

DOMESTIC MINOR  
SEX TRAFFICKING (DMST)  
IN TN & THE UNITED STATES



## Our Mission

To eliminate sexual exploitation and trafficking of children and provide safe environments to foster **healing** and **hope** through Jesus Christ.

We do this by:



### Awareness

We bring awareness and light to the dark issue of domestic minor sex trafficking to our churches and community through DMST trainings and presentations.



### Prevention

We engage children and youth with a sexual exploitation prevention message through our partnerships with churches, school systems and organizations working with youth.



### Connection

We connect and mobilize churches, community organizations and individual volunteers to engage in the elimination of DMST. We also partner with other like-minded organizations on a comprehensive path to eradicate sexual exploitation and sex trafficking of children in East Tennessee.



### Training

We provide training to equip individuals to identify signs of sexual exploitation and trafficking, as well as the proper way to respond if they believe they identified a victim.



### Restoration

We provide a holistic, Christ-centered restorative approach - physically, spiritually and emotionally - restoring in victims a true identity of who they are: loved, significant and valuable to God.



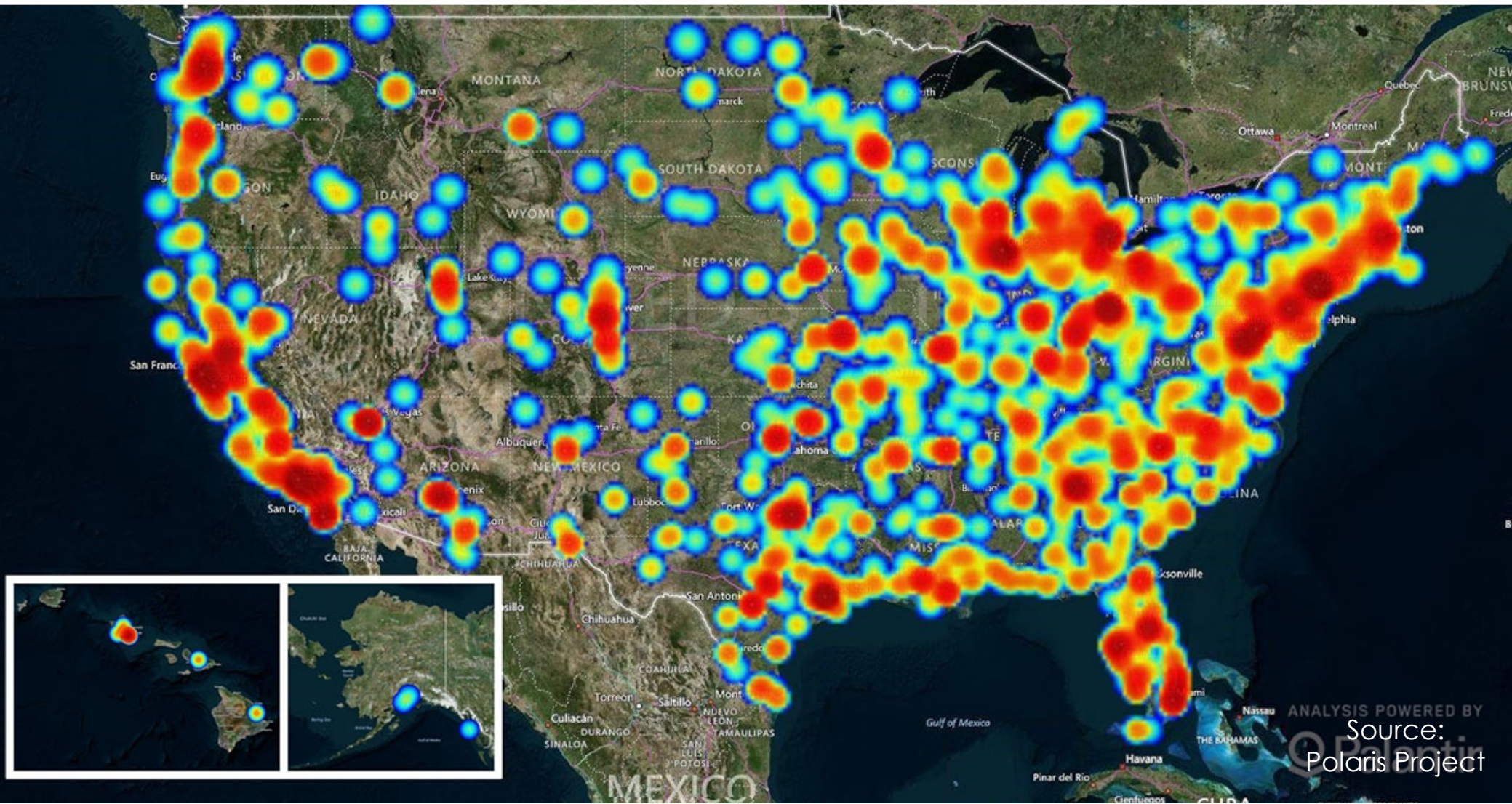
### Prayer

Street Hope TN believes prayer is a powerful tool in fighting DMST. As we commit to focus on restoration of minor sex trafficking victims, we are frequently reminded that this can only be done through regular prayer and seeking His heart with each step.



**Street Hope TN** believes there is no life too broken to be healed by God. Every life has value, and each person, victim or perpetrator, “may abound in hope” (Romans 15:13). Our confidence in this divine plan inspires our action in response to Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking.

“That’s terrible ... but it doesn’t  
happen **HERE**, does it?”



What you think of.



Sources: <http://www.oddties123.com/street-red-light-district-in-pattaya/>.

# Sex Trafficking.

Occurs when someone uses force, fraud or coercion to **cause a commercial sex act** with an adult, or **causes a minor** (A CHILD) **to commit a commercial sex act.**

## Commercial Sex Act.

Includes: prostitution, **pornography** and sexual performance done in exchange for any item of value, like: money, food, shelter, clothing or drugs.

## Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking (DMST)

The Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Child (CSEC)

# Why are our kids at risk?



By adulthood, **1 in 4 girls & 1 in 6 boys** will have been sexually abused



At least **70%** of victims of DMST were first victimized **IN THEIR OWN HOME!**



# Why are our kids at risk?

**1.68  
MILLION**

American  
children  
run away  
each year

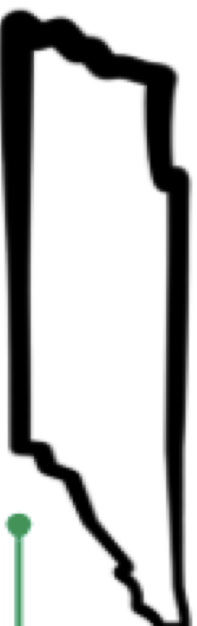


**1 IN 3** runaway  
children will be  
approached by a  
trafficker in the  
**FIRST 48 HOURS**

**600-900 KIDS**

Are reported missing in TN  
**EACH MONTH.**

Many ran away due to  
trouble at home.



**AT LEAST**

**2400**

kids in TN are at  
risk of becoming  
victims of **DMST**  
each year



EVERY **2** MINUTES A CHILD IS **SOLD**  
FOR SEX IN THE U.S.

**{13}**  
YEARS OLD  
is the average  
age a child  
becomes a  
victim of DMST

**AVERAGE LIFE  
EXPECTANCY**  
of a child sex  
trafficking victim



**{7 YEARS}**

**DMST** is considered the most **under-reported,**  
**most under-identified, and most extreme**  
**form of commercial sexual exploitation**  
facing children today.



# Why Sex Trafficking?

- International revenue surpasses **\$40 billion/year**
- It is the fastest-growing business of organized crime in the world
- Second-largest criminal enterprise in the world
- Easier to conceal than weapons
- A pimp can make \$150,000-\$200,000 per child each year and exploits an average of 4-6 girls

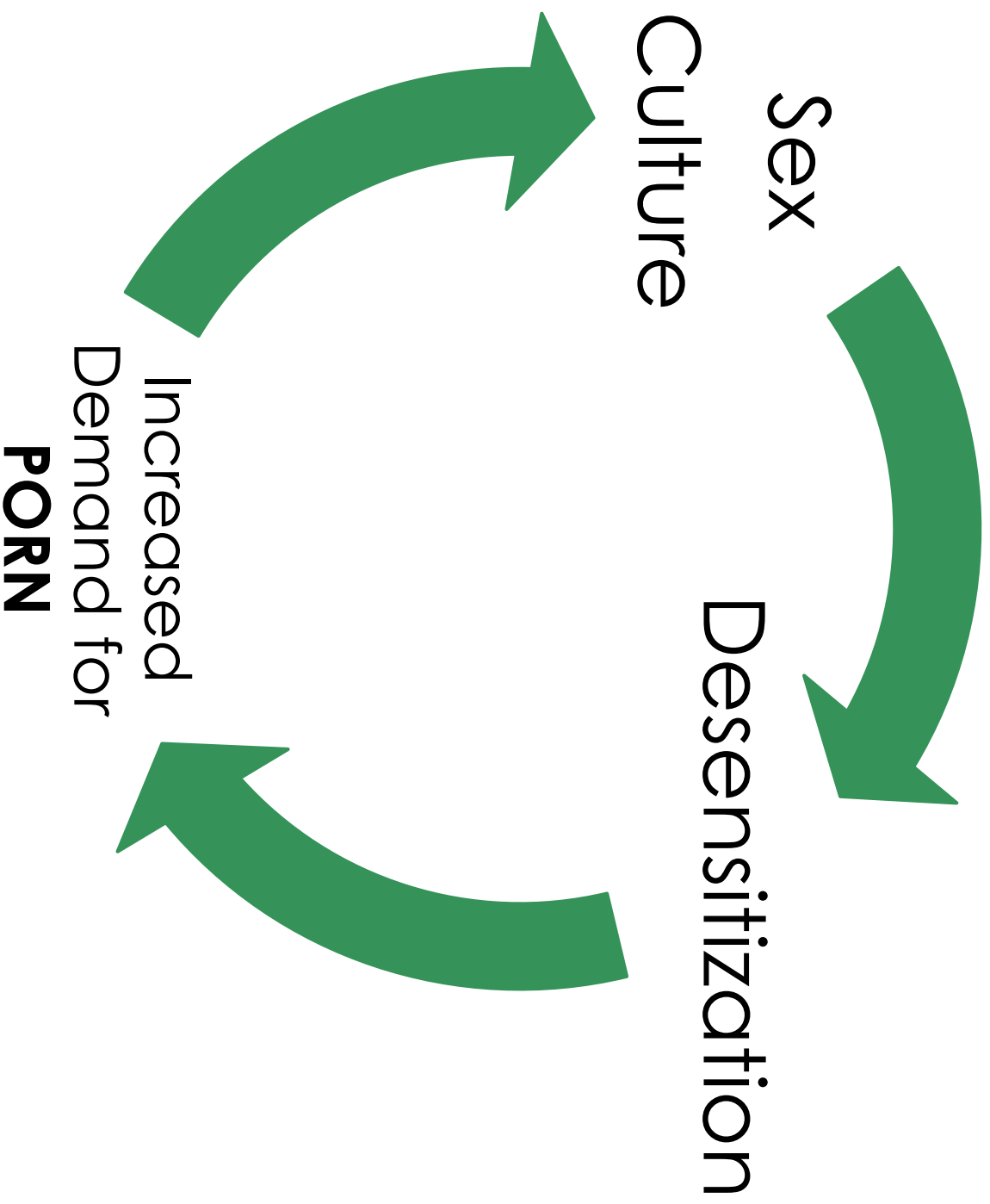


# Supply exists because of demand.

Children are a renewable resource.



# Why is there so much **DEMAND**?

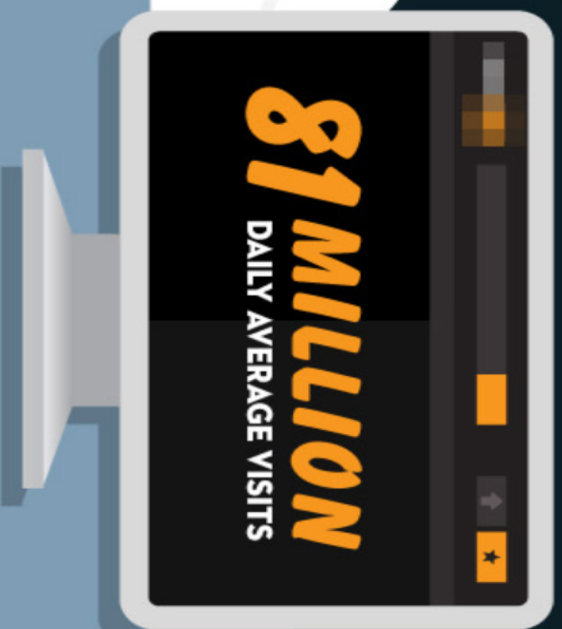


# 2017

YEAR IN REVIEW

**28.5 BILLION**  
ANNUAL VISITS TO PORNHUB

**81 million**  
DAILY AVERAGE VISITS



**25 BILLION**  
SEARCHES PERFORMED

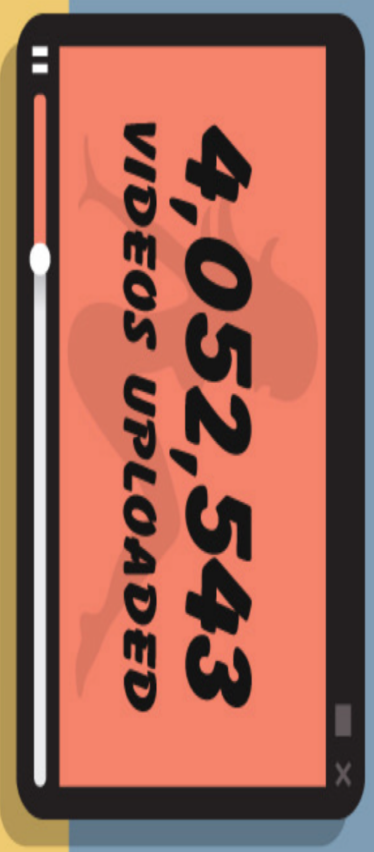
**50,000** SEARCHES PER MINUTE  
**800** SEARCHES PER SECOND



## PORN.

- Internet is an easy, accessible venue; widespread, provides anonymity
- Average age a kid first views porn is **8-11 years old**
- **70% men + 30% of women** admit viewing **at least** monthly

**4,052,543**  
VIDEOS UPLOADED



**HOURS OF PORN UPLOADED**



**68**  
YEARS



**24,811**  
DAYS



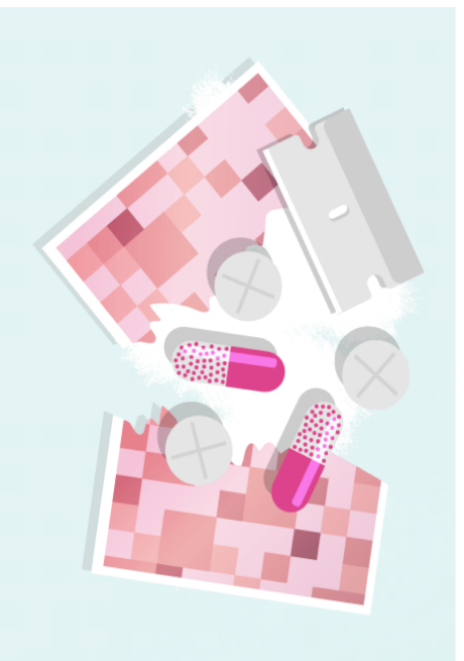
**595,482**  
HOURS

# PORN.

Is an escalating behavior.



Affects the brain like a drug.



Rewires the brain.



- Need an ever-increasing dosage over time in order to feel the same level of enjoyment
- Often have to **seek out more extreme and hard-core forms of porn**
- Porn consumers can reach a point where **they enjoy porn less and less, but want it more and more**

# PORN: the big problem

**Pictures > Videos > Prostitutes > Children**  
(Increasingly graphic)

(i.e. Sex, creating  
Child porn, watching  
kids watch porn,  
watching child rape)

## Also:

- **Any** instance in which the individual on screen was forced, tricked, or pressured would be considered **trafficking**
- **So, MANY** participants in porn are actually being **trafficked**
- **MANY** participants in porn are **addicted to drugs** (coercion)
- **MANY** participants in porn are actually **UNDERAGE GIRLS or BOYS**
- **ALL Child porn is sex trafficking**
- **Not all porn is non-consensual, but some of it is and some of it isn't, and when you watch it there's no way to know which is which.**

# Who are the victims?

- **ANYONE WHO IS VULNERABLE**

- Any socio-economic status
- Any children or youth
- LGBTQ Youth
- Ethnic Minorities
- Those with high **ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences)**
- Drug Users
- Anyone with history of sexual or physical abuse
- **“Runaway” and “Throwaway”** youth populations
  - 60% of kids at risk of CSEC fall in this category
- Those whom have been through the **foster care/welfare system**



- 50-90% of CSEC victims have been involved in child welfare system

# Who are the perpetrators?

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ON YOUR SIDE

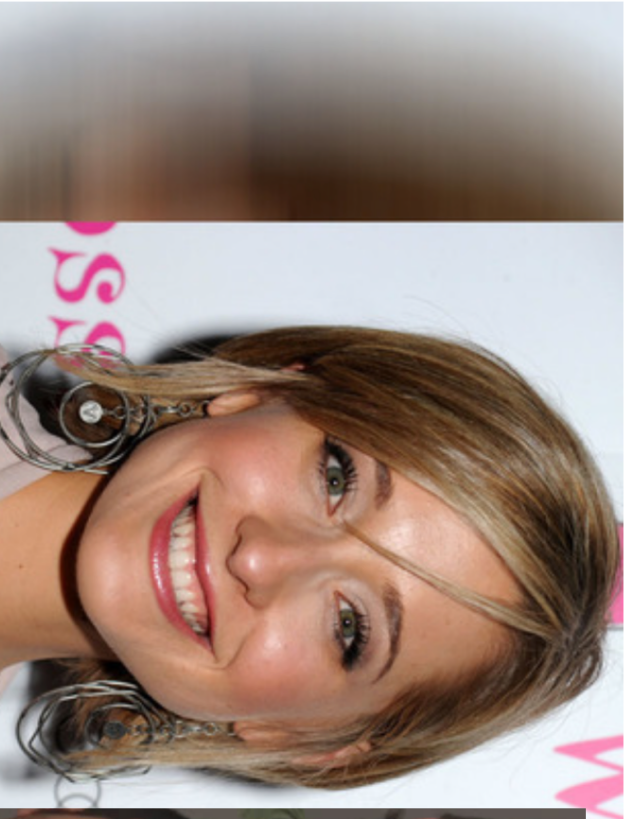
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Watercooler

## Former 'Smallville' actress Allison Mack arrested on federal sex trafficking charges

By: AP

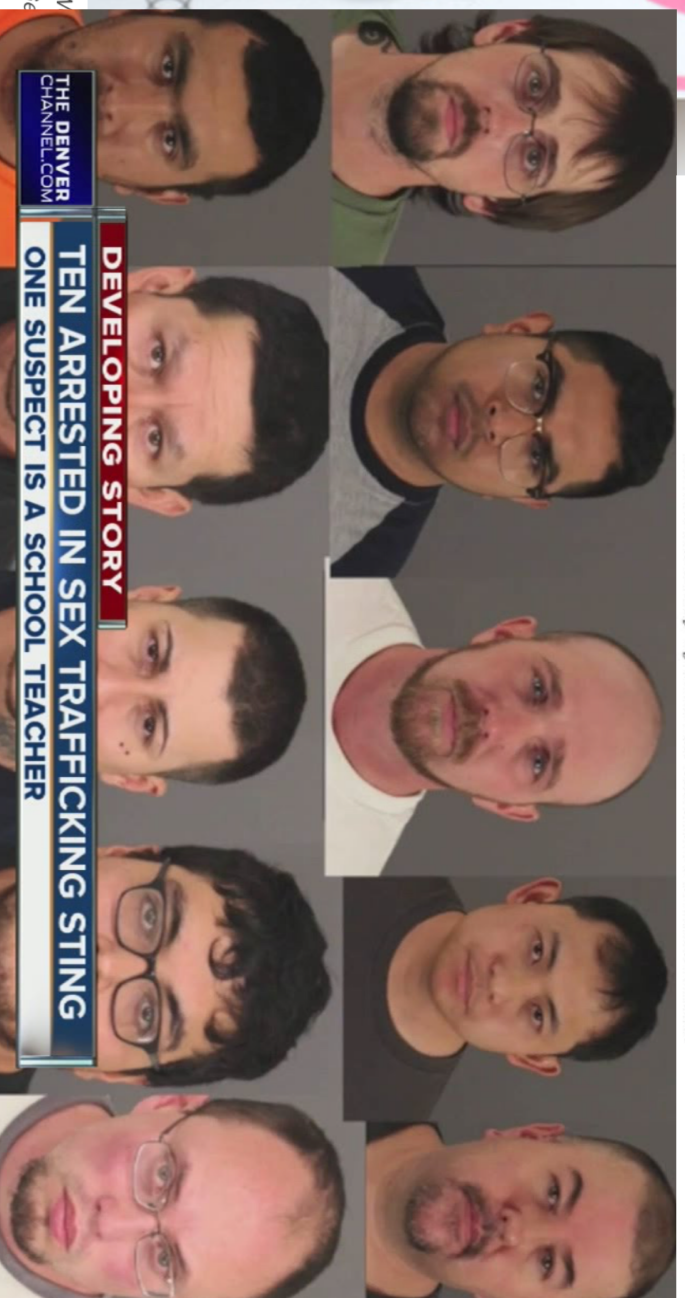
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JUDGE ARRESTED  
ON CHILD SEX CHARGES

LOCAL 12

Photo courtesy of WKRC, Local 12 in Cincinnati.



THE DENVER  
CHANNEL.COM

DEVELOPING STORY  
TEN ARRESTED IN SEX TRAFFICKING STING  
ONE SUSPECT IS A SCHOOL TEACHER

NEW YORK - JULY 29: Actress Allison Mack attends the 'Love, Loss, And What I W  
celebration at 44 1/2 on July 29, 2010 in New York City. (Photo by Bryan Bedder/Ge

# 32 arrested in human trafficking sting operation, 2 pastors charged with trafficking

By: Lauren Castle 

Updated: May 20, 2016 09:11 AM EDT



# BRUCE



“Our family’s story all started about five years ago with a 15-year-old boy named Bruce on Instagram. Bruce was, like I said, a normal 15-year-old boy. What I didn’t know was that the men who were acting as his “friends” had set Bruce up as a scout. His was the first safe face that our children see; he was unknowingly luring young girls into his circle as prey for the men to pick and choose from...If you do not know or understand what to look for or how to **monitor your child’s social media use**, then ask someone who does, someone you feel you can trust with the life of your child.

This picture above of my daughters may have been the last picture I had with both of them together. This was taken around the time Haylee met Bruce.”

-[ScaryMommy.com](https://www.ScaryMommy.com) for entire story



# Who are the perpetrators?

**Strangers, family members, friends, pastors, school mates**

**Those who buy:** Johns, Buyers

**Those who sell:**

- **Spotter** – identifies a prospect
- **Recruiter** – gleans information
- **Trafficker** – pimp, sells the product
  - *Gorilla-force - physically/emotionally abusive, kidnapping, use of drugs/alcohol*
  - *Romeo - declares love, lavishes gifts, promises*



# How do predators reach victims?

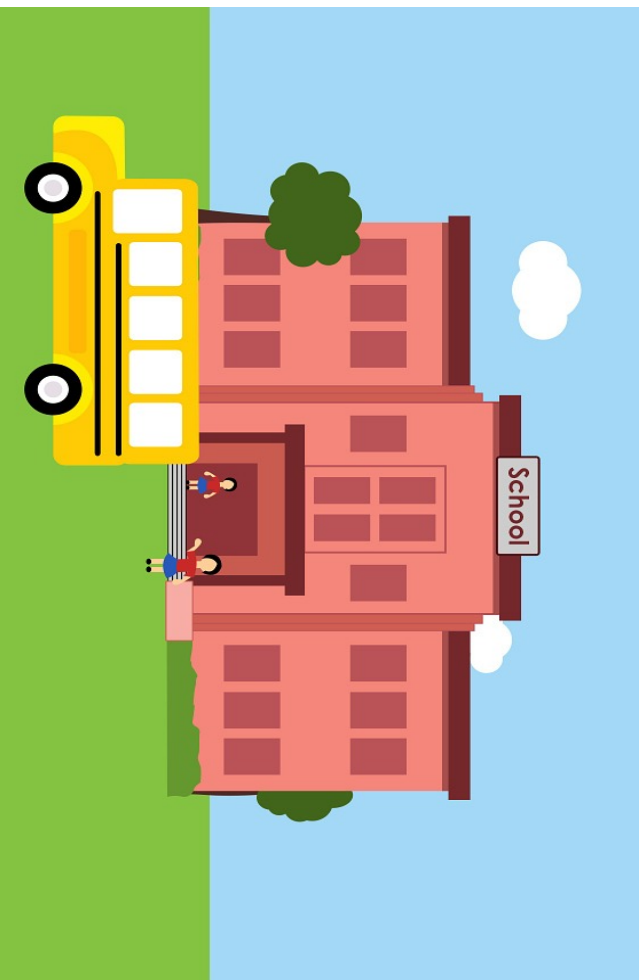


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And **LURE** them  
through promises of:



**Protection**



**Love**



**Adventure**



**Home**

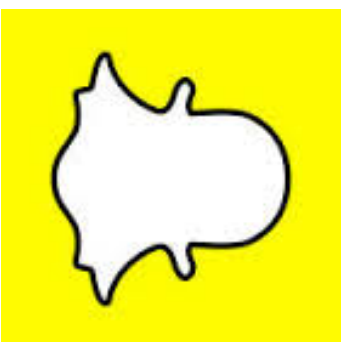


**Opportunity**

**GROOMING** →  
**FORCE + FRAUD +  
COERCION**

- **Utilize Others:** bottom girls, madams, peers or relatives to recruit
- Instability creates opportunities for traffickers to reach out and bond with vulnerable children
- Offers to provide whatever is missing teens life + Exploit vulnerabilities

# Vulnerability in Technology



Of Youth-produced sexual content - **89.9% OF ALL MATERIAL** was redistributed on a third party website.

Internet Watch Foundation, 2015 Study Minors Distributing Sexually Explicit Content via  
Webcams/Smartphones



# Youth and Technology: The Problem

- **Predators seek youth who:**
  - Vulnerable to seduction, including those with histories of sexual or physical abuse
  - Post sexually provocative photos/videos online
  - Talk about sex with unknown people online
  - Post comments about being neglected or unloved, or “their parents just don’t understand”
- **OVERSHARE** information



# Recruitment

## Grooming + Coercion = Attachment

- **Convince victims they love them**
- **Isolate** victims from family, friends + school
- **Manipulates** victim to believe if they don't work, harm will come to them or their friends or family
- **Violence, fear, intimidation** - harm can be physical, psychological, financial or reputation
- Methodically **strip away self-esteem + assert total control**
  - how to walk, talk, what to wear, eat, when and where to sleep
- **Drug addiction** - Get victim addicted to drugs to increase dependence
- Re-name victim, erase former identity
- Take legal documents

# Why don't the victims **LEAVE?**

- **Dependency/Trauma Bonds/Stockholm Syndrome** - physically, financially or emotionally dependent on the trafficker
- Trained to protect pimp using lies and false stories
- Taught to distrust service providers & law enforcement
- Belief that the captors (pimps, madams, johns) can and will kill you
- Captivity, confinement, isolation
- Frequently moved place to place
- Legal documents taken away
- Addicted to drugs
- **Fear, shame, self-blame and hopelessness**

# How Do We Respond?



# Know the Signs:

- Suddenly withdraws or seeks isolation
- Carries a lot of cash
- Maintains poor personal hygiene
- Dresses inappropriately for weather or setting
- Resists being truthful or open
- Sustains bruises or unexplained injuries
- Dates a much older person
- Chronic runaway
- Homelessness
- Previous sexual abuse
- Misses normal activities with unexplained absence
- Substance abuse disorder
- Distinctive tattoos or branding mark
- Unexplained sudden increase in money, clothing, or other goods
- Fiercely protective over cell phone
- Inconsistency when describing or recounting events
- Frequent school absences and/or drop in grades
- **Signs of emotional distress:** depression, anxiety, paranoia, withdrawn behavior, inability or fear of social interaction

# Identify & Report Perpetrators

**Get help if you recognize any of these characteristics:**

- Hyper-jealous, controlling or exhibits violence
- Hiding a relationship with someone significantly older than the teen involved
- Separating person from usual network
- Promising things that are too good to be true
- Suggests they know how to help teen make a lot of money
- Buys expensive gifts without evidence of a 'real' job

# Reporting Child Trafficking

## Where there is immediate danger

Call 9 1 1

1. If you believe you have identified a **victim of human trafficking or sexual exploitation**, **DO NOT** intervene as this could put the victim in more harm.
2. Memorize as many details as you can (i.e. approximate age of victim, height, hair color, any distinct marks on body, location you saw victim, license plate number, etc.).
3. Write down any suspicious activity or signs you identified (i.e. marks on body, abnormal behavior, conversations, etc.)

### For adults (over 18) report information to either:

**TN Human Trafficking Hotline** 1-855-558-6484

**National Human Trafficking Hotline** [1-888-373-7888](tel:1-888-373-7888) **OR TEXT** 233733

### For minors (under 18) make a report to **BOTH**:

**Tennessee DCS Intake Number** 877.54.ABUSE (877.542.2873)  
& **TN Human Trafficking Hotline**

Because of social stigma or misinformation, victims go:



## UNIDENTIFIED

SILENCED BY FEAR  
AND THE CONTROL OF  
THE TRAFFICKER



## MISIDENTIFIED

PIGEONHOLED INTO  
TREATMENT FOR ONLY  
THE SURFACE ISSUES

**INSTEAD**  
Victims are often  
treated for:

DRUG ABUSE

ALCOHOL ABUSE

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

DELINQUENCY

TEENAGE PREGNANCY

STDs

ABORTION

# Where do they go?

- In TN, foster care or group homes
- **1,644 SHELTER BEDS AVAILABLE TO SURVIVORS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING ACROSS THE U.S.**
- Survivors need a wide array of services for a sustainable recovery –
  - Mental Health support
  - Physical health support
  - Trauma informed care
- Also, basic needs
  - Food, clothing, shelter
  - Job training
  - Schooling - Recovery credit, GED, etc.
  - Social skills



# How do we end it?

**REPORT** Suspicious behavior.

**Stand up against pornography:** If there's no market, there's no need for a product

**GET ADULTS + YOUTH TRAINED:** DMST TRAINING + INTERNET SAFETY

Become a volunteer

Join our prayer team

Subscribe to our NL

Follow us on social media: Street Hope TN

Give

**PRAY**



# HOW DO WE END IT?

**Street Hope TN** is a non-profit funded solely by individuals, organizations and churches in our community.

If you feel led to support Street Hope TN financially to support our efforts, please visit [streethope.tn.org](http://streethope.tn.org) or contact us at [info@streethope.tn.org](mailto:info@streethope.tn.org)



“You may choose to look away, but you can  
never again say that **you did not know.**”

-William Wilberforce



# Questions?

- Visit **streethopetn.org** to learn more information about DMST, and to find out how you can get involved with our ministry.
- Contact **Devin Payne** at [devin@streethopetn.org](mailto:devin@streethopetn.org)



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