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SHOCKING FACTS

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- The buying and selling of human beings worldwide generates approximately $31.6 billion dollars a year; a revenue second only to drug trafficking. The rate of growth in human trafficking, however, is outpacing all other forms of illegal enterprise. (United Nations)
- The estimated number of men, women, and children who are trafficked at any one time worldwide may reach as high as 27 million (State Department Trafficking in Persons Report 2013)
- An estimated 100,000 American kids are victims of domestic human trafficking each year in the United States. (2013 Congressional Research Service report)
- Only 1-2% of human trafficking victims are ever identified. (Polaris Project)
- The average age a teen enters the sex trade in Arizona is 14 years old, but nationally the average age is 13. (Shared Hope International Rapid Assessment Fact Sheet on Arizona)
- A victim who is rented for sex acts with 5 different men per night, five nights a week, for an average of 5 years would be raped by 6000 buyers during the course of victimization (Shared Hope International)
- Law enforcement has seen girls as young as 9 sold for sex in Arizona. (Phoenix Police Department Vice Unit)
- Criminal street gangs now involved in prostituting juveniles include well known and organized gangs such as Bloods, Crips and Hells Angels, as well as many others. (FBI report)
- Pimps commonly sell minor girls for $400 an hour. (Shared Hope International)
- Over 300 ads are placed each day in Phoenix on Backpage.com for adult services – with an estimated 20% for girls under 18. (ASU STIR Study)
- Eighty-percent of all “adult services” ads are placed on Backpage.com. (AIM Research Report)
- Backpage.com is listed as a privately held Arizona corporation, with headquarters in Phoenix, Arizona and offices in Texas (Arizona Corporation Commission)
- 78,000 men in Phoenix are online sex ad customers- (ASU STIR study)
- The FBI states that the average life expectancy of a child once in prostitution is 7 years due to homicide and HIV/AIDS (Melisa Farley of Prostitution Research and Education)
- One out of every three teens on the street will be lured into prostitution within 48 hours of leaving home. (National Runaway Switchboard)
- As many as 2.8 million children run away each year in the US. (*The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children)*
- the *American Journal of Epidemiology* reported that prostitutes suffer a ‘workplace homicide rate’ 51 times higher than that of the next most dangerous occupation, working in a liquor store and that the average age of death for a prostitute is 34.
- Prostitution is illegal in 49 States in the U.S. and all but two rural counties in Nevada.