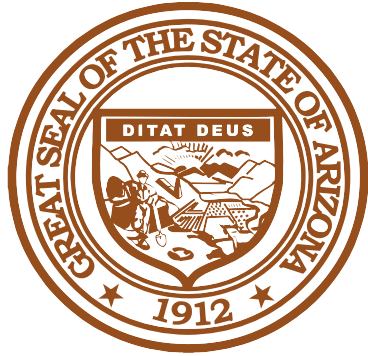


VICTIM A

VICTIM B



# Governor Ducey's Arizona Human Trafficking Council

Full Council Meeting  
February 19, 2019





# HEAT



## HUMAN EXPLOITATION AND TRAFFICKING UNIT

- The Human Exploitation and Trafficking Unit is responsible for the suppression and prevention of human trafficking in all its forms. The primary focus of the team will be to rescue the victims of child and adult sex trafficking; identify, target, investigate and successfully prosecute the traffickers; work responsively and proactively with the precincts to appropriately address crimes and community concerns related to human trafficking. The Human Exploitation and Trafficking Unit accomplishes this mission by proactively employing innovative and advanced undercover techniques along with the investigative strategies to apprehend and successfully prosecute the offenders.

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# Types of Operations



- Human Trafficking Victim Recovery Operations
- Pimp Targeting
  - Street Operations
  - Social Media Operations
- “Jammin Johns” (Awareness and Outreach)
- Customer Apprehension Programs
- Escort Operations
- Hotel Operations
- House of Prostitution Operations
- Massage Parlor Storefront
- Call out response
- Collaborative Protocol



# Human Trafficking Month



- Conducted 15 street and hotel operations
- 6 Juveniles recovered
- 7 traffickers arrested
  - 3 For Child Sex Trafficking
- 3 House of prostitution investigations
- 8 sex buyers arrested and their vehicles towed
- 35 Females contacted to include services provided, citations, or arrests



# Collaborative Protocol Update



- Total victims contacted – 130 juveniles
- In placement 103
- Returned to parents – 19
- AWOL – 8

# Successful Investigations



- Investigation started in January 2018 after observing a juvenile trafficking victim meet up with her trafficker along 27<sup>th</sup> Ave, just north of Camelback. They were both contacted and the juvenile immediately disclosed. Through interviews, it was discovered that the suspect was extremely violent and had numerous other victims. He was found to have raped and trafficked his young adult niece. The suspect also committed aggravated assault and attempted to traffic two other adult females. He was charged with multiple counts of Child Sex Trafficking, Sexual Assault, Assault, Aggravated assault, robbery and kidnapping.



# Successful Investigations



- In April, 2018 a 14 year old girl escaped and called police after being trafficked and forced to sell drugs at the Payless & Airport Inn at 24<sup>th</sup> St & Van Buren. She identified another 13 year old female that was with her. That female was located and interviewed the following day. The victims identified two suspects that had assaulted and trafficked them. They were arrested, interviewed and charged with multiple felony charges to include child sex trafficking. During the time with the suspects, the 13 year old was impregnated. She recently gave birth and a DNA warrant was served to determine if either of the suspects is the father.



# Successful Sentences 2018



- Pono Watson 6.5 years for operating a house of prostitution
- Christopher Brown 14 years for sex trafficking
- Noah Johnson 13.5 years for child sex trafficking
- Leroy Orbeck 25 years for sex trafficking
- Alvin Smith 191 years for child sex trafficking
- Josef Dixon 190 years for child sex trafficking