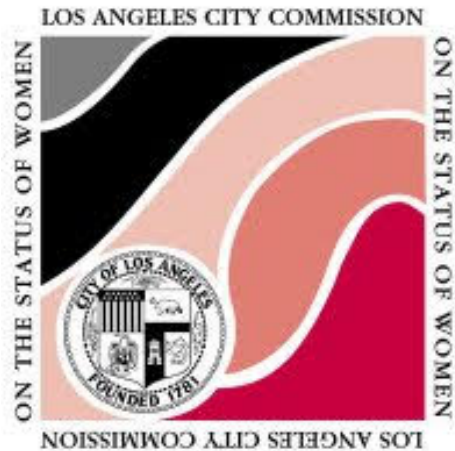


# Human Trafficking

## The Globe's Fastest Growing Crime



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# The Definition of Human Trafficking

"Severe Forms" of human trafficking:

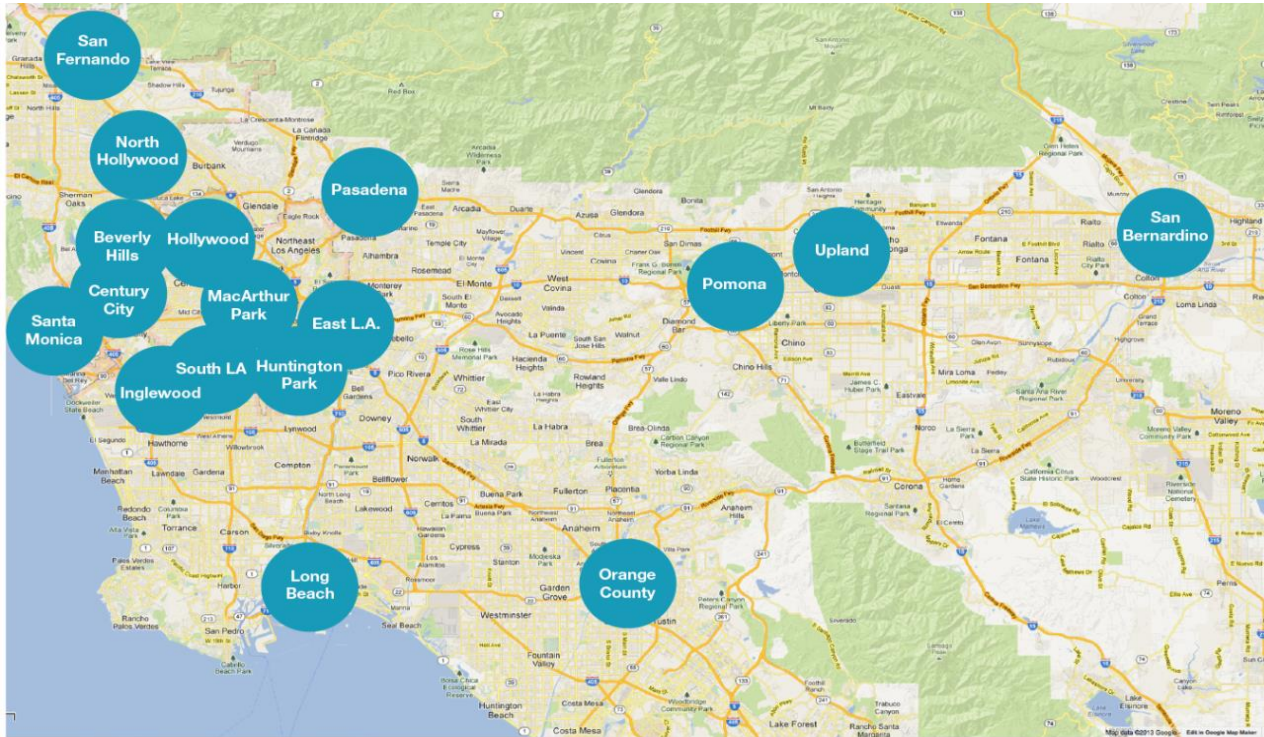
- (a) sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by **force, fraud, or coercion**, or in which the person induced to perform such an act **has not attained 18 years of age**; or
- (b) the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purposes of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000

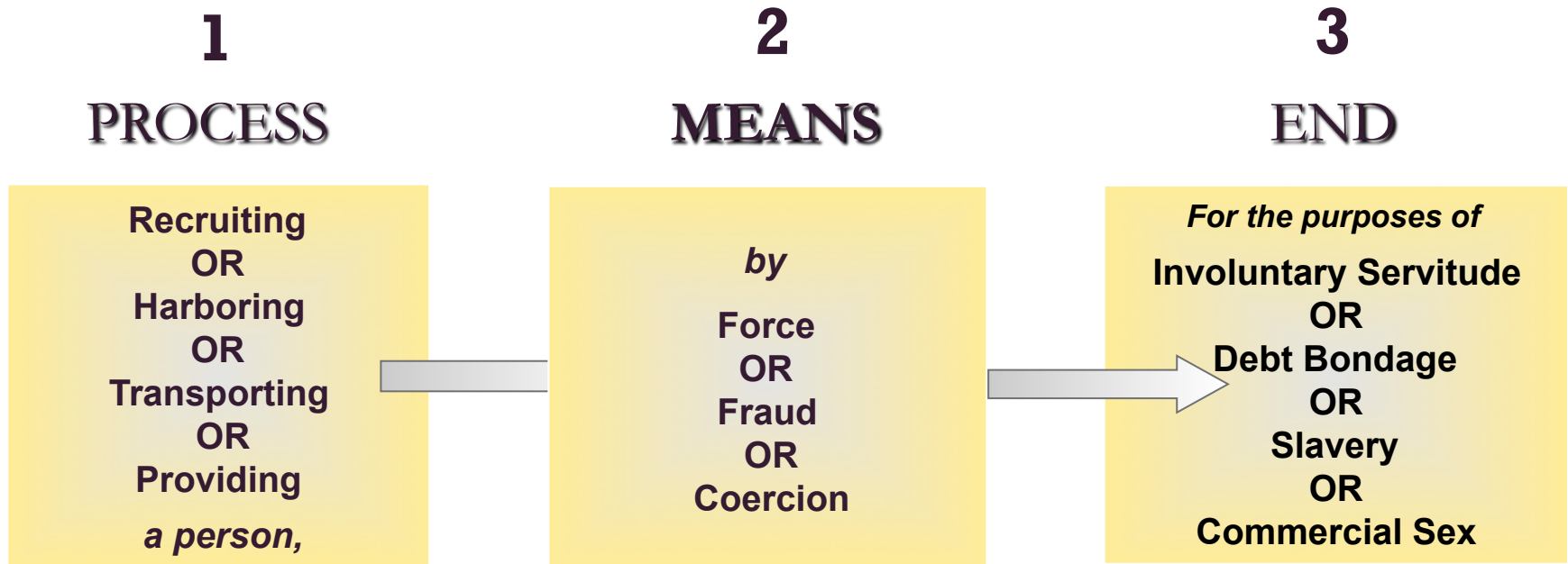
# Human Trafficking in the 21st Century

- Human trafficking is the fastest growing criminal enterprise of the 21st Century. Human trafficking generates \$9.5 billion each year in the United States alone.
- Modern trafficking is connected to a host of other transnational issues, including poverty, discrimination against women, the drug and arms trade, and the refugee crises around the globe.

# Human Trafficking Hub: California/Los Angeles



# Three Elements of Trafficking



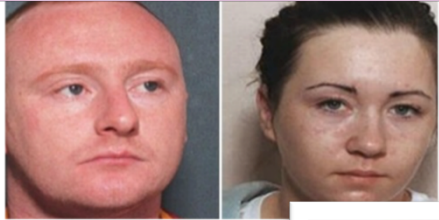
# WHO ARE THE TRAFFICKERS?

- Organized crime
- Neighbors, friends, family members, village chiefs, returnees
- Agricultural operations
- Owners of small or medium-sized businesses
- Families (including diplomats)



# NOT WHO YOU THINK

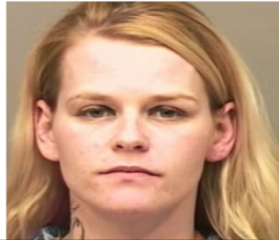
Ran multiple brothels



Violent OC pimp



Labor trafficking



Sex trafficking of niece



Labor trafficking



Sex trafficking



Sex Trafficking



Alleged labor trafficking

# WHO ARE TRAFFICKED and ENSLAVED PERSONS?

- Men, women and children
- Varying ages
- Varying levels of education
- May be US Citizens or
- Voluntary migrants
  - Seeking to improve their situation



# Pathways to Entry



- Parents selling children
- Violence and force
- Kidnapping
- Seduction and coercion
- False advertising for “modeling,” “acting,” or “dancing” opportunities
- Peer recruitment
- Internet enticement through chat rooms or profile sharing sites



# Possible Indicators

- Excess amount of cash
- Hotel room keys
- Chronic runaway/homeless
- Signs of “branding”
- Relationships with older men
- Changes in behavior or dress
- Presence of overly controlling and/or abusive “boyfriend”
- Injuries/signs of physical or psychological abuse
- Having to work excessive hours or when sick
- Working to pay off a debt
- Not able to talk to friends or family
- Restricted/scripted communication
- Inconsistencies in story
- No ID documents

# Victims May Not Appear to Want Help



- Captivity, confinement and isolation
- Use and threat of violence
- Fear, shame, self-blame and hopelessness
- Dependency
- Distrust of law enforcement
- Debt bondage
- Misinformation/false promises
- Lack of knowledge of social systems
- Non-identification as a victim
- Stockholm Syndrome

# Human Trafficking in the 21st Century

Women are significantly more likely to be victims of trafficking. According to the UN Trafficking in Persons Report 2014, the latest data shows **women and girls comprising at least 70% of trafficking victims**. Further, when looking at the data for sex trafficking, women and girls make up 98% of the victim population.



# Human Trafficking Victims are often Seen as Criminals

- Traffickers often force victims to commit crimes in the course of their trafficking
- Child sex trafficking is still criminalized in most states where children cannot legally consent to sex.
  - For this reason many child sex trafficking victims continue to be arrested
  - Many law enforcement partners advocate for arrest as a means of referring child victims to services

# Human Trafficking Law & The Victim Immigration Status

**T Visa:** Pursuant to the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000, victims of trafficking are now afforded the opportunity to obtain permanent legal residence in the United States.



# Human Trafficking Law & The Victim Immunity

Many states, including California and New York, have taken steps to treat trafficking victims as just that – victims – rather than as criminals.

Sanctuary for Families  
launches innovative  
Human Trafficking  
Intervention Court in  
Queens, New York.





# Human Trafficking Law & The Victim Restitution

Under the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000, restitution is a mandatory remedy in trafficking cases. And yet . . .

## Sex Trafficking Cases

- Prosecutors sought restitution in only 61% of the sex trafficking cases surveyed
- Where restitution was sought, it was granted only 44% of the time
- The average restitution order was \$151,201

## Labor Trafficking Cases

- Prosecutors sought restitution in 87% of labor trafficking cases
- Where restitution was sought, it was granted 93% of the time
- The average restitution order was \$228,201

# The Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking



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Response



Legal  
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Social  
Services



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Leadership



Outreach  
and Training



Policy  
Advocacy

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