# Human Trafficking

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### Danielle Borrelli MPP

- Operations Coordinator for the California Cybersecurity Institute:
  - Trafficking Investigations Hub (Training, Research, Investigations)
  - Cyber Competitions, Curriculum, & Certifications
- 9 Years' Experience in Anti-Human Trafficking work:
  - NFS, RESQ International, IJM, Exodus Cry, Polaris
  - Central Coast Freedom Network, Freedom Calling, Central Coast Dream Center (5 other local orgs)
  - SLO DA Human Trafficking Task Force
- 6 Years' Experience in Collaborative Learning & Space Development



# Sherrie Caltagirone

- 12 years' experience in Anti-Human Trafficking work:
  - $\,\circ\,$  Orphan Secure: Policy Advisor.
  - John Hopkins University: Protection Project member.
  - North Carolina State: Distinguished Research Scholar.
- Executive Director of Global Emancipation Network
  - Data Analytics and Machine Learning to Combat HT
  - $\,\circ\,$ Illicit Massage Industry
  - $\,\circ\,$  Photo AI to Identify CSAM
- Trafficking Investigations Hub
  - $\circ$  Technical Projects Lead



### **Trafficking Investigations Hub**

The Trafficking Investigations Hub (TIH) is an extension of the California Cybersecurity Institute (CCI) and Global Emancipation Network (GEN); and in partnership with various anti-human trafficking non-profits, is focused on combating all forms of trafficking through the development of technological tools to help identify, disrupt, and analyze trafficking patterns. The TIH also performs research to address new trafficking trends, as well as delivers cutting edge and relevant training to those in the anti-human trafficking community. Through work with organizations like Polaris, California Peace Officer Association (CPOA), California District Attorneys Association (CDAA), Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), and California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), TIH has delivered 47 individual trainings sessions and has facilitated an additional five in the last 24 months.

### Human trafficking by numbers



**45.8** million victims currently enslaved



**\$150** billion worldwide annually



**2nd** most profitable crime globally



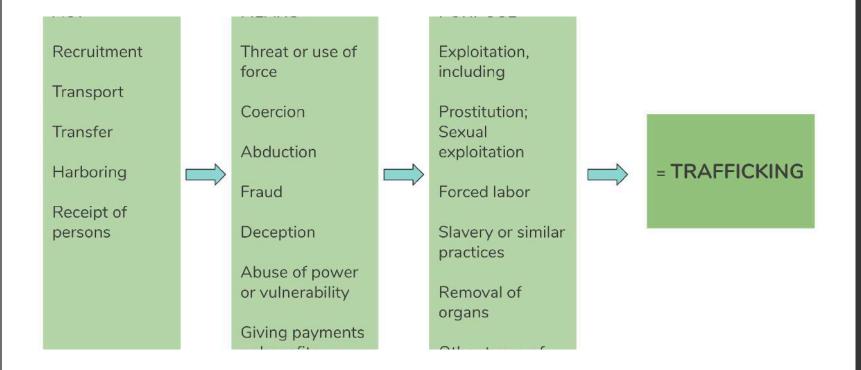
**11,096** prosecutions in 2018



**7,481** convictions in 2018



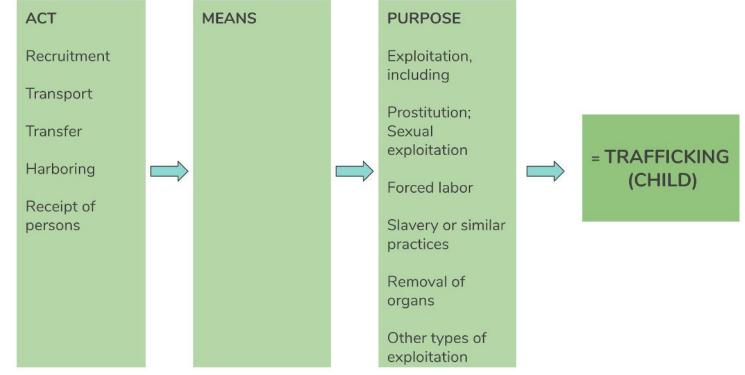
**85,613** victims identified in 2018



#### Human Trafficking - Federal Definition

22 U.S.C Section 7102

### Child Trafficking - Federal Definition



22 U.S.C Section 7102



# Human Trafficking in the State of California

#### Human Trafficking -California Definition

"Anyone who deprives or violates the personal liberty of another with the intent to obtain forced labor or services, procure or sell the individual for commercial sex, or exploit the individual in **obscene matter**, is guilty of human trafficking. Depriving or violating a person's liberty includes "substantial and sustained restriction of another's liberty accomplished through fraud, deceit, coercion, violence, duress, menace, or threat of unlawful injury to the victim or to another person, under circumstances where the person receiving or apprehending the threat reasonably believes that it is likely that the person making the threat would carry it out. However, sex trafficking of juveniles is separately defined as causing, inducing, persuading, or attempting to cause, induce or persuade a minor to engage in a commercial sex act. Forced labor or services include labor or services that are performed or provided by a person and are obtained or maintained through force, fraud, or coercion, or equivalent conduct that would reasonably overbear the will of the person."

Penal Code 236.1

### NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE

#### 1-888-373-7888

National Human Trafficking Hotline 2018

#### Human Trafficking in the State of California

- 1656 Human Trafficking Cases Reported in 2018
  - $\odot$  1226 Sex Trafficking
  - $\odot~115$  Labor Trafficking
  - $\odot~110~{\rm Sex}$  and Labor Trafficking
  - 169 Human Trafficking Type Not Specified
- 4395 Contacts Submitted in 2018
  - $\odot$  2164 High Indicators
  - $\odot$  2834 Moderate Indicators
  - $~\circ~$  1315 Calls from Victims and Survivors
- 8516 Cases Since 2007
- 30,456 Contact Since 2007

#### Human Trafficking CA State Laws

Penal Code 236.3 - Properties used for HT

Penal Code 236.4 - Fines to Victims-Witness Assistance Fund

Penal Code 236.6 - Preservation of Properties or Asset to Pay Fines, etc

Penal Code 236.23 - Coerced Criminal Activity

Other Criminal Offenses:

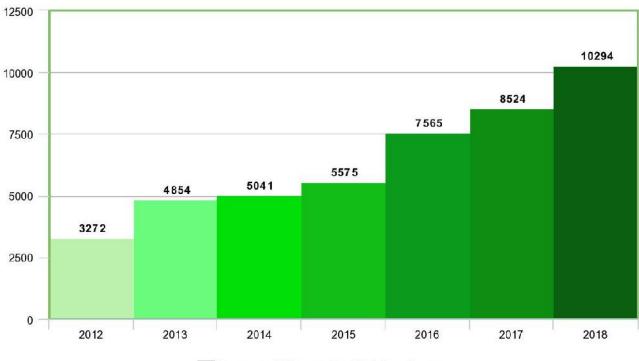
CPC - 11225; 186.2; 186.10; 1546.1

Cal. Civil Code - 52.6



# Convergence of IT & HT

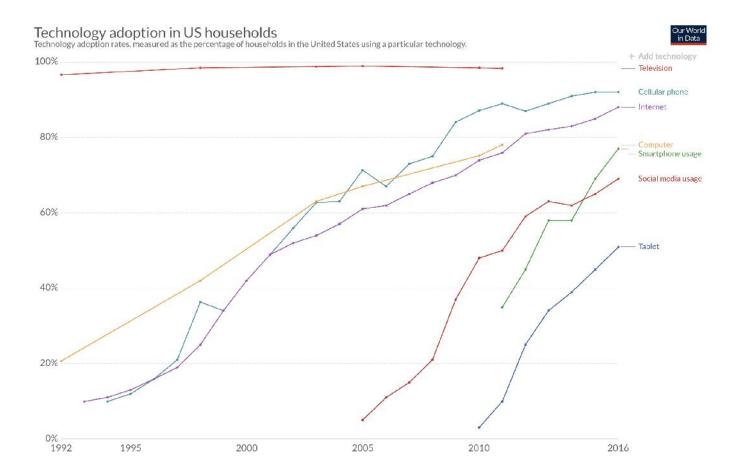
#### Reported Human Trafficking Cases (2012-2018)



Reported Human Trafficking Cases

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Source: Polaris



#### Convergence of Technology & Human Trafficking

• Of the more than 23,500 endangered runaways reported to NCMEC in 2018, one in seven were likely victims of child sex trafficking.

• Between October 2013 and April 2016, there were 1,428 reports of sextortion of minors made to NCMEC's CyberTipline.

• Children often do NOT know their extorter outside of online communication.

• Over 18.4 million reports of child sexual abuse were made to the CyberTipline in 2018.

• Self-generated abuse imagery is sharply rising, with some estimating that more than half of CSAM being self-generated

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

#### Convergence of Technology & Human Trafficking

- More than 27 million reports of suspected child sexual exploitation have been made to the CyberTipline between 1998 and June 2016 (National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, 2017).
- In 2017 alone, NCMEC received more than 10.2 million reports of suspected child sexual exploitation (National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, 2017).
- A study by Gareth Owen at the University of Portsmouth found that 4 out of 5 searches on the dark web involve pedophile activity (Abolishion, 2017).
- 54% of cybersex trafficking victims rescued in International Justice Mission cases are 1-12 years old (International Justice Mission, 2017).
- Smartphones are a new phenomenon; a couple of years ago the majority of crimes were being committed on desktop computers, now, nearly every crime seems to have some kind of phone involved in it (The Guardian, 2013).





# Cyber Sex Trafficking

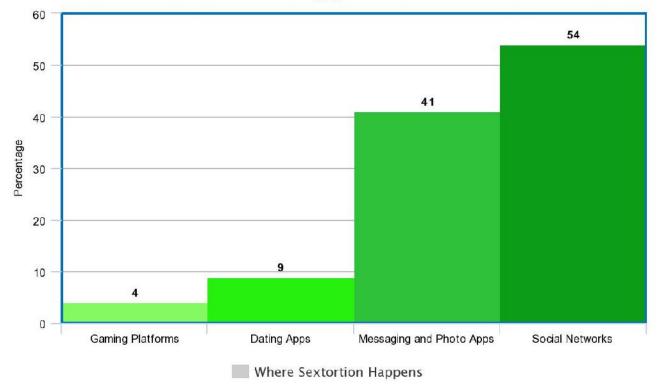
# Sextortion - No Boundaries

- Generation who has **always** known the internet
- 4.3 billion users on the internet
- 87% of kids sleep with their phone
- Poor instructions and no warnings
- Virtual world with real world consequences



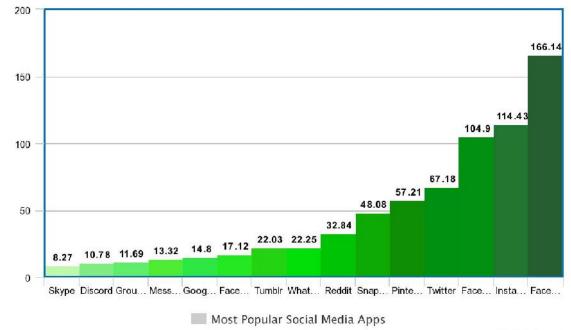
#### Where Sextortion Happens





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#### Most Popular Social Media Apps Statista



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### Use of Social Media



#### **Online Enticement**

#### 'Playpen' by the Numbers

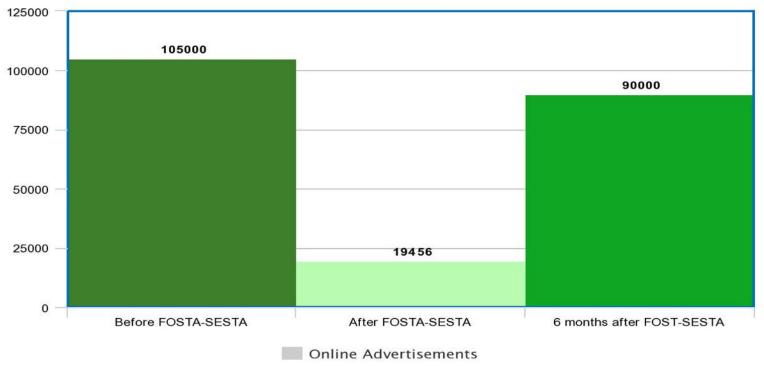
The ongoing investigation of the Playpen child pornography website and its members led to its takedown in 2015 and has produced the following results through continued efforts by law enforcement agencies around the world:



## Child Pornography

## **Online** Advertisements

Number of Online Advertisements DARPA - MEMEX



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# Cal EPCA

California Electronic Communications Privacy Act - SB 178

"Under SB 178, government entities must obtain a warrant, subject to limited exceptions, before they may compel the disclosure of electronic communication information from service providers or obtain such information directly from electronic devices."

**Digital Privacy** 

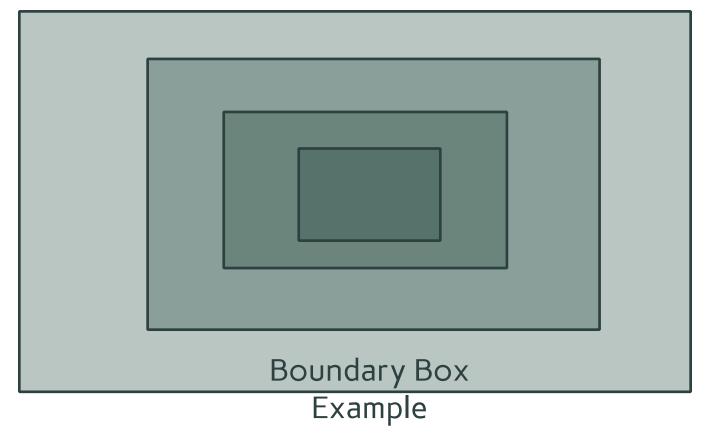
Impact on Cyber Crime

Working with Cal EPCA



# Trauma Informed Care Practices

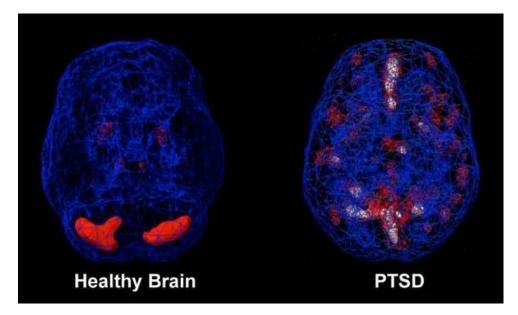
#### Grooming is a gradual expansion of boundaries It doesn't happen overnight

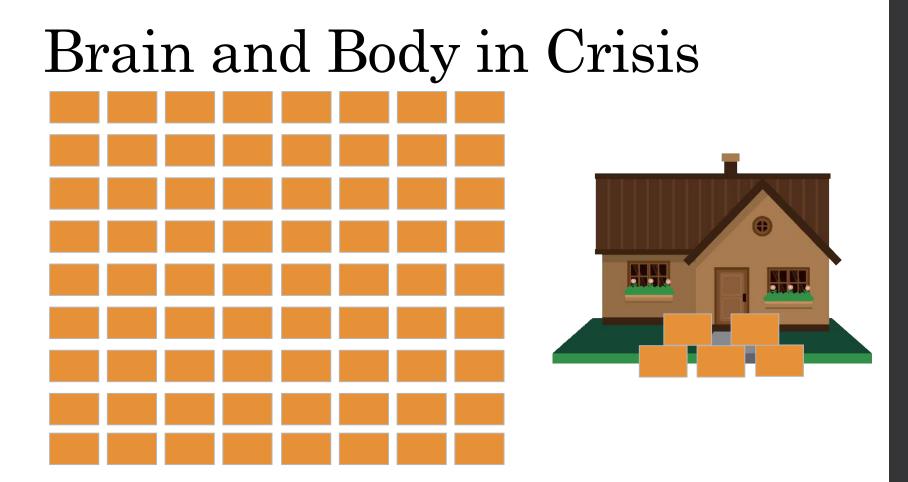


# How does trauma affect the brain?

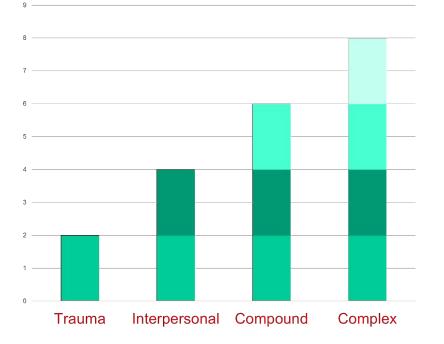
- 1. **Thinking** Center -Gets under-activated
- 2. **Emotion** Regulation Center -Gets under-activated
- 3. Fear Center -Gets OVER-activated

**Retriggering** causes the same emotional and physical responses of the original trauma





#### Trauma Spectrum



# Rebecca Bender Initiative

# Talking with Victims

Mirror vs. Lingo

If SHE calls him her agent, call him her agent If SHE calls him her man, call him her man **DO NOT** use lingo from the game to try to "relate" with her.

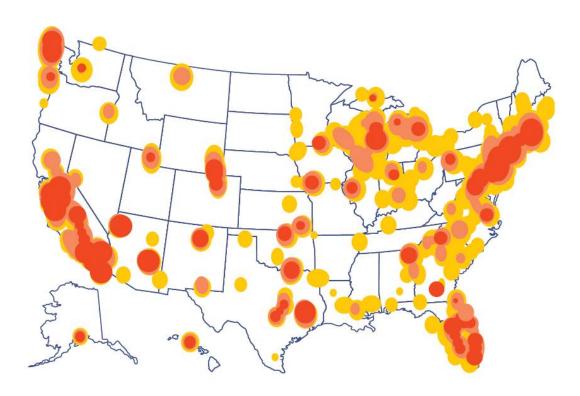
"I'M NOT EVEN GOING TO PRETEND LIKE I KNOW WHAT ITS LIKE TO LIVE IN YOUR SHOES. BUT I DO KNOW THAT YOU HAVE A LOT TO OFFER..."

# Illicit Massage Businesses

#### Illicit Massage Businesses (IMBs) At a Glance

- 2018 Polaris Report Identified that human trafficking was growing exponentially in the massage business industry.
- Crime is well organized among statewide and nationwide ring operations.
- Distinct differences between legitimate and illegitimate businesses.
- Victims often believe they deserve to be there, cultural dynamics are strong.
- Combination of Labor and Sex Trafficking.

### Illicit Massage in the US



**9,000+** illicit massage businesses currently open for business in America



Source: "Human Trafficking in Illicit Massage Businesses," Polaris 2019.

# IMBs – Key Indicators

Predominately male clientele;

- Open all the time, but most business occurs at night;
- Windows and doors are covered;
- Security cameras outside and inside;
- Anti-trafficking paraphernalia;
- Fake licenses and certifications;
- Online advertisement on sites like Rubmaps or Yelp
- Never the same girls in the same locations (signs of rotations).

## IMBs – Victims

- Eastern Asian (China, South Korea, Vietnam, Thailand);
- Do not speak English or lie about it;
- Are often in their 30s, 40s, and 50s;
- Do not know the law or their rights, isolation;
- Often transported, controlled movement;
- Fear deportation and criminalization;
- Do not see it as trafficking;
- Live onsite or nearby;
- Are working to pay off debt (tips);
- Mamasans

# IMB Disruption Methods

- Code Violations:
  Sex Buyers:
  - Health
  - $\circ$  Building
  - Local Regulations
  - Landlord ordinances

- Target and criminalize the buyers
- Cut-down on demand
- Cut-off funding streams for traffickers

- Rescue Victims:
  - Avoid arrests of victims
  - Avoid revictimization
  - Victims do not return into the circuit
  - Importance of cultural competency

# Discussion / Questions

