



LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
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Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department

Gang/Vice/Special Investigations Bureau

Vice Section Human Trafficking Investigations

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Human Trafficking

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- The 2nd largest criminal industry in the world, behind drug trafficking
- Fastest growing criminal industry in the United States (U.S. Dept. Health & Human Services)



LVMPD Vice Section

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- 1 Lieutenant
- 4 Detective Sergeants
- 26 Detectives
- 1 Investigative Specialist
- 2 Law Enforcement Technicians
- FBI Child Exploitation Task Force
- Southern Nevada Human Trafficking Task Force
- 1 Clark County School Police Detective
- 1 Part Time Henderson PD Detective
- Partnership with FBI and HSI
- Partnership with Signs of Hope/RISE Advocates



Squad Structure

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Investigative Squad: (Child Exploitation Task Force)

- 4 Detectives
- Investigate Sex Trafficking and related crimes against child victims

Investigative Squad: (Southern Nevada Human Trafficking Task Force)

- 5 Detectives
- Investigate Sex Trafficking and related crimes against adult victims
- Vice related death investigations

Enforcement Squad:

- Conducts all enforcement operations
- Joint investigations with Special Investigations Section



Squad Structure VPTI

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Victimless Proactive Trafficker Intervention Squads

Proactive Investigation Squad:

- Proactive Investigations against traffickers
- Intel gathering based investigations
- Under Cover operations into traffickers
- 5 prong approach

Sex Trafficking history

Violent criminal history

Gang Nexus

Firearms

Financials

Proactive Operational Squad:

- John/Buyer operations (Pimp Street Recruitment)
- John/Buyers luring children
- Traffickers in the tourist corridor
- Unlawful brothels



Types of Vice Investigations

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- Sex Trafficking of Child
- Sex Trafficking Adult
- Pandering
- Kidnapping
- Sex Assault
- Child Luring/Child Pornography
- Shootings/Battery with Deadly Weapon/Prohibited Person Possession
- Domestic Battery
- Extortion
- Death Investigations
- Theft Investigations (Trick Rolls/Robberies/Drugs Used in Commission)



Mission & Goals

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- **Victim centered approach**
- Work with our Advocate partners to assist victims of Sex Trafficking
- Empower our Advocate partners to connect with victims in a noncriminal manner
- Services are immediately offered by Advocates on scene
- Alert System in place for identified victims
- Immediate detective response 24/7
- Focus on victims of Sex Trafficking, both children and adults
- Identify, arrest and prosecute Sex Traffickers
- **Proactively target Sex Traffickers when victims are unable to testify or have not been identified**
- Proactively target buyers of Sex Trafficking



ASU Study of LVMPD Proactive Vice Investigations

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VPTI

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VICTIMLESS PROACTIVE TRAFFICKER INTERVENTION

From the information drawn from the victim(s), an investigation is developed to

1. identify the sex trafficker and
2. collect evidence and witnesses of the sex trafficking to submit for prosecution of the sex trafficker.

Using traditional undercover skills similar to policing work with narcotics, the VPTI involved

1. sex traffickers making contact with the undercover officers either online or in-person and
2. meeting with the undercover officer and articulate their goal to prostitute them along with other traditional sex trafficker activities

The undercover officers are extensively trained in undercover activities and additional training for the vice elements regarding human trafficking including

1. language,
2. subculture, and
3. what traffickers might say



UC Operations

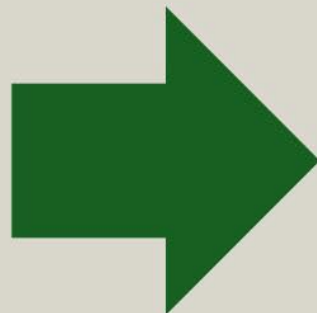
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SEX TRAFFICKERS

FROM JANUARY 2021 TO
MAY 2022

191

SEX TRAFFICKER CASES
RESULTED FROM THE
VICTIMLESS SEX
TRAFFICKER
INTERVENTION



FOR

188

CASES, THE SEX
TRAFFICKER WAS
ARRESTED AND CHARGED
WITH FELONY PANDERING

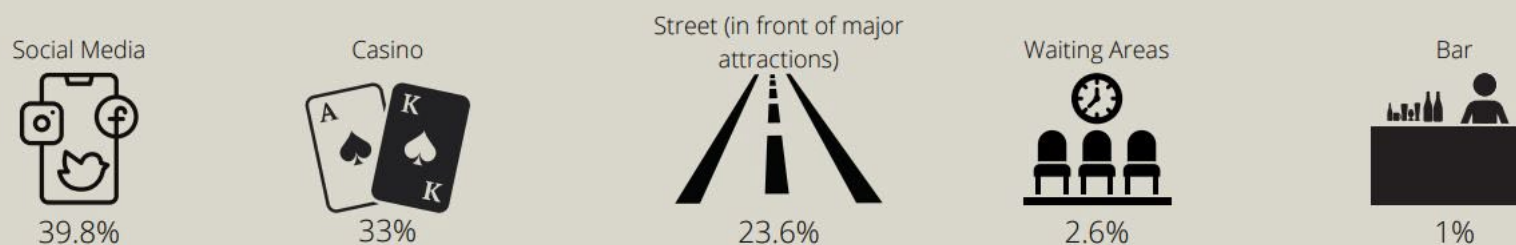


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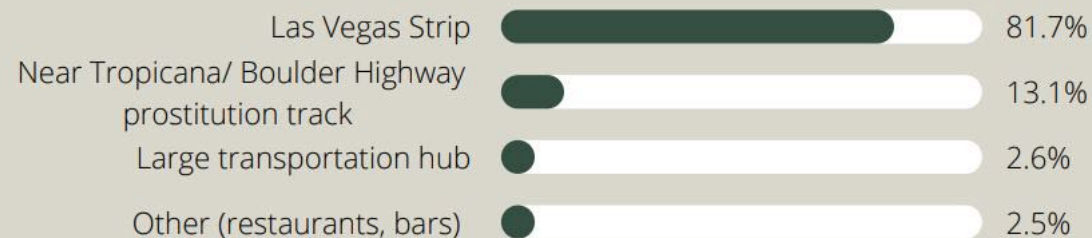
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SEX TRAFFICKERS

Intervention Locations (N=191)



Intervention Settings





Repeat Offenders

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TRAFFICKERS CRIMINAL HISTORY HISTORIES AND POLY-OFFENDERS

Traffickers who had criminal histories prior
to current arrest



Traffickers who were arrested in multiple US
states



Age Range at First Arrest



(M=17.4,
SD=4.3)



Violent Crimes

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TRAFFICKERS CRIMINAL HISTORY HISTORIES AND POLY-OFFENDERS

Crime Type	#	%
Drug-related offenses	131	68.6%
Gun-related offenses	100	52.4%
Domestic violence	79	41.4%
Pimping/Pandering	32	16.8%
Child abuse	27	14.1%
Sex trafficking	21	11%
Homicide/murder	9	4.7%



1 out of 4 sex
traffickers had a
previous sex
trafficking-related
arrest



Gang Association

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TRAFFICKERS CRIMINAL HISTORY HISTORIES AND POLY-OFFENDERS

Gang association or membership was found for 48 (**25%**) of the traffickers.

Finding a gun during the arrest or search was **3.5 times** more likely if the trafficker was identified as a gang associate or member.

Gang associates or members were **5.1 times** more likely to be 'local' and **3.2 times** more likely to have been born/raised in Nevada.

Gangs

59 Brim Bloods
Hoover Street Crips
Las Vegas Duces
Donna Street Crips
WCB (West Covina Boys)
OMG (Outlaw Motorcycle Gang)
Garden Payback Crips
Rollin 60s Crips
Langdon Street Night Stalkers
GPK (Gerson Park Kingsmen)
Tabeyo Bitch
North Oakland
Hoodsman
THN (True Hard Niggas)
Pasadena Denver Lane Piru
Playboy Bloods
Young Hustlers
Hustlers Taking Over
Spazzout Squad
Westcoast Blood
Westside Piru
Black Young Savages
Black P Stone
HTO (Hustlers Taking Over)
Westside Projects



Southern Nevada Human Trafficking Task Force

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- Since 2006 the Southern Nevada Human Trafficking Task Force, which operates out of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department has been working in collaboration with local, state and federal agencies, the faith-based community, victim service providers and non-governmental organizations to expose and reduce human trafficking in Clark County.
- Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department SEX TRAFFICKING Statistics
- *The following statistics represent sex trafficking data specifically collected by the LVMPD. These numbers do not reflect reports or investigations conducted independently by other agencies.*



Vice 2023 Stats

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- The LVMPD Vice Section has arrested **287** Sex Traffickers/Panderers
- **47** arrests for Sex Trafficking a Child
- **72** arrests for Sex Trafficking an Adult
- **168** arrests for Pandering
- **248** other felony arrests to include Kidnapping/Battery WDW/Poss. of CP/Sex Assault
- **98** of the traffickers had documented gang affiliation
- **127** Buyers of prostitution have been arrested/cited
- **22** of these buyers attempted to purchase sex from a juvenile
- **6** Vice related death investigations
- As part of these investigations, **292** Search Warrants have been served on traffickers' residences, vehicles, and associated property
- **85** illegal firearms were recovered



Formula 1 and Super Bowl

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Formula 1

- 5 Juvenile Recoveries
- 36 Pandering Arrests
- 31 Buyer Arrests
- 7 Felony Buyers
- 5 Firearms recovered

Super Bowl

- 13 Juvenile Recoveries
- 39 Pandering Arrests
- 10 Sex Trafficking Adult Arrests
- 2 Child Sex Trafficking Arrests
- 21 Buyer Arrests
- 26 Felony Buyers
- 9 Firearms



2023 Child Trafficking Stats

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Total Recovered Children in 2023 – 124

2023 Child Sex Trafficking stats – Resident State	
Arizona	7
California	22
Colorado	4
Florida	1
Michigan	1
Nevada	81
Nebraska	1
New Mexico	1
Oregon	1
Texas	1
Utah	2
Washington	1
Out of Country	1

2023 Child Sex Trafficking stats – Ages	
Under 11	2
Age 11	1
Age 12	0
Age 13	3
Age 14	13
Age 15	21
Age 16	44
Age 17	40

2023 Child Sex Trafficking stats – Race	
African American	67
Caucasian	26
Hispanic	27
Native American	2
Asian	2

2023 Child Sex Trafficking stats – Sex	
Female	119
Male	5

2023 Child Trafficker Arrests (most severe charge listed)	
Child Sex Trafficking	47
Kidnapping/Sexual Assault	12
Felony Child Buyers	22



Questions?

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