



# Human Trafficking: Ohio's Tragic Reality

## **NO ONE SHOULD BE SOLD FOR SEX**

### **SEX TRAFFICKING SIGNS & INDICATORS:**

#### **HOW TO RECOGNIZE THE SIGNS**

- Is in the commercial sex industry and has a pimp/manager
- Has little or no idea where they are geographically located and is always transported to and from the work site
- Going on unexplained shopping trips or having expensive clothing, jewelry, or a cell phone
- A person whose movement and activities appear to be closely controlled or monitored by another
- High security measures exist in the work and/or living locations (e.g. opaque windows, boarded up windows, bars on windows, barbed wire, security cameras, etc.)
- A minor or young adult who expresses interest in or is in an intimate relationship with a much older individual
- Inconsistencies in their story about where they stay or who is their guardian

#### **POOR MENTAL & PHYSICAL HEALTH OR ABNORMAL BEHAVIOR**

- Shows signs of physical abuse
- Is fearful, anxious, depressed, submissive, tense, or nervous/paranoid
- Avoids eye contact
- Appears malnourished
- Tattoos that indicate branding or ownership

#### **LACK OF CONTROL**

- Is not in control of his/her own money
- Is not allowed to speak for themselves (a third party may insist on being present)

#### **REPORT TO THE NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE**

- Call 1-888-3737-888 or text BeFREE (233733)



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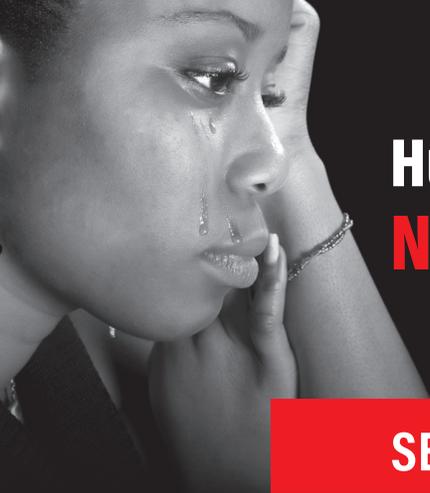
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