

DOMESTIC MINOR SEX TRAFFICKING:
America's Hidden Epidemic

Fort Bend Commissioners Court



The Facts About Human Trafficking

- Fastest-growing crime in the world - \$32 billion a year.
- 27 million slaves in the world today.
- 99% of victims are never rescued.
- 100,000-300,000 exploited in the U.S. every year.
- Average age is 12-13.
- Boys or girls.
- Children of any ethnicity, race, or religion.
- Youth of any socio-economic class.
- 1 out of 3 kids who runaway or homeless are at high risk for becoming a victim within 48 hours.
- Average life span is 7 short years.



Who is Traffick911?

Traffick911 Mission

VISION

A world without slavery.

CORE PURPOSE

Freeing our children from sexual slavery.

CORE BELIEFS & VALUES

Faith-driven action on behalf of the powerless.

Every life has a purpose.

Every human has the right to be free.

Every victim of DMST can be restored.



Why should we care?

Myth: It's not happening here

In today's world, you have domestic minor sex trafficking wherever you have:

- Drugs
- Organized crime or gangs:
 - 2013 University of Portland study –
gangs played a part for **49.1%** of victims
- Poverty

Sitting in the jail cells

American child victims of sex trafficking **are being arrested** for the crime committed against them **while their abusers walk free.**

- Shared Hope International



...not the case for rape or other child sex-abuse victims.

Surviving on the street



✦ **1 out of every 3** street youth in the U.S. at high risk of being approached by a pimp within **48 hours** of running away or being kicked out.

✦ Fort Bend ISD: **549** homeless students

✦ **40%** on free/reduced lunch

✦ Lamar ISD: **140** homeless students

✦ **50%** on free/reduced lunch

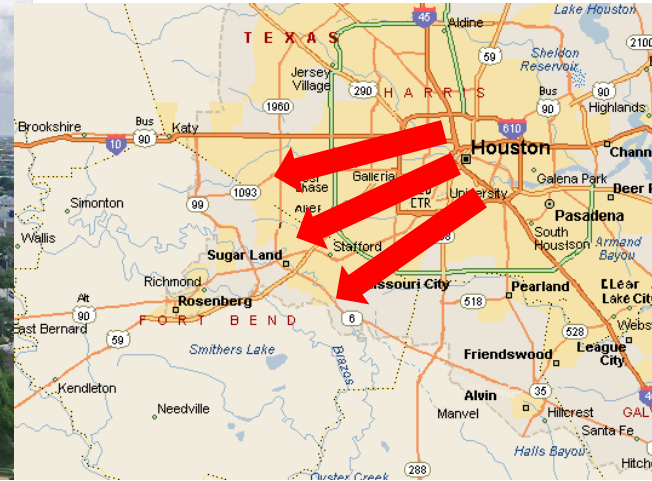
✦ With up to 2.4 million runaways a year, **statistically 800,000 victims** a year just in that category.

Texas is a hub



- ✦ Texas is the **No. 2** state for trafficking of our children (Homeland Security)
- ✦ **740** girls under 18 trafficked across the state in **one month**
- ✦ Department of Justice designated the I-10 corridor as the **No. 1 route** for human trafficking in the U.S.
- ✦ **1.9 million** children do not know where their next meal will come from;
2nd-leading state for child food insecurity
- ✦ **1.8 million** children live in poverty; **3-plus** percent higher than the national rate

Local realities



- FBI named Houston as 1 of 14 cities with the **highest number** of victims.⁴
- **15%** of Texas calls to hotline come from Houston area.
- **6,000** *Houston teens run away each year.*
- During the 2011 school year, Harris County and select Fort Bend County schools identified 13,262 homeless children. **405** of those were in Fort Bend ISD.
- **294** Registered sex offenders
- **11 truck stops** in or near Richmond

A few of our cases

- 14-year-old sold in 5 states in one month
- 15-year-old held in captivity for one year
- 15-year-old recruited at her school bus stop
- 14-year-old in porn video, stripping, stabbed, beaten, starved, given meth
- 15-year-old sold around Fort Hood
- 16-year-old victim of SUR-13
- 12-year-old, dad died; his best friend forced her into porn and sex parties; sold to multiple men

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Dallas Man Sentenced To 15 Years In Federal Prison For Sex Trafficking Of A Minor Child

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September 15, 2014

DALLAS — A Dallas man who met a 15-year-old female run-away at a bus station, took her, and made her engage in sex acts for money, was sentenced this morning by U.S. District Judge David C. Godbey to 15 years in federal prison and a lifetime of supervised release. U.S. Attorney Sarah R. Saldaña of the Northern District of Texas made the announcement today.

In June 2014, Dereck Johnson, 33, pleaded guilty to one count of sex trafficking of children. According to documents filed in the case and information revealed at today's sentencing hearing, on June 1, 2012, a 15-year old female, "Jane Doe," took \$200 from her father before spending the night at a friend's house. While there, she asked a friend to drive her to a Greyhound station where she bought a ticket, with several transfers, to Arizona where a friend lived. Her bus stopped at the Greyhound station in downtown Dallas, where Johnson approached her. Jane Doe told Johnson she was 15 and that her parents did not know where she was. Johnson told her to go with him, and he would help her find Wi-Fi for her phone. Instead, he called a friend who picked them up and eventually took them to his home.

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Denton County judge sentences man to 20 years for selling an Allen teen for sex in six states



By Tasha Tsiaperas

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10:35 am on July 31, 2013 | Permalink

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A Denton County judge sentenced a man Friday to 20 years in prison for selling a teenage girl from Allen into prostitution in Texas and five other states.

William Bernard Jacobs, 30, was convicted of sexual assault of a child and trafficking of a person.





**Man who prosecutor calls 'modern day slave trader' gets four life sentences -
WOAI News 4 San...**

news4sanantonio.com

By JENNIFER SAUCEDOSAN ANTONIO -- A San Antonio man convicted of selling young girls for sex will be

Schools are prime recruiting ground

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING ARREST
17-YEAR-OLD TRAVIS LEKAS ACCUSED OF FORCING
15-YEAR-OLD CLASSMATE INTO PROSTITUTION

Irving student arrested on human trafficking charge

Posted on May 14, 2013 at 5:00 PM
Updated today at 9:22 PM
Officers arrested Travis Lekas, 17, near his home on Monday. He faces three felony charges, including human trafficking; compelling prostitution; and sexual performance by a child.

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Schools are prime recruiting ground

Fort Worth man arrested in child porn case placed in federal custody

Posted Saturday, Nov. 22, 2014 2 comments Print Reprints Share Like 0

ARTICLE PHOTOS (2) COMMENTS

BY MONICA S. NAGY AND DIANE SMITH
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A 28-year-old man who told investigators that he sexually abused more than 100 children and possessed about 42,000 child pornography images was placed in federal custody Friday, according to Hurst police.

The pornography cases linked to Randy Ray Wesson were being turned over to the U.S. Attorney for federal prosecution, according to an [update issued in the case](#). Hurst police will continue to identify victims in the ongoing case.

Wesson was arrested by Hurst police this week, according to an arrest warrant affidavit. He was arrested Tuesday at his residence on Davis Drive in Fort Worth after he told officers, who were investigating a tip about Internet child porn, about the sexual abuse of children ages 7 to 14.

He identified 12 of the children by name, according to the affidavit.

Also arrested was a 17-year-old who had pretended to be 12 so he could attend a Hurst elementary school and possibly recruit young victims, according to the affidavit obtained by the *Star-Telegram*.

The Hurst-Euless-Bedford school district notified parents of the arrests Thursday evening after learning that the 17-year-old who lived with Wesson had been enrolled in Hurst Hills Elementary School since the beginning of the 2014-2015 academic year.

Hurst police said Wesson falsified a birth certificate to get Ricardo Javid Lugo enrolled in the sixth grade at [Hurst Hills Elementary School](#) under the fictitious name "Matthew Drew Wesson."

The school had 521 pre-kindergarten through sixth-grade students enrolled as of Friday, said Judy Ramos, a spokeswoman for the district.

Hurst detectives interviewed Wesson on Tuesday after getting a tip from the [National Center for Missing and Exploited Children](#). During that interview, Wesson told officers that they would find about 42,000 child porn images on his computer, thumb drives, phone and memory cards.

He told police he met Lugo on Instagram several months ago, according to the affidavit signed by Hurst Detective Chad Woodside.

Wesson said that at the end of February or beginning of March, he drove to El Paso to pick up Lugo, according to the affidavit. He told police he's had a sexual relationship with Lugo since.

Arrestee goes to elementary school



Randy Ray Wesson

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Lured into a car at the mall





Trafficking exploded with the internet

Easy to market...easy to buy

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backpage.com > houston adult entertainment > houston escorts


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sugarland escorts search

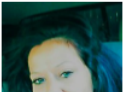
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Wed. Oct. 29


 **TRUE sexy beauty near YOU! Treat Yourself! You Deserve It!** 🍷💎👉👈 - 20 (SW/Galleria/Katy/Sugarland/Missouri City)
I'm waiting to leave you very satisfied and wanting me more! I'm hot young fun and energized! •Regular visits are the best!! 832.884.5930 Photos are 100% me! ✅ drama free, no games! ✅ quality services! ❌ no...


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sugarland downtown katy Baytown)
💎 Hi guys I'm Jazmine💎💎 Take A Break From Your Stressful Lifestyle And Enjoy Some Relaxing Time With Me. I Can G a dream come True💎❌ NO BLACK MEN UNDER 45❌ *:* AVAILABLE *:*...

 **Are You Ready for Wild Wednesday \$pecials With a Awesome Blonde Playmate!!! Im back!! New Number!! - 24** (Sw/Incalls/st
💎💎💎 Hey Guys💎💎💎 My name is Tracy!!! If you're looking for the perfect girl, look no further! I'm her! I'm fun, friendly to turn your cold nights into unforgettable memories & unmatched...

 **I Can Do It Better Than She Can 📈 And She Can 📉 832📞725📞3830 - 40** (Galleria, Katy, Memorial, Sugarland & SW)
Hello, my name is Lisa. I am a beautiful, classy, mature woman looking for a respectable gentleman, like yourself, to spoil. , beauty and captivate you with my skills. It would give me great pleasure...

 **((💎💎💎AVAILABLE💎💎💎))::::((💎💎💎NOW💎💎💎))💎👉👈 - 23** (Katy 🍷 sugarLand 🍷 Missouri City 🍷
Heyy Guys ! 💎💎💎 It's TORI💎💎 Ready to have a little fun? Tried others but still havent found the right girl? why not tr IN & OUTCALLS 🍷✅INDEPENDENT 🍷✅OPEN MINDED🍷✅FETISH FRIENDLY 🍷✅🍷REAL PICS...

 ***💎💎 Long Blonde Hair *💎💎 BLUE EyEd*💎💎 BabyDoll - 21** (Galleria, sugarland and other areas)
Yesss!!! I'm BRAND NEW and ready to play dont hesitate to call me!! LET ME SPREAD MY BUBBLY, PLEASANT ENERG' the Best. I like to keep it on a well-mannered, professional level. I WILL...

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- 2009: Craigslist “exits” the market
- backpage has become the **No. 1** site for sex ads; *no liability*.²
- \$5-\$10/post = **\$3.1 million in one month**
- 1st Amendment: freedom of speech and strong federal law protecting healthy exchange of ideas.

How the pimps advertise

- Bait and switch: same picture all the time?
- Key words to indicate minor:

UNFORGETTABLE
BLONDE **SWEETHEART** –
w4m – (INCALL
ARLINGTON/FT. WORTH
OUTCALLS 24/7)

\$\$#Miz **new** Exotic\$\$\$
213-861-6402 - 18

Athletic SWF Guaranteed **Low Mileage** Boys!! - 21

Fresh, young, tender, fresh meat, fresco carne, first time,
first time out, innocent, petite

Easy to market...easy to buy

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☆☆♥ Long Blonde Hair *★♥★• BLUE EyEd*•☆☆* BabyDoll - 21

Posted: Wednesday, October 29, 2014 8:04 PM

Reply: [click here](#)

Yesss!!! I'm BRAND NEW and ready to play dont hesitate to call me!!

LET ME SPREAD MY DUBBLY, PLEASANT ENERGY TO YOU!!

With me you will experience ONLY the Best.

I like to keep it on a well-mannered, professional level. I WILL show you a good time, no matter what!!

TRUST IM THE GIRL THAT YOU WANT, EVEN MORE DESIRABLE IN PERSON, CALL ME NOW GENTS!! 💋💕

5'2 100lbs 36C

BLONDE HAIR, BLUE EYES AND SPINNER BODY

832.377.0981

Poster's age: 21

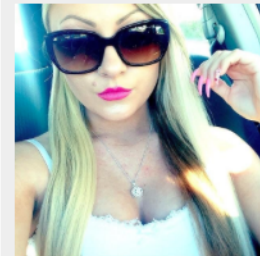
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• Post ID: 22627412 houston

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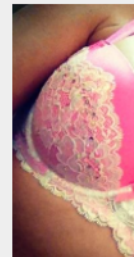
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Easy to market...easy to buy

"New" Mz. Chanel Fun-Size Hottie "New" (- 19

Posted: Wednesday, November 19, 2014 6:47 PM



Are you craving an Unrushed Session with an Honest Girl?

Look no further. I will fulfill your every desire.

I Love what I do and so Will you. I'm a total sweetheart. Allow me to treat you like a king!!!

No Drama. No Stress!!!!

Sweet as Candy, yet Naughty as Hell.

100% ME or it's Free!!!! Give me a call (281)967_1813 Mz. Chanel Ask about. Awesome 2 (

Poster's age: 19

- Location: Houston, Bltwy 8 / Sugarland / Stafford /Galleri
- Post ID: 24141578 houston

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****newbie*** - 19**

Posted: Thursday, December 4, 2014 8:17 PM

Reply

Hygiene is a must no exception!! Young and fun!! Offering companionship anything after that is two consenting adults. Call wen ready lite texting 8328907521
80 roses

Poster's age: 19

- Location: Houston, 610s and 45s hobby pasadena Baytown
- Post ID: 24264541 houston

****NEWBIES***19 & 18 - 19**

Posted: Saturday, November 29, 2014 10:27 PM

Reply

Hygiene is a must no exceptions!... 2 young and fun cuties... c

Poster's age: 19

- Location: Houston, Hobby, 610s, 45s, Pasadena, baytown
- Post ID: 24277099 houston
- Other ads by this user:

[**newbie*** - 19](#) (610s and 45s hobby pasadena Baytown) ad



be her *hope*

TOGETHER WE CAN END CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING IN THE UNITED STATES

Traffick911 Strategy to End It

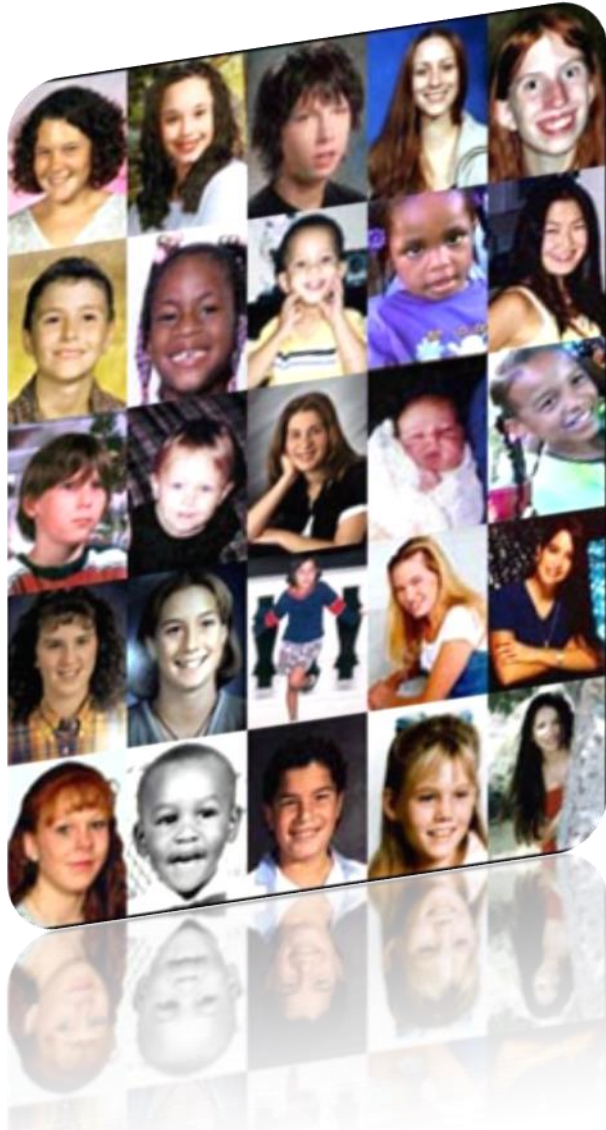
- **Prevention.** Keep American children off the market as commodities.
- **Rescue.** Get these children out of the hands of their perpetrators and out of the jail cells.
- **Restoration.** Equip them to live a transformed life.

PREVENTION

- ✦ Educate our youth
 - Schools, youth groups, etc.
- ✦ Build awareness
 - Speaking engagements
 - Awareness events
- ✦ Target demand
 - Boys curriculum
 - Policy advocates



RESCUE



★ **First Responder Trainings**

- Law enforcement, counselors, medical personnel, educators, etc. (TCLEOSE, CLE, CEU certified)

★ **Juvenile Justice Intervention**

- Dallas County (2), Tarrant County, Denton County, Collin County, Hood County, Bell County, Williamson County, Corpus Christi

★ **Missing Children Intervention**

- Street outreach; partner with law enforcement; Internet Surveillance

RESTORATION

★ Outpatient services

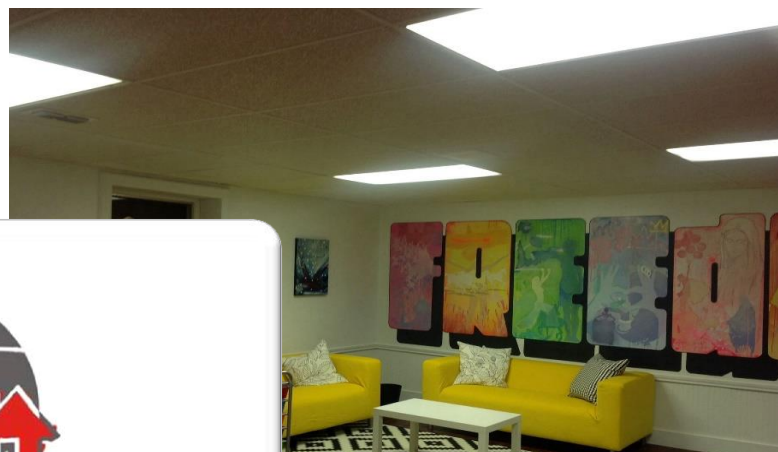
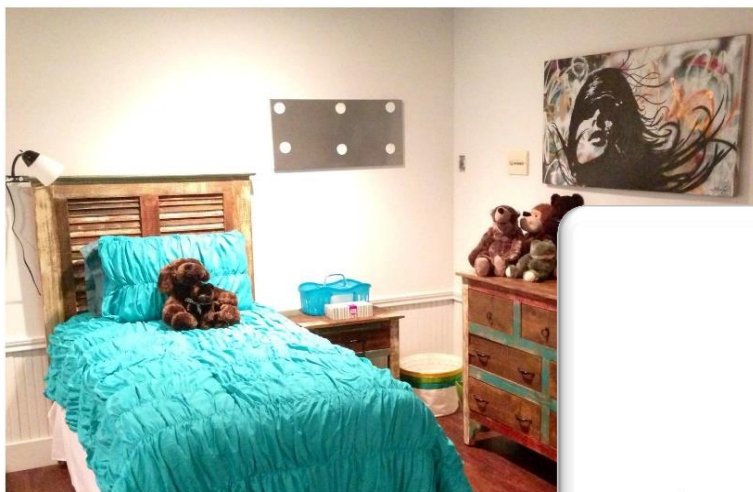
- Licensed trauma counseling
(also inside Granbury Regional)
- Tattoo removal
- Mentoring
- Family ministry

★ Triumph House

- Physical
- Spiritual
- Psychological
- Educational
- Social



Traffick911 Safe House





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