

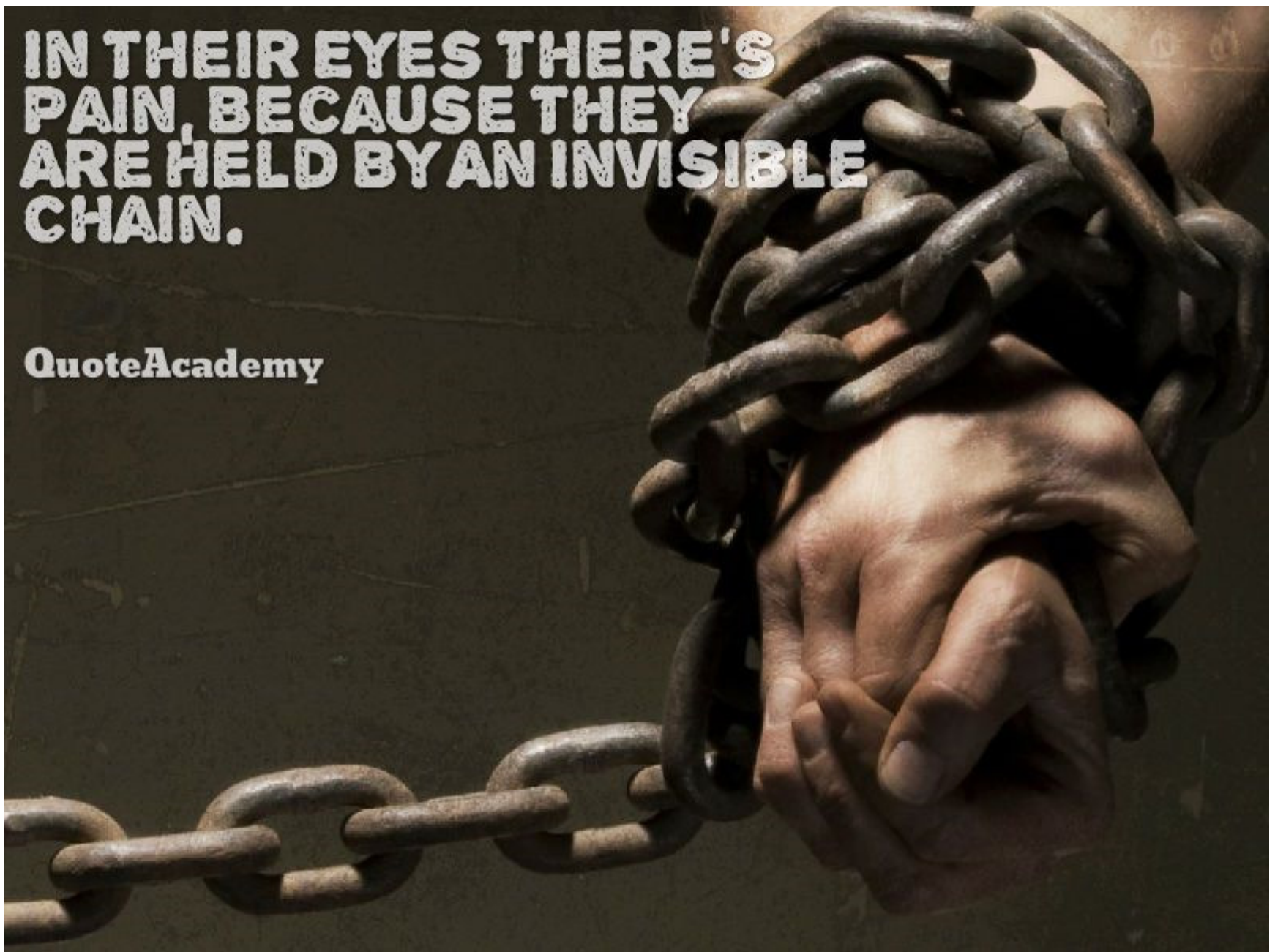
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INVESTIGATING AND PROSECUTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING CASES

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**IN THEIR EYES THERE'S
PAIN, BECAUSE THEY
ARE HELD BY AN INVISIBLE
CHAIN.**

QuoteAcademy



MAIN GOALS

COMBAT COMMERCIAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- Sexual exploitation of minors
- Exploitation of labor

SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF MINORS

- Commercial Rape
- No such thing as a “Child Prostitute”
- Vulnerable youths

HT CASE NOTIFICATIONS

- DCF Careline reports
- National Hotline Tips
- Citizen reports
- Law Enforcement initiated
- Other

VICTIM ORIENTED

- The victim is a PERSON
- Basic needs
 - Environmental
 - Physical
 - Mental
 - Emotional

TRAUMA INDUCED ISSUES

- Repeatedly Raped
- Fear of contact with authorities
- Violence is ever present
 - Pimps Rapists (“Johns”)
 - Others trapped in the same situation

WHO ARE THE VICTIMS?

- Vulnerable youth
 - Sexually abused
 - Physically abused
 - Bullied by peers
 - Mental health issues
 - Rebellious behavior
 - Peer pressure
 - Other problems at home

Male and Female



Children don't wake up one morning
and decide they'll be prostitutes...

**they're
forced
into it.**



IDENTIFY POTENTIAL HT FLAGS

- RISKY BEHAVIOR
 - Frequently AWOL
 - Substance Abuse Issues
 - Sexually promiscuous – multiple sex partners
 - Distinct age difference- boyfriend 12 years older
 - Multiple events involving rape scenarios
 - Mental Health issues with suicidal ideations
 - Victim statements about \$\$ for sexual conduct
 - Unexplained gifts or cash

SPECIFIC HT INDICATORS

- Payment for sexual performances - videos
- Money exchanged for sex
- Advertisements for “sex dates” posted on internet websites
- Victim receives little or no payment for the sexual activity
- Victim receives nominal “gift” items of value

TAKING THE FIGHT TO THE PREDATORS

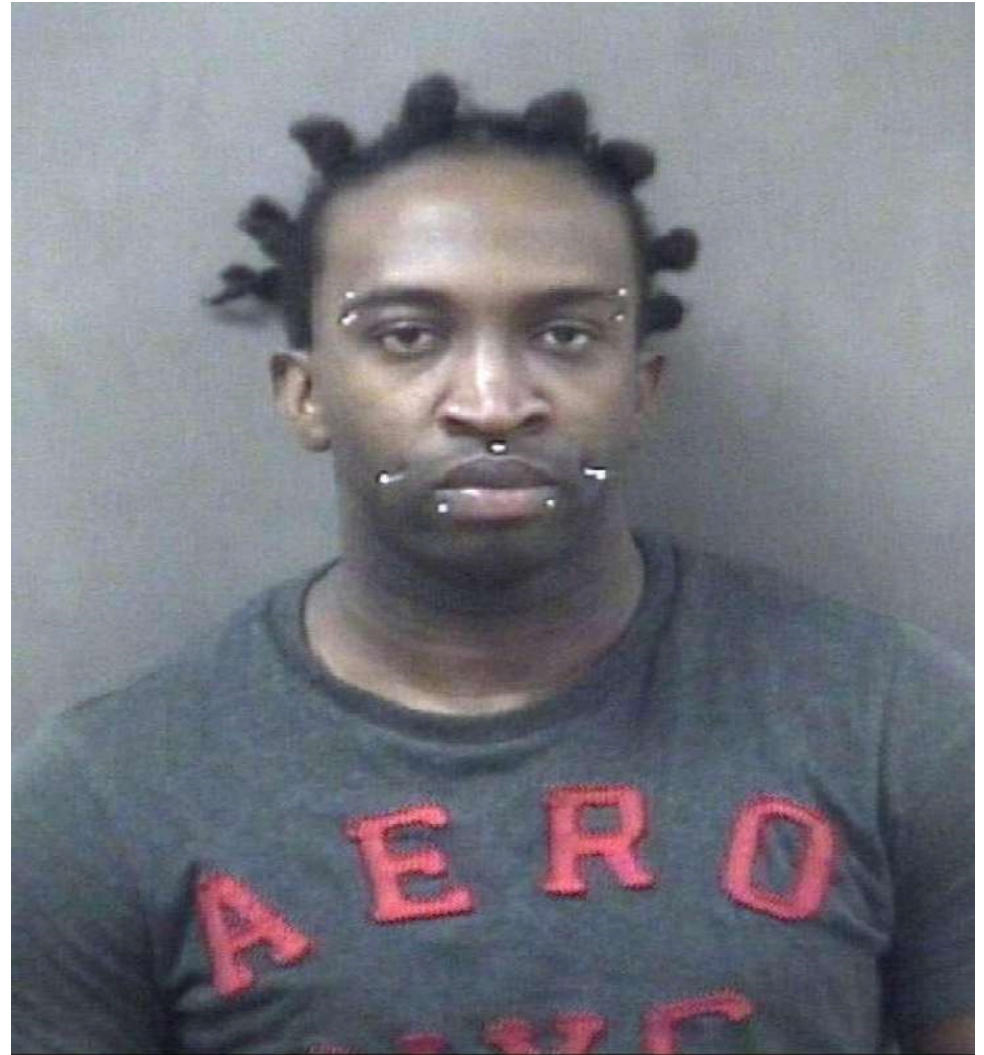
Proactive approach to the problem

- Sting operations – Hunt the pimps and the predators



Jason “Boots” Prawl

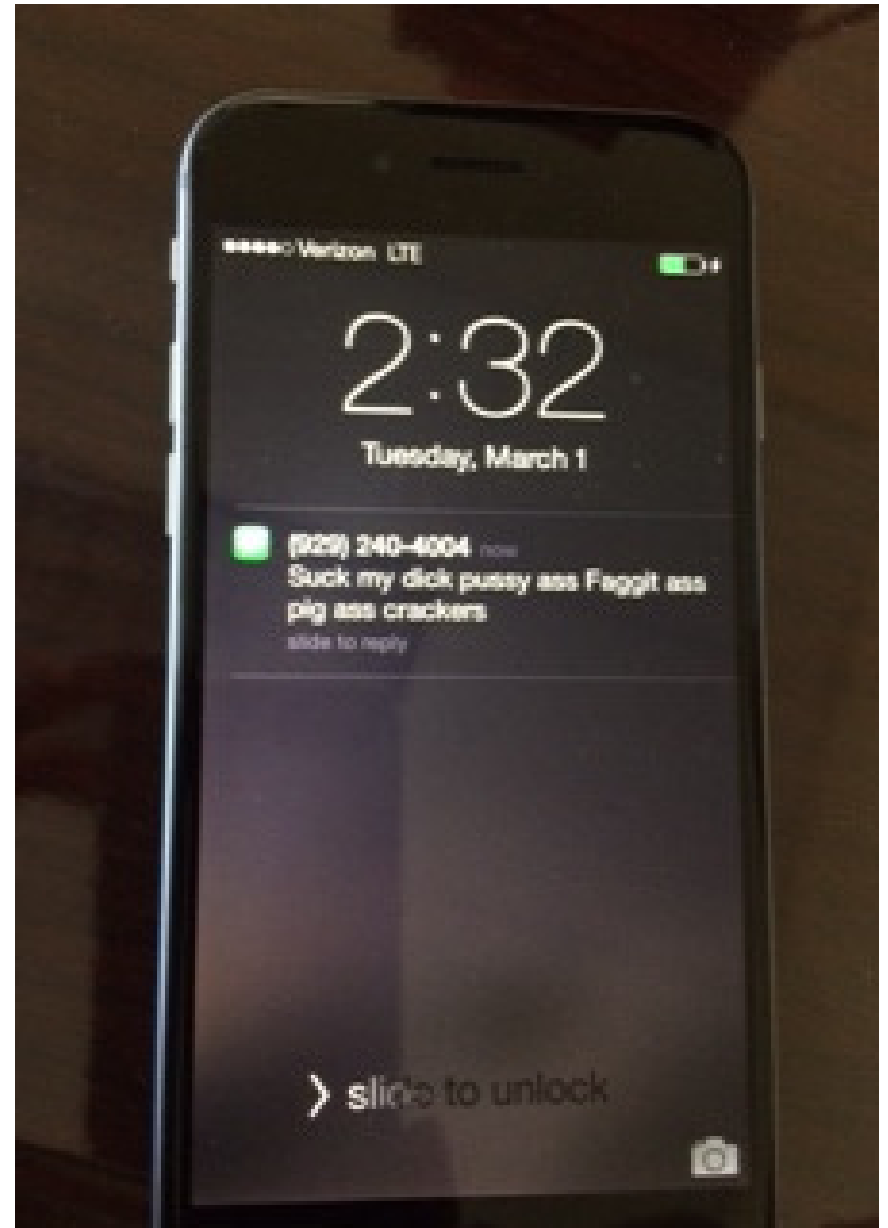
- February 26, 2016
 - Prostitution sting Milford, CT
- March 11, 2016
 - Prostitution sting Norwalk, CT
- April 08, 2016
 - Sexual Assault 1st Bridgeport, CT
- October 18, 2016
 - Federal Indictment 2 counts of sex trafficking a minor



As prosecutor Attorney Donahue was outlining the complaint against him, which allegedly included Prawl giving instructions to the female suspects to “make sure nobody is a cop or a weirdo, get on with the date, and get the money first,” a shackled Prawl glared at the prosecutor and yelled out, “That’s a lie. That’s a lie.”

When Donahue indicated that Prawl had been glaring at her, his family members burst into laughter.

Hernandez halted the proceedings and strongly cautioned Prawl that his outburst offended the dignity of the court and violated the decorum of the courtroom. The judge then told the defendant that he could be cited for contempt of court and sentenced to ‘dead time’ in which he would receive no credit for time served. After Prawl had a short conference with Public Defender Attorney Elizabeth Reid, he said, “Alright I’m sorry.”



PRAWL IS CONVICTED WITHOUT GOING TO TRIAL

Inmate Number:	330981
Inmate Name:	PRAWL,JASON
Date of Birth:	2/1/1988
Latest Admission Date:	3/10/2016
Current Location:	MACDOUGALL-WALKER (MACDOUGALL BUILDING)
Status:	SENTENCED
Bond Amount:	0
Controlling Offense*:	SEXUAL ASSAULT, FIRST DEGREE F
Date of Sentence:	8/23/2017
Maximum Sentence:	10 Year(s) 0 Month(s) 0 Day(s)
Maximum Release Date:	3/17/2026
Estimated Release Date:	Not Applicable
Special Parole End Date:	Not Applicable
Detainer:	FEDERAL

Bridgeport Man Sentenced to More Than 12 Years in Federal Prison for Sex Trafficking 2 Minor Girls

August 14, 2017

Deirdre M. Daly, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, announced that JASON PRAWL, also known as “Boots,” 29, of Bridgeport, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Michael P. Shea in Hartford to 151 months of imprisonment, followed by five years of supervised release, for trafficking two minors to engage in sex.

According to court documents and statements made in court, PRAWL recruited, harbored and transported two minor victims to engage in commercial acts. In the summer of 2015, PRAWL began promoting a 17-year-old female to engage in prostitution. PRAWL arranged prostitution appointments for the victim that were priced at \$60 for 10 minutes, \$100 for 30 minutes, \$150 to \$200 for an hour, and \$500 or more for longer than an hour. PRAWL kept all of the money that the victim earned.

STOP THE DEMAND

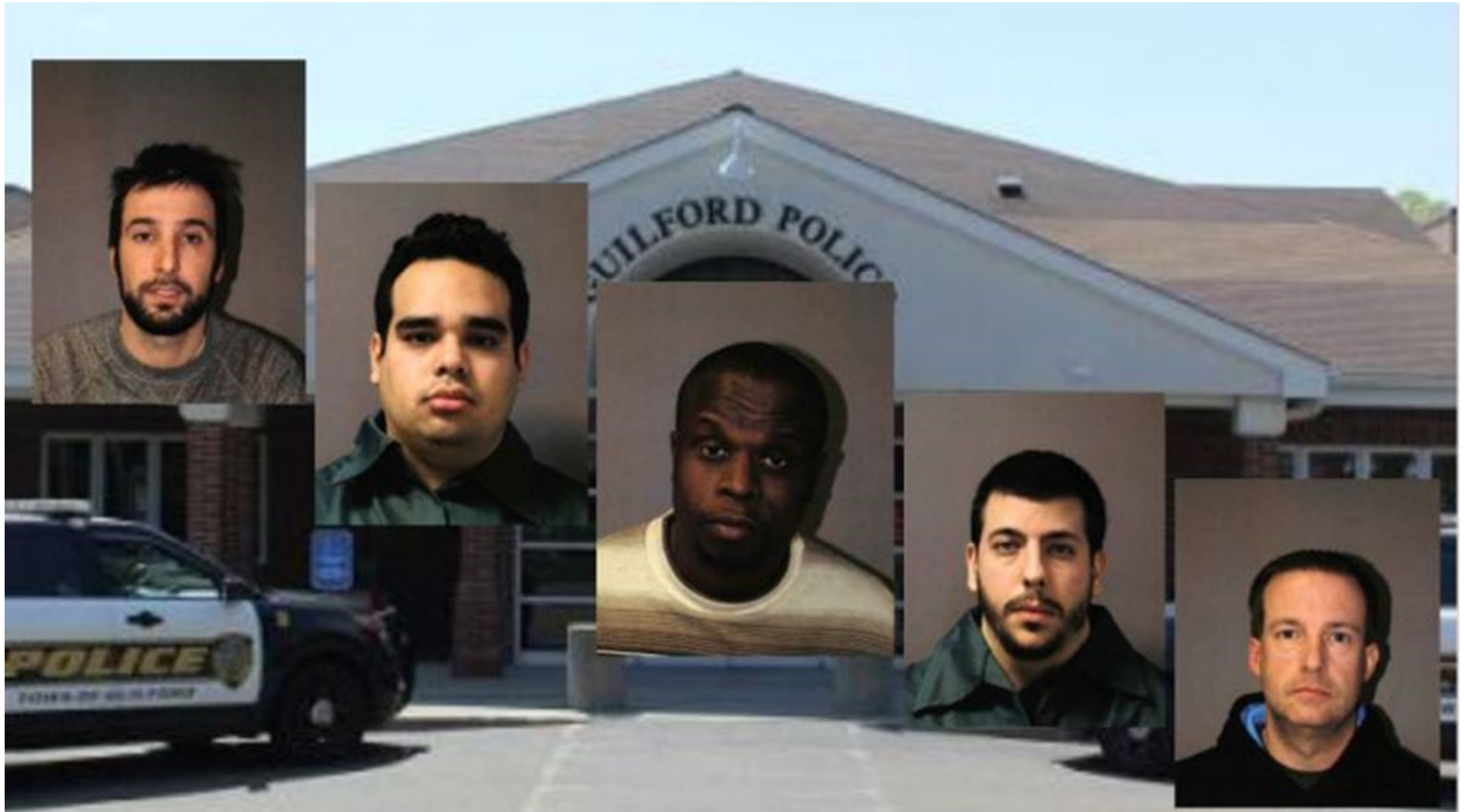


HOW TO INTERRUPT THE DEMAND

- Systemic Awareness
- STING Operations
 - Commercial Sexual Exploitation
 - Labor trafficking
- Public Awareness

GUILFORD POLICE

“NOT IN MY TOWN”



COERCIVE FORCES LABOR TRAFFICKING

- Isolation
- Language Barriers
- Fear of Authorities
- Threats to themselves or others
- Limited resources

MASSAGE PARLORS

City of Torrington Police Department, February 1, 2018

******* PRESS RELEASE *******

- On 2/1/2018 Torrington Police Department accompanied the State of Connecticut Department of Labor for three unannounced inspections of local massage parlors within our city. The Torrington Police have received complaints about these establishments concerning their business practices. All three business were found not to be compliant with various Department of Labor requirements and given a Stop-Work Order. These business will remain closed until said violations have been rectified. The establishments are as follows:
 - Maple Massage 683 Winsted Road Torrington CT
 - Graceful Massage Spa 835 New Harwinton Road Torrington CT
 - Comfort Massage 997 East Main Street Torrington CT

ADJUST OUR PERCEPTION

- No such thing as a “child prostitute”
- IT’S COMMERCIAL RAPE OF CHILDREN
- Focus on the victims needs to break the cycle
- Victims did not volunteer to be exploited
- Forced labor practices = SLAVERY

How Can You Help?

- Public Awareness
- Lobby State and Federal leaders for resources
- Volunteer with various groups
- Stay informed
- Pay attention to youth
- Join the fight

QUESTIONS

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