The Major Crimes Bureau Sex Crimes Squad conducts long-term investigations and operations to combat Human Trafficking.

What is Human Trafficking?

Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery. This crime occurs when a trafficker uses force, fraud or coercion to control another person for the purpose of engaging in commercial sex acts or soliciting labor or services against his/her will. Force, fraud, or coercion need not be present if the individual engaging in commercial sex is under 18 years of age.

How do traffickers control victims?

Traffickers employ a variety of control tactics, the most common include physical and emotional abuse and threats, isolation from friends and family, and economic abuse. They make promises aimed at addressing the needs of their target in order to impose control. As a result, victims become trapped and fear leaving for myriad reasons, including psychological trauma, shame, emotional attachment, or physical threats to themselves or their family.

Recognizing the signs:

Are you or someone you know being trafficked? Is human trafficking happening in your community? Recognizing potential red flags and knowing the indicators of human trafficking is a key step in identifying more victims and helping them find the assistance they need. Follow the link below to view the warning signs:

https://polarisproject.org/human-trafficking/recognize-signs

Where do I report Human Trafficking?

If you have information regarding suspected Human Trafficking of a child in Florida please contact:

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
MYFLFAMILIES.COM

Florida Abuse Hotline

1-800-96-ABUSE

(1-800-962-2873)

https://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/human-trafficking/

If you have information regarding suspected Human Trafficking of an adult anywhere in the United States or of a child outside of Florida please contact the National Human Trafficking Resource Center by clicking on the following link below:

https://polarisproject.org/get-assistance/national-human-trafficking-hotline?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIxKzq3LKD5AIV1FqGCh217gcoEAAYASAAEgLpJPD_BwE

-or- Call 1-888-373-7888

-or- text 233733

The National Human Trafficking Hotline connects victims and survivors of sex and labor trafficking with services and supports to get help and stay safe. The National Hotline also receives tips about potential situations of sex and labor trafficking and facilitates reporting that information to the appropriate authorities in certain cases.