

## Sex Trafficking: don't look away

**2:30 a.m. any night.** A plain-color panel truck parks in front of an apartment door. Four figures robed in black-hooded attire exit the truck and move quickly into an apartment under supervision of the driver and a man in black. Under the robe are four women of varying ages who are returning from a night of 'service' for their 'leader' to a group of men.

The women are completing a night of **TRAFFICKING** their bodies - and souls - in exchange for drugs or alcohol. They are captives and will be shackled to beds in rooms in the apartment.

The apartment is in Clyde, Ohio. These women range from 16-30.

### 'Trafficking' does not require 'traveling' out of town

**TEEN PARTY** at some home in Clyde. Boys and girls aged 13-19. There is alcohol. There are drugs. The girls 'belong' to two of the guys at the party aged 17 and 19. They are sold for drugs; a couple of the girls sell themselves for a 'fix'.

Monday all the school-age students will be back in the classroom.

They haven't been kidnapped and won't be removed from the community. Most will leave the party and return to their homes or an 'overnight' with another of the girls at the party.

The girls and, surprise, a couple of the *younger boys*, have been trafficked to older boys and girls.

The sex may be oral, intercourse, even sodomy.

- CHS BOYS maintain lists of CHS GIRLS they've dated and 'how far she will go'.
- HOOK-UPS with 'cooperative boys and girls' are arranged by others for older brothers and friends in exchange for booze or drugs.
- HALLWAYS are 'hiding in open' spaces for sexual touching and grabbing.

#### WHAT ARE LOCAL SCHOOLS DOING?

Recognizing and reporting trafficking, sexual offenses in schools is an important focus of the Ohio Department of Education. Working from an Associated Press survey ODE developed a plan called Public Works which is in-service training required of all *certified (teachers) staff*. This is part of a required C-GS regimen for teachers.

*"Ranging from rape and sodomy to forced oral sex and fondling, the sexual violence that AP tracked often was mischaracterized as bullying, hazing or consensual behavior. It occurred anywhere students were left unsupervised: buses and bathrooms, hallways and locker rooms. Some other key statistics stood out:*

Student-on-student sexual assaults were far more common than those committed by teachers. For every adult-on-child sexual assault reported on school property, there were seven assaults by students.

What can schools do to train students and their families how to properly report all incidents of sexual assault?  
**ODE has a specific program found on Public Works.**

#### **ELECTRONIC TRAFFICKING:** What your kids are watching.

A father recently was playing an interactive game with a woman on his X-Box. At the conclusion she asked if he would like something 'more adventurous' and led to meeting for sex. He declined but wondered what kids are seeing on electronic devices - ipod, smart phone, tablet, even the home computer.

There are many porn sites to watch and some to "hook-up". If the user checks the "18 or older" box, the provider is safe. Predators use these sites to develop 'stables' or just to convince participation in "something more." They may suggest meeting....

**29 December 2015** - responding to a domestic violence call, two CPD Law Enforcement (LE) officers were told by a subject that if he was arrested he would go to the media about a police officer and police dispatcher who had been providing alcohol to his teen aged son. Further, he said, the cop had taken the boy to Sandusky to his apartment and sought sexual favors from the boy.

The investigation by Det. Sgt. Monti Campbell confirmed all the information. The Dispatcher was suspended 10 days without pay for the first degree misdemeanor of corrupting a minor. He returned to work and later was transferred to another City department. Officer Ryan Robinson quit the force and was arrested and charged in Erie County Court. He was sentenced to counseling.

Human Trafficking is defined as inducing another person to participate in sexual activity in exchange for money or alcohol or other favor - unless kidnapped.

**Asked recently, CPD Chief Monti Campbell said "I don't know of any human trafficking in Clyde."**