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A New Year, New Challenges and Same Hate

We Hate Some Persons Because We Do Not Know Them; and Will Not Know Them Because We Hate Them. -Charles Caleb Colton

The New Year has been ushered in with assaults on police officers and the death of officers in Birmingham and Mobile.

We hang banners that proclaim "We Will Never Forget", offer condolences to the families left behind, and attend memorials for the fallen.

And the phony narrative that cops are the enemy continues marching on!

We spend time arguing about funding a border wall because one side doesn't want the other side to have a "political win", while cops of every race patrol our communities dealing with the repercussions of a growing portion of the community that doesn't respect the rule of law, and those sworn to enforce them.

Our justice system discriminates at times, by the color of our skin, but more often by the color of money and the connections a potential defendant has. People our told to hate the system!

And the attacks on police officers continue. They are the convenient target for the anger that some have for a larger grievance.

There are some bad cops, just as Judas was a bad disciple, but that didn't make the rest of the disciples bad.

To this day we look to the other disciples as positive examples, dedicated to a cause greater than their own. We don't hate them for the sin of another, and nor should we hold all police officers as sinners for the sins of a few.

Hatred destroys everything in its path. And it is destroying us!

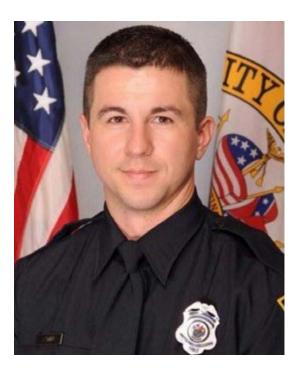
No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite. -Nelson Mandela

-Jim Rechel ICJE Newsletter Editor jimrechel@icje.org

In Memorium

"I know for certain that we never lose the people we love, even to death. They continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make. Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories. We find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by having shared their love." - Leo Buscaglia





Wytasha Carter

Sergeant Carter was a U.S. Air Force veteran. He had served with the Birmingham Police Department for eight years and had previously served with the Shelby County Sheriff's Office, Leeds Police Department, and Fairfield Police Department for an additional nine years. He is survived by his wife and children.

Sean Tuder

Officer Tuder joined the Mobile Police Department in March 2016 and was named Officer of the Month in August 2017. He previously served at Palatka Police Department in Florida. His death took place a day after the the Birmingham PD laid to rest Sgt. Carter.

January is....



January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month

Doug Howard, Law Enforcement Coordinator / Special Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Middle District of Alabama mentioned in a recent phone call that the US Attorney's office was sponsoring a special training session focused on Human Trafficking that was scheduled for next week, but has been postponed to a future date due to the government shutdown issues.

Having never worked Human Trafficking cases specifically, I began my Internet research on the impact of Human Trafficking. That led me to an interesting 10 minute video, an outstanding organization and Pittsburgh Steelers Coach Mike Tomlin.

It's worth 10 minutes of your time to see the impact it had on Coach Tomlin.

Video link:

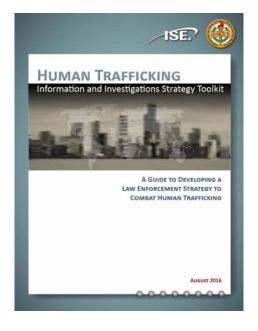
Operation Underground Railroad - ESPN Special

Human Trafficking Toolkit for Law Enforcement

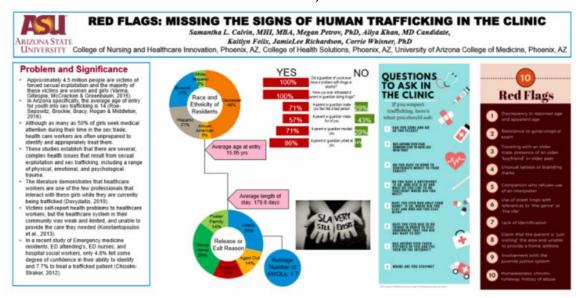
To assist states with establishing a strategy to combat human trafficking, the Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies (ASCIA), in partnership with the Program Manager for the Information Sharing Environment (PM-ISE), developed the Human Trafficking Information and Investigations Strategy Toolkit.

This toolkit is designed to help law enforcement agencies form a specialized strategy appropriate for their jurisdiction for combating human trafficking; however, other law enforcement entities can benefit from this guide as well.

Link to Additional Resources



Medical Profession Can Be Part of Alert Network



ASU Professor Advocates for Human Trafficking Education in **Nursing Schools**

Arizona State University College of Nursing and Health Innovation Assistant Professor Samantha Calvin spoke at the 14th Annual Human Trafficking and Social Justice Conference in Ohio and suggested that nursing schools incorporate training focused on human trafficking in the clinic setting, red flags to look for, questions to ask and what to do if someone is identified.

A link to the poster shown above:

Red Flags Poster from ASU - Shown Above

Financial Institutions Can Be Part of the Alert Network - FinCEN

Examples of Red Flag Indicators Related to Trafficking in Persons*

- Use of cash: through couriers and money remitters; repeated cash withdrawals and transfers in small amounts to avoid identification or reporting requirements;
- Use of multiple bank accounts and credit cards, as well as multiple alias identities and addresses:
- Use of front companies, straw persons, or false identity documents;
- Inexplicable lifestyle compared to the client profile;
- Relations with persons with suspected or known criminal history;
- Use of cash to invest in real estate/high value goods;
- Frequent deposits or withdrawals with no apparent business source;
- Lack of any licit business behind banking operations;
- Use of ATM and credit cards at times inconsistent with normal operating hours for the business:
- Frequent money transfer to "risk" countries;
- Third party cash deposits made at various bank branches and via ATMs:
- Laundering of cash through casinos, import/export trades, etc.; and
- Use of the *hawala* or other informal banking systems.

^{*} This is only a notional list of indicators, which is not exhaustive. No one transaction or red flag by itself is a clear indicator of trafficking in persons; accordingly, financial institutions may consider applying red flags in combination with other factors, such as a customer's profile and expected transaction activity. For a more comprehensive list of red flag indicators See FATF, Money Laundering Risks Arising from Trafficking in Human Beings and Smuggling of Migrants, FATF Report (July 2011), Annex B. See also FinCEN Guidance on Recognizing Activity that May be Associated with Human Smuggling and Human Trafficking—Financial Red Flags.

Tip of the Hat

Harris Huffman

Dallas County Sheriff Harris Huffman retired January 15. when newly elected Sheriff Mike Granthum took over.

Harris Huffman was one of the first law enforcement officers I met when I arrived in Selma, and was always a dedicated officer committed to the safety of Dallas County residents in everything he did.

All of us at ICJE wish him the best in retirement after serving 24 years as Sheriff, and 38 years in law enforcement.



Tommie Reese

Tommie Reese recently announced his resignation as the Public Safety Director and Demopolis Police Chief as he accepted a position with the Alabama Attorney General's Office. His resignation was effective Dec. 26, and has begun his new role with the Attorney General's office. Reese, a native of Demopolis, served as police chief for the city for almost 10 years.

We look forward to working with him in his new role in the new year!



Thought of the Month

Life is not easy for any of us. But what of that? We must have perseverance and above all confidence in ourselves. We must believe that we are gifted for something and that this thing must be attained. -Marie Curie

* **Marie Curie** (November 1867 – 4 July 1934) was a <u>Polish and naturalized-French</u> physicist and chemist who conducted pioneering research on radioactivity. She was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize, the first person and only woman to win twice, and the only person to win a Nobel Prize in two different sciences. She was part of the Curie family legacy of five Nobel Prizes. She was also the first woman to become a professor at the University of Paris, and in 1995 became the first woman to be entombed on her own merits in the Panthéon in Paris.

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