

## CHIEF OF DETECTIVES

### **NOTICE**

May 9, 2018

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**TO:** All Geographic Bureau and Area Commanding Officers

**FROM:** Chief of Detectives

**SUBJECT:** INVESTIGATIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING  
CRIMES – REVISED

The purpose of this Notice is to clarify the role of the Human Trafficking Unit (HTU), Detective Support and Vice Division (DSVD), as well as the notification process for geographic Areas to HTU regarding arrests and investigations involving human trafficking related crimes.

Human Trafficking is a form of modern day slavery, demonstrated through the exploitation of another's vulnerabilities. It involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to cause an individual to participate in commercial sex acts or involuntary servitude (not to include sex acts). Any person under 18 years of age induced to perform commercial sex acts with or without force, fraud, or coercion are identified as Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC).

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING UNIT'S RESPONSIBILITIES.** The HTU is responsible for the investigation and/or the coordinated strategies of *all* human trafficking cases involving minor victims (17 years or younger). In addition, HTU may assume investigative responsibility for the following crimes against a victim of *any* age:

- Victim is kidnapped by being forced into a vehicle and taken to a secondary location for the sole purpose of commercial sex acts;
- Victim is admitted to a hospital due to injuries caused by a trafficker (Pimp) or purchaser (John);
- Victim is transported from another state or country for the purposes of commercial sex acts; or,
- All cases of involuntary servitude.

**OFFICER'S RESPONSIBILITIES.** When requesting HTU response to investigations involving CSEC population, involuntary servitude; or incidents involving a victim who has been kidnapped for commercial sex, admitted to a hospital, or transported across state lines, the following procedure shall be followed:

- For minor victims, verify the victim's name and date of birth (DOB), which may include Live Scan fingerprint; parents' names and DOBs; and residence address.
- If the victim is an adult, complete a field interview card.
- For *all* victims, query Department resources to determine if the victim has warrant(s) or is on probation.

- Call the Department Operations Center, Communications Division, at (213) 484-6700, and request the on-call HTU supervisor.
- Provide the HTU supervisor with a brief synopsis of the incident, whether there is a trafficker in custody, and *all* identifying information for the involved victim(s).
- The HTU will determine when the Department of Children and Family Services Child Abuse Hotline will be contacted, based on the extent of the investigation.

**WATCH COMMANDER'S RESPONSIBILITIES.** When the watch commander reviews an Investigative or Arrest report involving a human trafficking related crime, he/she shall ensure the proper notifications are made and documented appropriately.


**AREA RECORD'S UNIT RESPONSIBILITIES.** When an Investigative or Arrest Report involves a human trafficking related crime, personnel from the Area Records Unit will process the report and ensure a copy is forwarded to DSVD, HTU.

Should you have questions regarding this Notice, please contact Lieutenant II Dionne Watts, Detective Support and Vice Division, at (213) 486-0910.

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