

~On The Lookout~

*Combating Human Trafficking
Through the Bus Industry*



What is Human Trafficking?

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

MODERN DAY SLAVERY

Smuggling vs. Trafficking

Crime against a

BORDER VS

Crime against a

PERSON



Myth #1: We live in a slave free world



Scope of Trafficking

There are **40 million** victims of human trafficking globally.

SOURCE:
International Labor Organization



Scope of Trafficking

Human trafficking is a
\$150 billion industry.

SOURCE:
International Labor Organization



Scope of Trafficking



SOURCE:
National Human Trafficking Resource Center

Scope of Trafficking

1 in 6 runaways are
at risk of being trafficked.

SOURCE:
National Center for Missing
and Exploited Children



Myth #2: All traffickers look like TV pimps



Who are the traffickers?



Alleged pimp indicted, accused of beating prostitute who wanted to quit

For about an hour, court documents claim, Demarion Keyes punched, slapped, choked, and struck her with a belt in his Waikiki apartment.

KHON2.COM



Five arrested on suspicion of running sex trafficking ring

Five people were arrested on suspicion of running a San Gabriel Valley-based sex trafficking ring that operated from San Diego to Fresno, authorities said Tuesday.

LATIMES.COM | BY LOS ANGELES TIMES

Foreign diplomats accused of human trafficking, assault in US

Nick O'Malley



Devyani Khobragade, India's deputy consul general, has been accused of underpaying a domestic worker she brought to the US from India. Photo: Reuters



2 men charged with sex trafficking, assault

Two men, one from Montgomery County and one from Chester County, face sex trafficking, child pornography, and sex assault charges, officials say.

6ABC.COM



Four charged in prostitution 'sting' at Bend hotels

Four people were arrested or cited Thursday in a sting operation targeting prostitution at several Bend hotels, with police saying one 19-year-old woman had been a victim of sex trafficking since she was 13.

KTVZ.COM | BY KTVZ



ICE Top 10 human trafficking fugitive arrested in Indiana

Jamal Moore, 33, is currently wanted in Hennepin County (Minneapolis) Minnesota on a state charge of promoting prostitution of a minor.

ICE.GOV

Means Traffickers Use

- Force
- Fraud
- Coercion



Myth #3: It doesn't happen in my hometown

For "Taylor," it all began outside a bus station in downtown Dallas three years ago. She was 15 at the time, and running away from home.



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A battleground for trafficking

Sex trafficking ravaging Missouri communities, families

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What Louisiana needs to fight sex trafficking

Victim: I was 4 when my dad started trafficking me

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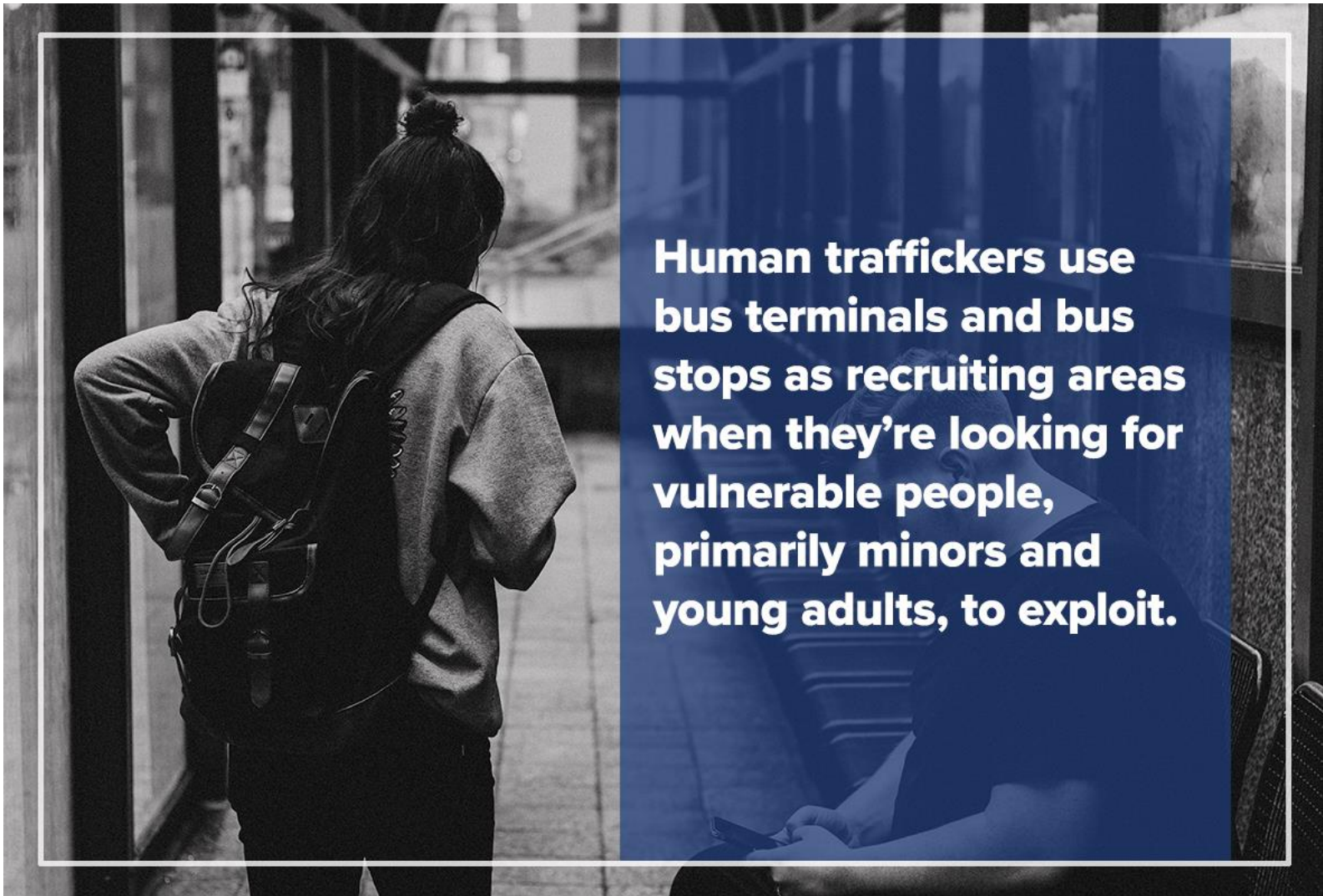
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By Scott Sandlin / Journal Staff Writer
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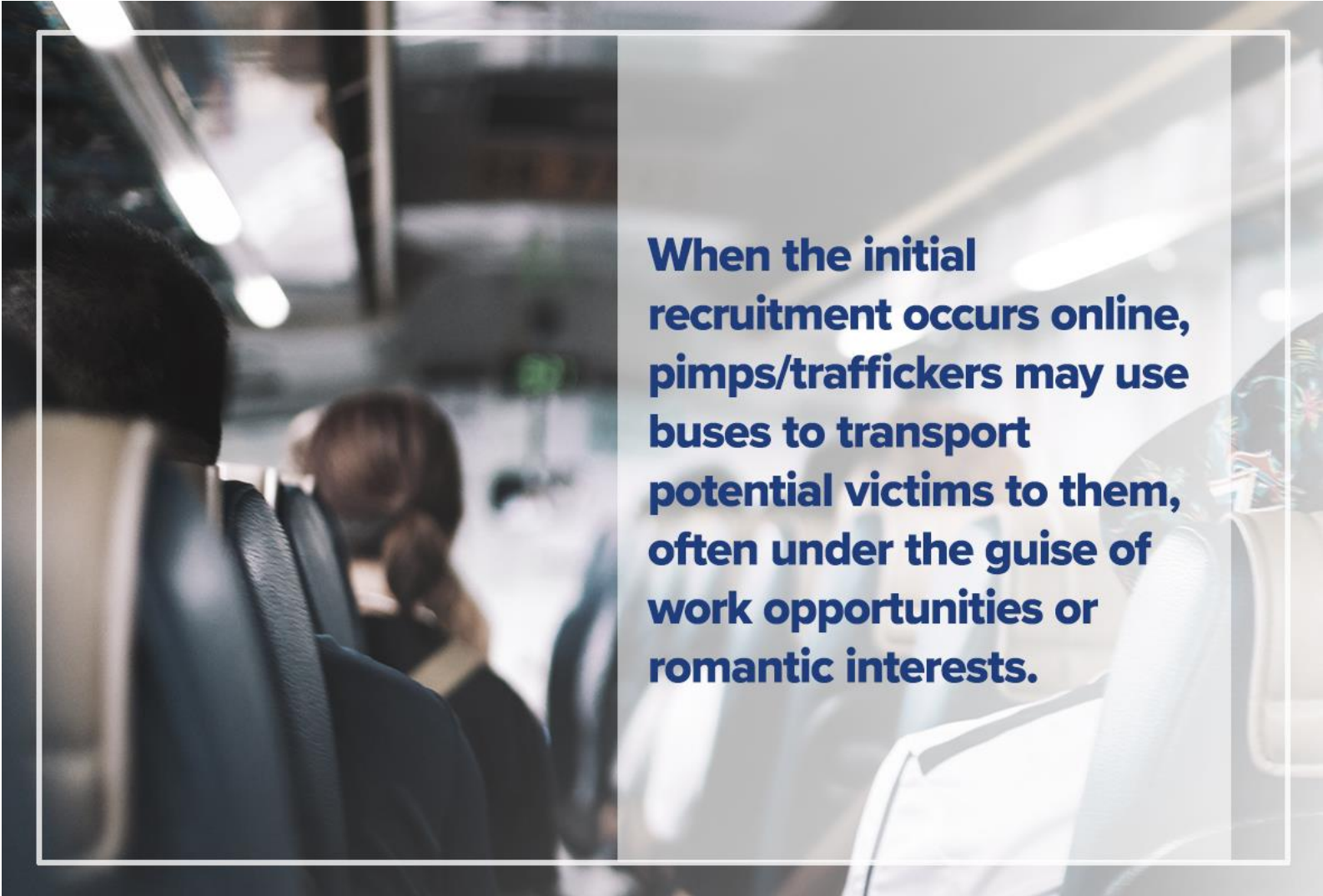
Man charged in Oakland sex assault, human trafficking case

Buses & Trafficking: Intersections



Human traffickers use bus terminals and bus stops as recruiting areas when they're looking for vulnerable people, primarily minors and young adults, to exploit.

Buses & Trafficking: Intersections

A photograph showing the interior of a bus. The view is from the back of the bus looking forward. Several passengers are visible, including a person in the foreground with their back to the camera, and another person further ahead. The bus has overhead lights and a window on the right side. The image is slightly blurred, focusing on the text overlay.

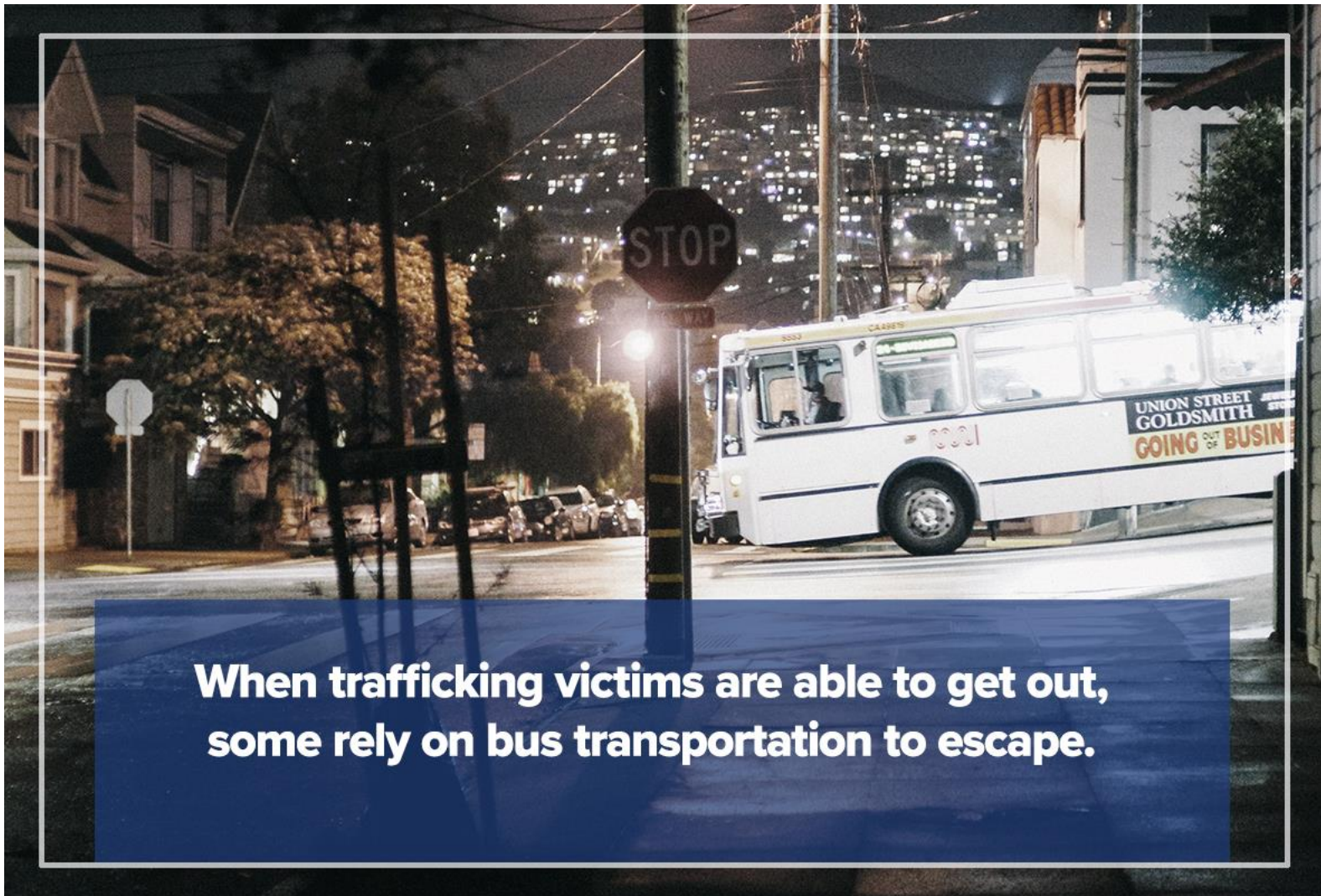
When the initial recruitment occurs online, pimps/traffickers may use buses to transport potential victims to them, often under the guise of work opportunities or romantic interests.

Buses & Trafficking: Intersections



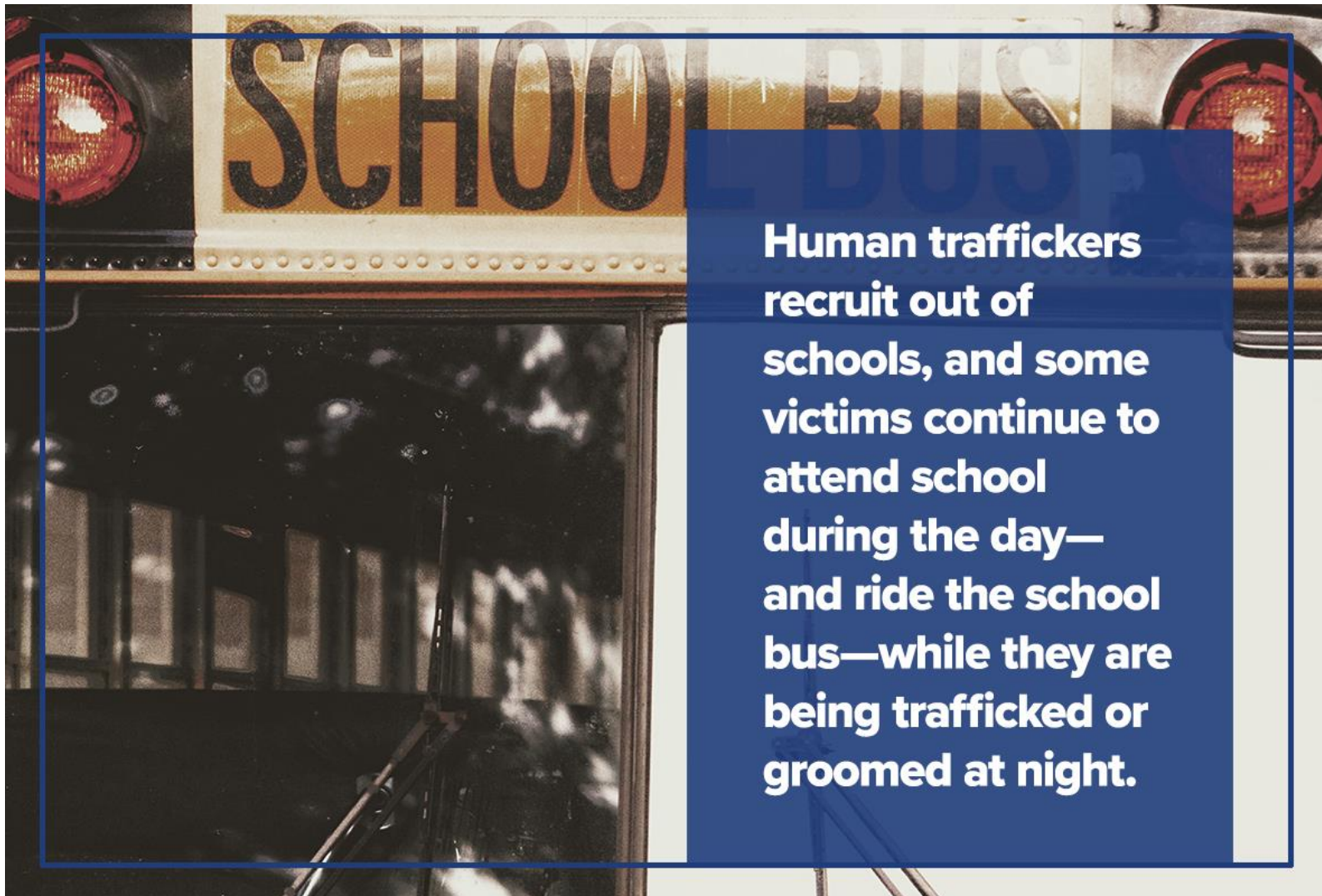
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When trafficking victims are able to get out, some rely on bus transportation to escape.

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Human traffickers recruit out of schools, and some victims continue to attend school during the day—and ride the school bus—while they are being trafficked or groomed at night.

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Bus drivers are the eyes and ears of the roads, rest stops, tour sites, casino parking lots, and other places where trafficking may occur.

Make the Call, Save Lives



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BUSING ON THE LOOKOUT (B.O.T.L.)

When building an army to fight a crime like human trafficking, members of the bus industry immediately come to mind as professionals with a key role to fill, primarily due to the actions of human traffickers themselves:

1. Human traffickers use bus terminals and bus stops as recruiting areas when they're looking for vulnerable people, primarily minors and young adults, to exploit.
2. Human traffickers often use buses to transport their victims to locations where they'll be sold.
3. Human traffickers are counting on busing employees to be ignorant of the signs to look for and the questions to ask which would help to spot victims in transit.

Additionally, the diversity of the busing industry itself, from touring/travel buses to metro buses, rapid transit and public transportation to school buses and other private bus lines, including charters, provides multiple ways for human trafficking victims to travel, whether they're going cross country or just across town, whether they're still in school or a bit older, whether they're in a group, with a trafficker or traveling alone.



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For more information on combating human trafficking,
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Human trafficking is modern-day slavery. Traffickers use force, fraud and coercion to control their victims. Any minor engaged in commercial sex is a victim of human trafficking. Trafficking can occur in many locations, including bus terminals, restaurants, hotels/motels, strip clubs, casinos, private homes, truck stops, etc. Moreover, traffickers utilize bus terminals to recruit victims out of, as well as the bus itself to transport their victims. Whether you work behind a ticket counter, conduct bus maintenance, or are a professional driver, members of the bus industry are in a position to spot potential human trafficking situations and save a life. To report a tip or to help a victim access services, call the National Hotline at:

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For law enforcement to open an investigation on your tip, they need "actionable information," and as many details as you can provide. Specific tips helpful when reporting to the hotline would include:

- Descriptions of cars (make, model, color, license plate number, etc.) and people (height, weight, hair color, eye color, age, etc.) Take a picture if you can.
- Specific times and dates (When did you see the event in question take place? What day was it?)
- Addresses and locations where suspicious activity took place

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Questions to Ask:

- Do you know the person who is picking you up?
- Do you feel safe with the person you're traveling with?
- Do your parents/siblings/relatives know where you are? If not, why not?
- Are you free to come and go as you please?
- Are you or your family being threatened? What is the nature of the threats?

Trafficking Red Flags to Look For:

- Restricted or controlled communication-not allowed to speak for self
- Disheveled appearance, unkempt, alone, scared/crying
- Minors traveling without adult supervision
- Offers to exchange sex for a ride, meal, etc.
- Does not know the person who is picking them up
- Any acknowledgement that she/he has a pimp and is making a quota
- Signs of branding or tattooing (often of trafficker's name)
- Is not in possession of own ticket or ID

TAT BY THE NUMBERS



2,126+

CALLS MADE TO
THE NATIONAL HOTLINE
BY TRUCKERS ALONE



570 LIKELY
HUMAN TRAFFICKING
CASES IDENTIFIED

INVOLVING
1,058
TRAFFICKING VICTIMS
324
OF WHICH
WERE MINORS

2017
2018

Almost half
of the cases generated
by truckers

48.5%
involved
minors

573,200+
TAT TRAINED
PERSONS

Clearly this partnership
with TAT and Polaris is
working well, and it is
showing the critical role
that truckers play.

- Bradley Myles, CEO, Polaris



Get Involved!

- ✓ Be on the lookout!
- ✓ Train all employees
- ✓ Display posters
- ✓ Review policies
- ✓ Donate ticket vouchers
- ✓ Spread the word ...



Contact Information

Call the National Human Trafficking
Hotline at 1-888-3737-888

Text the BeFree Text Line at 233733



**Want
Out
of the
Life?**

Call or text us for help and options. We are here for you 24/7.

If you or someone you know is being forced to engage in any activity to support a commercial sex, massage, farm work, construction, factory, retail or restaurant work, or any other activity, call the National Human Trafficking Center at 1-888-373-7888 to access help and services.



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