nashville, TN	www.freedomspromise.org	5109 Green Leaf Dr. M5, Nashville, TN, 37211; 615-887-9539
Health Assist Tennessee	Referrals	Referral, support services for the uninsured, including immigrants and refugees; speak Amharic, Arabic, Bosnian/ Croatian/ Serbian, Kurdish, and Spanish	Nashville, TN	www.healthassisttn.org	General: info@healthassisttn.org; 615-313-9841 ; Aram Khoshnaw (Refugee Advocacy) - X 272; Belma Ismailovich (Medical Interpreter Coordinator) X 286
Hermitage Hall	Direct Services	Residential facility for children who are victims of abuse and trauma; they have space specifically designated for minor sex trafficking victims	Nashville, TN	www.hermitagehall.com	615-742-3000; 1220 8th Avenue South, Nashville, TN, 37208
Home Foundation, The	Fund raising and Education	Fundraising for victim services, anti-trafficking efforts	Nashville, TN	www.thehomefoundation.net	Stacia Freeman; info@thehomefoundation.net; 615-356-0946; PO Box 50165, Nashville, TN 37205
Life Care Family Services	Direct Services	Community mental health and counseling services	Middle Tennessee	www.lifecarefamily.org	1-877-881-0859 ; Nashville (X1126), Lebanon (X1300), Franklin (X1400), Columbia (X1600), Lawrenceburg (X1710), Pulaski (X8)
Magdalene House	Direct Services	Residential facility for women with a history of prostitution and drug addiction	Nashville, TN	www.thistlefarms.org	Cary Rayson, (Executive Director); 615-320-5925
Mending Hearts	Direct Services	Drug Treatment for Women; Residential recovery program	Nashville, TN	www.mendingheartstn.org	Katrina Frierson (Executive Director); info@mendingheartstn.org; 615-385-1696

“We need to intervene BEFORE these incidents take place. We need to fight the vulnerability that leads to them.” - Rutherford County

Mercy Ministries	Direct Services	Aftercare (not just trafficking victims); Residential facilities; Clients aged between 13-28; Nashville site is the only one in the nation that takes girls who are under 18;	Nashville, TN	www.mercyministries.org	Rob Martin (Executive Director); info@mercyministries.com; 615-831-6987; PO Box 111060, Nashville, TN 37222
Nashville Children's Alliance	Direct Services	Services for child sexual or severe abuse victims - forensic interviews, child protective investigation team, therapy, non-offending parent support groups (partners with the DA, Metro Police, and DCS)	Nashville, TN	www.nashvillechildrensalliance.org	1264 Foster Ave, Nashville, TN 37210; info@nashvillechildrensalliance.org; 615-327-9958
No Silence Now	Education	Raises awareness on human trafficking; provides slavery map of the US to give some specific cases of trafficking	Worldwide	www.nosilencenow.org	General inquiries info@nosilencenow.org; Amber Smith (Administration) amber@nosilencenow.org
Oasis Center	Direct services	Services for homeless teens	Nashville, TN	www.oasiscenter.org	615-327-4455; 1704 Charlotte Ave, Suite 200, Nashville, TN 37203
Operation Broken Silence	Direct Services and Education	Abolitionist coalition - works against trafficking and genocide - Opening a rehabilitation center for victims of trafficking in the mid-South area	Memphis, TN; Greater Mid-South area	www.operationbrokensilence.org	Ryan Dalton (Anti-Trafficking Director); ryan@operationbrokensilence.org; 901-283-0649
Partnership for Families, Children and Adults	Direct Services	Counseling, support, crisis services; residential services for youth	Chattanooga, TN	www.partnershipfca.com	1800 McCallie Ave, Chattanooga, TN, 37404; 423-755-2822; Crisis hotline 423-755-2700
Peniel Initiative	Education/ Networking	Goal is to build partnerships with organizations that combat victimization of the poor.	Nashville, TN	www.penielinitiative.org	Rev. Neely Williams (Program Director); impeniel@yahoo.com
Salvation Army - Nashville	Direct Services	Life skills, personal, and educational development	Nashville, TN	www.uss.salvationarmy.org	Amy Sky (Life Skills Learning Director); 615-255-0554 X.242

“...we successfully prosecuted a young adult for having sex with four minor girls, he was suspected of procuring these girls for prostitution....” - Franklin County

Second Life of Chattanooga	Direct Services and Education	Provides financial support to get youth out of trafficking situations; Raises awareness on human trafficking, especially in the greater Chattanooga area.	Chattanooga, TN	secondlifechattanooga.org	Terri Self; 706-264-3585
Sexual Assault Center	Direct Services	Counseling and advocacy services for victims of sexual assault	Nashville, TN	www.sacenter.org	101 French Landing Dr., Nashville, TN 37228; 615-259-9055; Crisis & Support line 800-879-1999
Siloam Family Health Center	Direct Services	Medical services for uninsured persons in Nashville area	Nashville, TN	www.siloamhealth.org	820 Gale Lane, Nashville, TN 37204; 615-238-5406
Tennessee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence	Direct Services	Counseling programs for victims of abuse. Legal clinic for immigrants.	Tennessee	www.tcadsv.org	2 International Plaza Dr, Ste 425, Nashville, TN 37217; 615-386-9406; TN Domestic Violence Hotline 800-356-6767
Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition	Direct Services	Immigrant advocacy; Languages spoken: Kurdish, Spanish, Somalian, Arabic, and Chinese	Nashville, TN	www.tnimmigrant.org	446 Metroplex Dr., Building A, Ste 224, Nashville, TN 37211 ; 615-833-0384
Urban Housing Solutions	Direct Services	Affordable housing and resident services	Nashville, TN	www.urbanhousingsolutions.org	Rusty Lawrence 411 Murfreesboro Pike, Nashville, TN 37210; 615-726-2696; info@urbanhousingsolutions.org
World Relief	Direct Services	Focused on refugees - help with housing, medical care, etc.	Nashville, TN	www.wrnnashville.org	Myriam Mvizerwa (Program Manager); Katie Richardson (Program Managers); 615-833-7735 ext. 200; World Relief Nashville 1655 Murfreesboro Pk. Ste. G Nashville, TN 37217
YWCA Nashville	Domestic Abuse Shelter	Domestic abuse shelter	Nashville, TN	www.ywcanashville.com	Tami Walker (Director of Weaver Domestic Violence Center) ; tami.walker@ywcanashville.com

“There are not very many appropriate girls’ facilities to deal with this.”
- Lawrence County

Department of Children's Services

District Attorney Generals Offices

District Attorney General- 1st Judicial District
District Attorney General- 4th Judicial District
District Attorney General- 10th Judicial District
District Attorney General- 13th Judicial District
District Attorney General- 15th Judicial District
District Attorney General- 17th Judicial District
District Attorney General- 19th Judicial District
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District Attorney General- 22nd Judicial District
District Attorney General- 26th Judicial District
District Attorney General- 31st Judicial District

Guardians Ad Litem

Group Homes

AGAPE
Cedar Grove RTC (Keys)
Comprehensive Community Services-CCS
Holston United Methodist Home for Children
Meritan
Natchez Trace Youth Academy
Porter-Leath Children's Center
Rhea County Juvenile Detention
Turn Around Center (TAC)
Youth Town of Tennessee, Inc.

Catholic Charities of East Tennessee, Inc.
Children's Home/Chambliss Shelter
Counseling and Consultation Services
King's Daughters' School
Monroe Harding, Inc.
Parkridge Valley Hospital
Residential Services, Inc.
Smoky Mountain Children's Home
Volunteer Behavioral Health Care System, Inc.

Juvenile and Family Courts

Juvenile and Family Court-Bristol, TN
Juvenile and Family Court-Camden, TN
Juvenile and Family Court-Clarksville, TN
Juvenile and Family Court-Columbia, TN
Juvenile and Family Court-Dover, TN
Juvenile and Family Court-Fayetteville, TN
Juvenile and Family Court-Gainesboro, TN
Juvenile and Family Court-Johnson City, TN
Juvenile and Family Court-Knoxville, TN
Juvenile and Family Court-Linden, TN
Juvenile and Family Court-McMinnville, TN
Juvenile and Family Court-Morristown, TN
Juvenile and Family Court-Oneida, TN
Juvenile and Family Court-Parsons, TN
Juvenile and Family Court-Shelbyville, TN
Juvenile and Family Court-Tazewell, TN

Juvenile and Family Court-Brownsville, TN
Juvenile and Family Court-Centerville, TN
Juvenile and Family Court-Clinton, TN
Juvenile and Family Court-Dayton, TN
Juvenile and Family Court-Dyersburg, TN
Juvenile and Family Court-Gallatin, TN
Juvenile and Family Court-Jackson, TN
Juvenile and Family Court-Kingsport, TN
Juvenile and Family Court-Lewisburg, TN
Juvenile and Family Court-Manchester, TN
Juvenile and Family Court-Milan, TN
Juvenile and Family Court-Mountain City, TN
Juvenile and Family Court-Paris, TN
Juvenile and Family Court-Pulaski, TN
Juvenile and Family Court-Sparta, TN
Juvenile and Family Court-Winchester, TN

Other Law Enforcement Agencies

Tennessee Department of Safety
US Marshals-West Tennessee
Federal Bureau of Investigation-Victims Advocate-Nashville
Federal Bureau of Investigation-Victims Advocate-Memphis

Tennessee Bureau of Investigation
Tennessee Office of Homeland Security

“I believe this is a problem in more rural areas than the general public knows. The problem is locating and identifying victims.” - Robertson County

Police Departments

Adamsville Police Department
Alexandria Police Department
Ashland City Police Department
Baileyton Police Department
Baxter Police Department
Bells Police Department
Bethel Springs Police Department
Bluff City Police Department
Brentwood Police Department
Brownsville Police Department
Calhoun Police Department
Caryville Police Department
Chapel Hill Police Department
Chattanooga Police Department
Clarksville Police Department
Clinton Police Department
Collinwood Police Department
Coopertown Police Department
Cowan Police Department
Crump Police Department
Dandridge Police Department
Decaturville Police Department
Dover Police Department
Dyer Police Department
East Ridge Police Department
Englewood Police Department
Estill Springs Police Department
Fairview Police Department
Friendship Police Department
Gatlinburg Police Department
Goodlettsville Police Department
Greenville Police Department
Greenfield Police Department
Henderson Police Department
Henry Police Department
Hornbeak Police Department
Huntland Police Department
Jasper Police Department
Jonesborough Police Department
Kingsport Police Department
Knoxville Metro Airport Authority
LaFollette Police Department
LaVergne Police Department
Lenoir City Police Department
Livingston Police Department
Lynnville Police Department
Martin Police Department
Maury City Police Department
McKenzie Police Department
Memphis International Airport Police
Milan Police Department
Minor Hill Police Department
Morristown Police Department
Mount Juliet Police Department
Murfreesboro Police Department
New Hope Police Department
New Tazewell Police Department
Niota Police Department
Oak Ridge Police Department
Alamo Police Department
Algood Police Department
Athens Police Department
Baneberry Police Department
Bean Station Police Department
Benton Police Department
Big Sandy Police Department
Bolivar Police Department
Brighton Police Department
Bruceeton Police Department
Camden Police Department
Celina Police Department
Chattanooga Housing Authority
Church Hill Public Safety
Cleveland Police Department
Collegedale Police Department
Columbia Police Department
Copperhill Police Department
Cross Plains Police Department
Cumberland City Police Department
Dayton Police Department
Decherd Police Department
Dresden Police Department
Dyersburg Police Department
Elizabethton Police Department
Erin Police Department
Ethridge Police Department
Fayetteville Police Department
Gallatin Police Department
Germantown Police Department
Gordonsville Police Department
Greenbrier Police Department
Halls Police Department
Hendersonville Police Department
Hohenwald Police Department
Humboldt Police Department
Jacksboro Police Department
Jellico Police Department
Kenton Police Department
Kingston Police Department
Knoxville Police Department
Lake City Police Department
Lawrenceburg Police Department
Lewisburg Police Department
Lookout Mountain Police Department
Madisonville Police Department
Maryville Police Department
Maynardville Police Department
McMinnville Police Department
Memphis Police Department
Millersville Police Department
Monteagle Police Department
Moscow Police Department
Mount Pleasant Police Department
Nashville Metro Airport PD
New Johnsonville Police Department
Newbern Police Department
Nolensville Police Department
Oakland Police Department
Alcoa Police Department
Ardmore Police Department
Atoka Police Department
Bartlett Police Department
Belle Meade Police Department
Berry Hill Police Department
Blaine Police Department
Bradford Police Department
Bristol Police Department
Burns Police Department
Carthage Police Department
Centerville Police Department
Chattanooga Metro Airport PD
City of Dickson Park Ranger Division
Clifton Police Department
Collierville Police Department
Cookeville Police Department
Covington Police Department
Crossville Police Department
Cumberland Gap Police Department
Decatur Police Department
Dickson Police Department
Dunlap Police Department
Eagleview Police Department
Elkton Police Department
Erwin Police Department
Etowah Police Department
Franklin Police Department
Galloway Police Department
Gleason Police Department
Grand Junction Police Department
Greeneville Police Department
Harriman Police Department
Henning Police Department
Hollow Rock Police Department
Huntingdon Police Department
Jackson Police Department
Johnson City Police Department
Kimball Police Department
Kingston Springs Police Department
Lafayette Police Department
Lakewood Police Department
Lebanon Police Department
Lexington Police Department
Loudon Police Department
Manchester Police Department
Mason Police Department
McEwen Police Department
Medina Police Department
Middleton Police Department
Millington Police Department
Monterey Police Department
Mount Carmel Police Department
Mountain City Police Department
Nashville Metro Police Department
New Market Police Department
Newport Police Department
Norris Police Department
Obion Police Department

“The sentencing for the crime of sex trafficking should not increase as the child’s age decreases. It should all be the SAME sentences. Just because a child is 17 does not mean that it will not affect them as much.” - Davidson County

Oliver Springs Police Department
Parsons Police Department
Pikeville Police Department
Pleasant View Police Department
Pulaski Police Department
Ridgely Police Department
Rogersville Police Department
Rutledge Police Department
Savannah Police Department
Sevierville Police Department
Shelby County Police Department
Smithville Police Department
Somerville Police Department
South Pittsburg Police Department
Spring City Police Department
Sunbright Police Department
Tazewell Police Department
Toone Police Department
Trezevant Police Department
Troy Police Department
Union City Police Department
Wartrace Police Department
Waverly Police Department
White Bluff Police Department
Whiteville Police Department
Woodbury Police Department

Oneida Police Department
Petersburg Police Department
Piperton Police Department
Portland Police Department
Red Bank Police Department
Ripley Police Department
Rossville Police Department
Saltillo Police Department
Scotts Hill Police Department
Sewanee Police Department
Shelbyville Police Department
Smyrna Police Department
South Carthage Police Department
Sparta Police Department
Spring Hill Police Department
Surgoinsville Police Department
Tellico Plains Police Department
Townsend Police Department
Tri-Cities Airport Public Safety Department
Tullahoma Police Department
Vonore Police Department
Watauga Police Department
Waynesboro Police Department
White House Police Department
Whitwell Police Department

Paris Police Department
Pigeon Forge Police Department
Plainview Police Department
Powells Crossroads Police Department
Red Boiling Springs Police Department
Rockwood Police Department
Rutherford Police Department
Samburg Police Department
Selmer Police Department
Sharon Police Department
Signal Mountain Police Department
Smyrna/Rutherford Co. Airport Authority
South Fulton Police Department
Spencer Police Department
Springfield Police Department
Sweetwater Police Department
Tiptonville Police Department
Trenton Police Department
Trimble Police Department
Tusculum Police Department
Wartburg Police Department
Watertown Police Department
Westmoreland Police Department
White Pine Police Department
Winchester Police Department

Sheriff's Departments

Anderson County Sheriff's Department
Benton County Sheriff's Department
Blount County Sheriff's Department
Campbell County Sheriff's Department
Carroll County Sheriff's Department
Cheatham County Sheriff's Department
Claiborne County Sheriff's Department
Cocke County Sheriff's Department
Crockett County Sheriff's Department
Decatur County Sheriff's Department
Dickson County Sheriff's Department
Fayette County Sheriff's Department
Franklin County Sheriff's Department
Giles County Sheriff's Department
Greene County Sheriff's Department
Hamblen County Sheriff's Department
Hancock County Sheriff's Department
Hardin County Sheriff's Department
Haywood County Sheriff's Department
Henry County Sheriff's Department
Houston County Sheriff's Department
Jackson County Sheriff's Department
Johnson County Sheriff's Department
Lake County Sheriff's Department
Lawrence County Sheriff's Department
Lincoln County Sheriff's Department
Macon County Sheriff's Department
Marion County Sheriff's Department
Maury County Sheriff's Department
McNairy County Sheriff's Department
Monroe County Sheriff's Department
Moore County Sheriff's Department

Bedford County Sheriff's Department
Bledsoe County Sheriff's Department
Bradley County Sheriff's Department
Cannon County Sheriff's Department
Carter County Sheriff's Department
Chester County Sheriff's Department
Clay County Sheriff's Department
Coffee County Sheriff's Department
Cumberland County Sheriff's Department
DeKalb County Sheriff's Department
Dyer County Sheriff's Department
Fentress County Sheriff's Department
Gibson County Sheriff's Department
Grainger County Sheriff's Department
Grundy County Sheriff's Department
Hamilton County Sheriff's Department
Hardeman County Sheriff's Department
Hawkins County Sheriff's Department
Henderson County Sheriff's Department
Hickman County Sheriff's Department
Humphreys County Sheriff's Department
Jefferson County Sheriff's Department
Knox County Sheriff's Department
Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department
Lewis County Sheriff's Department
Loudon County Sheriff's Department
Madison County Sheriff's Department
Marshall County Sheriff's Department
McMinn County Sheriff's Department
Meigs County Sheriff's Department
Montgomery County Sheriff's Department
Morgan County Sheriff's Department

“...We have seen a steady increase in ‘for profit’ sex acts with children being caught on the internet.” - Hamilton County

Obion County Sheriff's Department
Perry County Sheriff's Department
Polk County Sheriff's Department
Rhea County Sheriff's Department
Robertson County Sheriff's Department
Sequatchie County Sheriff's Department
Scott County Sheriff's Department
Smith County Sheriff's Department
Sullivan County Sheriff's Department
Tipton County Sheriff's Department
Unicoi County Sheriff's Department
Van Buren County Sheriff's Department
Washington County Sheriff's Department
Weakley County Sheriff's Department
Williamson County Sheriff's Department

Overton County Sheriff's Department
Pickett County Sheriff's Department
Putnam County Sheriff's Department
Roane County Sheriff's Department
Rutherford County Sheriff's Department
Sevier County Sheriff's Department
Shelby County Sheriff's Department
Stewart County Sheriff's Department
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“...the government alleges that members of three local Somali gangs—the Somali Outlaws, the Somali Mafia and the Lady Outlaws—carried out a 10-year conspiracy that includes the sex trafficking of minors...she was told to perform a sex act on a man in exchange for marijuana, and on another man for marijuana and liquor.”

- James Walsh and Sarah Lemagic , Star Tribune

“I investigate crimes against children. I am extremely concerned w/ the growth of human trafficking.” - Rutherford County

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“...I also think that something needs to be started with educating, teenagers and pre-teens, about sex trafficking.” - Davidson County

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“My experience with human sex trafficking was a father who was abusing his daughter and then letting his friends participate for a fee.” - Coffee County

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