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HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN THE NEWS

High school teacher accused of sex trafficking teenage runaways she offered to help

A high school teacher in Klein, Texas, has been arrested in connection with alleged sex-trafficking of three teenagers, authorities say. Kedria M. Grigsby, 42, was arrested on Monday on three counts of trafficking a child and three counts of compelling prostitution of juveniles, Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez said in a statement. [Click here](#) to read more.

Feds eye drugs, sex trafficking at Central Avenue strip club

The FBI is investigating a wide array of crime at Shenanigans strip club and an adjoining lingerie business in Colonie, including allegations of drug and sex trafficking and wire fraud, according to federal court documents filed after the arrest of the club's manager on charges he sold methamphetamine to an informant. [Click here](#) to read more.

Lexington woman accused of labor trafficking of a Guatemalan minor

An arrest warrant has been issued for a Lexington woman, accused of labor trafficking a 17-year-old girl. Candelaria Pedro Reymundo, 44, is charged in Dawson County Court with labor trafficking of a minor. According to an arrest affidavit, on March 12, Lexington Police were called to speak with a possible trafficking victim. [Click here](#) to read more.

TAT partners with Bristol Myers Squibbs to talk about human trafficking at pharmaceutical conference

TAT Director of Industry Training Heather Fry and Kim Murphy, a Bristol Myers Squibb's (BMS) Corporate Security analyst, teamed up to encourage members of the pharmaceutical industry to become engaged in the fight against human trafficking at the Pharmaceutical Cargo Security Coalition Educational Seminar on April 3-4 in Hanover, New Jersey. The conference was hosted by the Healthcare Distribution Alliance (HDA).

Fry provided education about human trafficking and TAT's approach to fighting the crime, while Murphy highlighted ways BMS has partnered with TAT in the fight against human trafficking.



Kim Murphy (right) from Bristol Myers Squibb and TAT's Heather Fry (left) teamed up to present on human trafficking at the Pharmaceutical Cargo Security Coalition Educational Seminar.

One hundred sixty-two people attended the seminar, which attracts healthcare industry professionals who ship and store sensitive, high-risk/high-value products. The event showcased the Freedom Drivers Project (FDP), giving participants the opportunity to tour the mobile exhibit and further their understanding of the crime. FDP Director Brandy Belton was available to answer questions for those who toured.

Fry said, "The Freedom Drivers Project allows folks to see survivors as real people rather than as some abstract statistic. When you couple that kind of heart experience with the passion of an influential leader like Kim Murphy of BMS, who presented alongside me, the potential impact is significant. More companies engaging with TAT equals more real-life opportunities for victims to be recovered. We're grateful to BMS for their partnership and to Schneider for hauling the FDP to and from this event."

TAT Board Member and Ambassador Antoine Sadler presents at EPES employee event

Antoine Sadler, a TAT Ambassador, board member and an American Trucking Associations (ATA) Road Team Captain, spoke to approximately 100 people at the EPES Transport's Driver Award Banquet on April 13 in Rockwall, Texas.

"It's an honor every time I get the opportunity to speak on TAT's behalf," Sadler commented. "When this message comes from a driver, other drivers can see someone who preforms the same job and is fighting against human trafficking."

As part of his presentation, Sadler shared the difference between smuggling and trafficking, which was of particular interest since Texas is a border state, and also talked about the impact of and shared photos of the Freedom Drivers Project and its exhibits, even though the museum wasn't at the event.

"Afterwards," he related, "people came to the TAT display table to get materials, download the TAT app and share stories with me. One lady cried while talking about a friend who was a survivor of human trafficking. Another person who works with the juvenile system talked about her experience with young people who had



Antoine Sadler

been victims of trafficking.”

Sadler, a professional truck driver for Walmart Transportation, has accumulated over 2.7-million safe driving miles during his 29-year career. He has received numerous safe driving and truck driving championship awards, has been a member of the Walmart Road Team since 2015 and a member of the North Carolina Trucking Association's Road Team since 2018. At Walmart, Sadler is a NATMI Certified Driver Trainer and leads new hire orientation.

TAT invited to speak to USPS Chief Logistics Officers meeting



TAT's Heather Fry presented to approximately 150 postal service senior staff at the USPS Chief Logistics Officers (CLO) meeting April 23.

Following two successful presentations in January and March to employees of the U.S. postal system, Heather Fry, TAT director of Industry Training, received a third invitation to present to the USPS Chief Logistics Officers (CLO) Senior Leadership meeting April 23.

In January, Fry spoke at the National Star Route Mail Carriers Association (NSRMCA) 2024 Las Vegas Convention and, in March, to the Transportation Strategy team (responsible for carrier contracts) via a Lunch N Learn webinar. Peter Routsolias, vice president of that team, who had issued the webinar invitation following the mail carriers' convention, then invited Fry to speak to the CLO meeting.

In her presentation, Fry highlighted TAT's local driver video and shipping partners program, seeking to motivate the CLO's senior leaders to train their drivers and become engaged in the fight against human trafficking.

“The USPS looks forward to growing our relationship with Truckers Against Trafficking and is encouraging our suppliers to learn more about this important association,” Routsolias said.

Fry commented, “It was an honor to present the TAT message and bring awareness to the realities

of human trafficking to roughly 150 of the postal service's senior staff. Peter Routsolias has been a great supporter of TAT since we met at the NSRMCA conference in January, and his influence is already making an impact with companies who contract with USPS and adding to the number of people trained with our life-saving training.”

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 1 – Missouri Association for Pupil Transportation Membership webinar, virtual

May 1 – Sapp Bros. Employee Appreciation Event, Harrisonville, MO

May 2 – Covenant Logistics Headquarters, Huntsville, AR

May 3 – ArcBest Safety Conference, Fort Smith, AR

May 6-8 – The Greater Rockies Immersive Training on Exploitation and Trafficking, Laramie, WY

May 6-9 – Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration National Conference, Denver, CO

May 7-10 – National Judicial College Conference, Reno, NV

May 9 – National Star Route Mail Contractors Association webinar, virtual

May 12-16 – The Williston Basin Petroleum Conference, Bismarck, ND

May 14 – Texas Trucking Association Town Hall Meeting, virtual

May 15 – Greater Northeast Motorcoach Association webinar, virtual

May 15 – Alliance Against Human Trafficking Human Trafficking Task Force Meeting, Cleveland, OH

May 16 – Kentucky Safety Summit Conference, Lexington, KY

May 17 – Wyoming Trucking Association 2024 Annual Convention, Rock Springs, WY

May 21-23 – American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators Region 1 Conference, Quebec, Ontario

May 21 – Coalition Build, Tucson, AZ

May 22 – Loves Gila River Indian Reservation Truck Stop Community Outreach Event, Chandler, AZ

May 26-30 – Walmart Shareholders, Bentonville, AR



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