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## HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN THE NEWS

### **Quebec man charged in connection with human-trafficking circuit in B.C.**

A collaborative inter-provincial RCMP task force has caught a man involved in a B.C. human-trafficking circuit. Stanley Jean-Baptiste, 36, has been charged with multiple offences relating to trafficking persons after a Dec. 8 bust in Montreal.

### **7 out of 70-plus men arrested during F1 sex-trafficking operation in Las Vegas thought they were meeting teenager, police say**

The 8 News Now Investigators obtained information on seven of the 70-plus men arrested during a sex trafficking operation run by Metro police's vice squad during the week of the Las Vegas Grand Prix.

### **Dunkirk man indicted for labor and sex trafficking, kidnapping teen**

BUFFALO, N.Y. (WIVB) — A Dunkirk man was indicted Friday by a federal grand jury on charges that he kidnapped a minor and engaged in labor and sex trafficking, the U.S. Attorney's office announced.

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**If you don't have the TAT app yet, download it now ...  
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To better serve the variety of audiences now using the TAT app on their phones, TAT has refreshed its app content and added a number of new capabilities. The app can now:

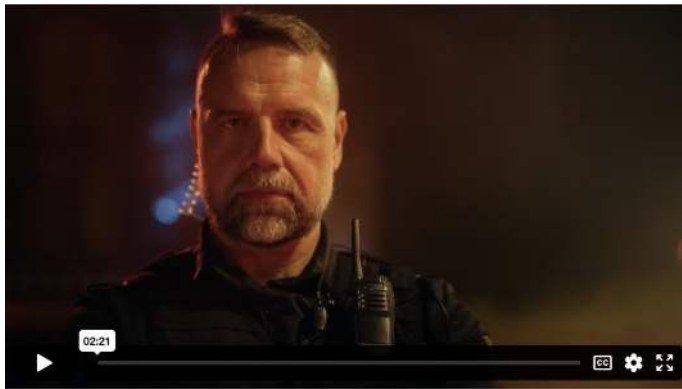
- Tailor red flag content specifically for various stakeholders, such as school transportation, over-the-road truckers, rideshare drivers, transit, in-home delivery professionals, etc.
- Enhance reporting capabilities for users with geo-location potential and best display call options, including, where available, local hotline numbers.
- Enable TAT the opportunity to track the total number of tips

- being reported via the app.
- Gather data from willing users/reporters on what they're seeing as to potential human trafficking situations.
- Provide a direct communication channel to app users.



Anyone already using the TAT app on their phone will automatically be upgraded to the new app, as long as they're keeping up on their app updates. Download it [here](#) for Android users and [here](#) for iOS users.

## TAT creates free, on-demand law enforcement training modules



### Law Enforcement Modules - TRAILER

Believing law enforcement at every level need victim-centered, human trafficking training -- but recognizing the physical impossibility of providing that in-person, given the magnitude of law enforcement nationwide -- TAT has created free, on-demand modules, with interactive activities and accompanying e-toolkit to provide training accessibility everywhere. Available now, these modules allow law enforcement officers in any size office anywhere to receive TAT's in-depth law enforcement training.

Modules can be selected individually or completed in a series. Law enforcement command staff, human trafficking survivors, victims' advocates and TAT trainers provide sessions, including Human Trafficking 101, Engaging Trafficking Victims: Best Practices, Human Trafficking Indicators at Interdiction Stops with Case Studies, Unlikely Allies: The Importance of the Commercial Vehicle Industry in Combating Human Trafficking, and Addressing Demand: No Buyer = No Victim.

The complimentary e-toolkit contains law enforcement resources, policies to implement, tech tools, victim service provider lists and information on criminal records and survivor well-being and problem-solving courts. The trailer for the modules can be accessed [here](#). The modules themselves can be requested by sending an email to [le@truckersagainsttrafficking.org](mailto:le@truckersagainsttrafficking.org).

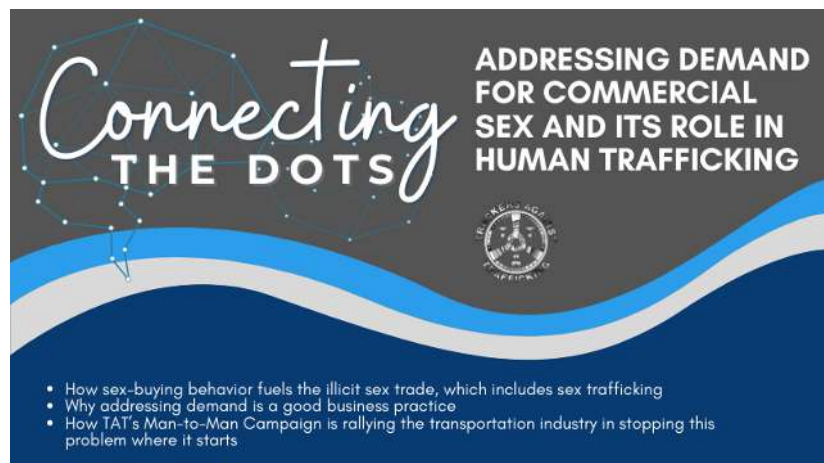
"Having trained law enforcement officers for the last seven years, I realized both the desire by law enforcement for training on human trafficking and our limits as an organization for being able to reach them all through in-person training," explained Kylla Lanier, TAT deputy director and senior director of Public Sector Engagement. "These on-demand modules, which provide six hours of training in total if taken as a series, exponentially accelerate TAT's ability to reach law enforcement agencies of all sizes and locations. This makes me incredibly happy. This training is our gift to law

enforcement for the difficult and, often, thankless job they do every day.”

## Addressing Demand webinar attracts diverse audience

In early December, TAT's Addressing Demand webinar attracted 75 participants from 37 companies and seven government agencies representing a wide range of sectors and industries.

This webinar, part of TAT's three-part Connecting the Dots series included a panel with Alan Smyth, the executive director of Saving Innocence, and Neil Getzlow, author and host of the podcast "Unmasked."



The hour-long session began with a brief overview of TAT, buyers of commercial sex and the importance to target them, how the demand for commercial sex fuels and intersects with human trafficking, online safety and the link between pornography and human trafficking before moving to the panel discussion. Panel topics included:

- *The expectations of masculinity* (what it means to act like a man, toxic masculinity and its effects, how young boys/teens are taught about sex and love)
- *Pornography* (its portrayal of women and minorities, its effects and mainstream appearance, how it has shaped the understanding of human sexuality and how it intersects with human trafficking)
- *The demand for purchasing sex* (who and where are sex buyers, demand for commercial sex in the transportation industry, how those in the transportation industry can spot potential human trafficking situations, those harmed by sex buying, the role of demand in sex trafficking, what can be done to stop demand by both those in the transportation and the general public)
- *Social support* (the importance of social support systems, mental health awareness)
- *Relationships* (healthy and unhealthy relationships, the importance of relationships)
- *Steps moving forward* (how to help end commercial sexual exploitation and gender-based violence individually, in relationships, in your communities, and in society)

The concluding presentation emphasized the truth that with no buyers, the crime of sex trafficking would cease to exist and provided additional next steps, various resources and time for questions. Ten attendees expressed the desire to host this webinar for their companies, agencies or organizations in 2024. Already scheduled for this year are Addressing Demand presentations for UPS, the Atlanta Children's Hospital, the Georgia Human Trafficking Task Force and the Mid-Columbia Human Trafficking Task Force.

## TAT staff provide presentations to diverse audiences in Illinois

TAT Deputy Director Kylla Lanier, along with Joy Friedman, survivor-leader and founder of The Missing Peace, conducted a four-hour training for 200 frontline workers in Paris, Illinois on Dec. 1. They also presented to a group of 50 community members later that evening, sharing practical ways to help lessen vulnerabilities in a community in order to safeguard people from traffickers and other exploiters.

“Trafficking is just as much of an issue locally as it is nationally,” commented Officer Doug Cochran of the Kansas, Illinois Police Department. “We’re trying to get boots on the ground and keep



everyone informed. Not only is this a real issue, but it's a growing issue for our area as well as the state of Illinois. This is more than a law enforcement issue; it's an issue for all citizens to become aware about and get involved."

Lanier said, "We're grateful to The CARE Coalition of Edgar County, and especially Officer Doug Cochran, for organizing this training and allowing us to share this vital information."



Lanier and Friedman spoke to about 200 frontline workers in Paris, Illinois.

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## JANUARY IS NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH IN THE U.S.

1. **Know the signs**  
Human trafficking is a crime that can happen to anyone. It is often hidden in plain sight. Learn the signs of human trafficking so you can help someone in need.
2. **Know the law**  
Human trafficking is a crime under federal, state, and local laws. Know the law so you can report a crime and help someone in need.
3. **Know the resources**  
There are many resources available to help someone in need of human trafficking. Know the resources so you can help someone in need.
4. **Know the support**  
There are many support services available to help someone in need of human trafficking. Know the support so you can help someone in need.
5. **Know the prevention**  
There are many ways to prevent human trafficking. Know the prevention so you can help someone in need.
6. **Know the impact**  
Human trafficking has a devastating impact on individuals and communities. Know the impact so you can help someone in need.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Jan. 3** – UPS Lunch N Learn: Addressing the Demand for Commercial Sex and its Role in Sex Trafficking webinar, virtual

**Jan. 4** – National Home Delivery Association Bi-weekly Membership Call, virtual

**Jan. 7** – Human trafficking panel for the Transportation Research Board, Washington, D.C.

**Jan. 8** – Human Trafficking Awareness Initiative with Sapp Bros./CO State Patrol, Commerce City, CO

**Jan. 8-12** – Human Trafficking Awareness Initiative, LE Outreach nationally

**Jan. 9** – Openforce Monthly Roundup, virtual

**Jan. 9** – Washington State Patrol/Washington Trucking Assoc. NHTAM webinar, virtual

**Jan. 9-12** – CES with Bridgestone, Las Vegas,

**Jan. 21-23** – National Star Route Mail Contractors Association 2024 Las Vegas Convention, Las Vegas, NV

**Jan. 22** – Pennsylvania Dept. of Agriculture Food Safety Training, Hershey, PA

**Jan. 23** – Addressing Demand webinar for the Atlanta Children's Hospital Georgia Human Trafficking Task Force, virtual

**Jan. 24** – American Logistics Aid Network Human Trafficking Awareness webinar, virtual

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**Jan. 24** – PACCAR Engine Human Trafficking Awareness Safety Meeting, virtual

**Jan. 24** – SM Energy Lunch N Learn, Denver, CO

NV

**Jan. 10** – Department of Defense Combating Trafficking in Persons Task Force Meeting (DOD CTIP), virtual

**Jan. 10** – SM Energy Safety Conference, Midland, TX

**Jan. 10** – California Bureau of Private Post-Secondary Education webinar, virtual presentation

**Jan. 11** – County transit and Road and Bridge, Georgetown, CO

**Jan. 11** – Marathon Petroleum Human Trafficking Awareness (sponsored by Arise ERG), virtual

**Jan. 11** – Quantix, Preventing Human Trafficking through the Transportation Industry, virtual

**Jan. 11** – TC Energy Human Trafficking Awareness webinar, virtual

**Jan. 16** – Great West Casualty Company Human Trafficking Awareness webinar, virtual

**Jan. 16** – WisDOT's Empowering Women in Transportation Colleague Engagement Network, virtual

**Jan. 16-19** – Frito-Lay National Human Trafficking Awareness Month training sessions, virtual

**Jan. 17** – Awareness to Action: Anti-Human Trafficking Initiatives for Transit, virtual

**Jan. 19** – Northland Insurance "Coffee with Kathy", virtual

**Jan. 24** – San Joaquin Coalition Build, San Joaquin, CAI

**Jan. 24** – Marathon Oil Train the Trainer, virtual

**Jan. 24** – UPS Lunch N Learn: Internet Safety and Online Exploitation: Trends and the Role of Caregivers webinar, virtual

**Jan. 25** – Nevada Resorts Association Addressing Demand webinar, virtual

**Jan. 26** – First Fleet Human Trafficking Awareness meeting, Dallas, TX

**Jan. 30** – U.S. Chamber of Commerce Business Engagement/Human Trafficking Hill Briefing for Toolkit Launch, Washington, D.C.

**Jan. 30** – Wilmington University webinar series, virtual



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