

BE AWARE! BE ALERT! BE SMART! BE SAFE!

Trafficking is third, behind only drug and gun running, in generating profits for organized crime!

TRAFFICKING CONSIST OF THREE PHASES

RECRUITMENT PHASE :

Advertisement in newspapers and other media for employment,
False job offers that promise good salaries,
Promise of a better life,
Bribes for go-betweens—someone that the recruiter trusts (Boyfriend, girlfriend, relative) to lure the victim,
Abduction.

TRANSPORTION:

Can be smuggled or taken legally across borders,
Held in transit houses once across border,
Passports & documents confiscated by trafficker,
Drugged, raped, gang raped for prostitution,
Trafficked for the sex industry.

EXPLOITATION:

Trafficker sells victims to anyone who needs them,
Syndicates move victims around nationally and internationally,
Victims can be bought & sold over & over,
Victims are made to work long hours to make the maximum profit for the trafficker.

I was 12 years old. It was 1987, it was safe and I resided in a crime free town. I was on my way to my Mother's place of employment and it was a beautiful sunny afternoon. Jasmine was in the air. I was young, fearless and carefree.

I did not see him prior to him stepping out in front of me so suddenly. Where did he come from?

He looked about 27years of age, tall, slender, a gentle face, he did not look evil or dangerous, he certainly did not carry a label or signboard broadcasting his intentions. Just an average man, with average looks.

It did not take him long to convince me that he was actually on my side and wanted to help me. What a sincere, friendly, caring man—I actually thought he was a policeman.

In less than 10 minutes he had convinced me I should go with him so he could personally take me to my Mother and there I was, in his car. In less than 1 minute, I realised I was in very serious trouble!

That day changed the rest of my life.....!

Do not let a false sense of security make you believe it will NEVER happen to you or the ones you love.....

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