Human Trafficking in the News

Howard police break up prostitution ring; charge three for human trafficking
(Editor's note: The witness in this article was a TA/Petro employee trained with TAT materials.)
Two men and a woman are facing human trafficking and prostitution charges following a two-month investigation by Howard County police, where detectives found women from various states being forced to perform sex acts for money.

McCain, Stanton, Brnovich: Anti-sex-trafficking push showing results
One in 20 adult men in Phoenix pay for sex, one expert says, and local leaders say an effort to stop sex customers in their tracks is having an impact.

Truckers join drive on U.S. highways to tackle sex trafficking
LONDON, Nov 18 (Thomson Reuters Foundation) - Truck driver Kevin Kimmel just finished making his overnight deliveries when he noticed something odd at the Virginia truckstop where he stopped to sleep.

Here's proof truckers may be better poised to rescue sex trafficking victims than cops
(Huffington Post) Sex trafficking remains a largely hidden crime in the U.S., but a fleet of truck drivers across the country are leading the charge in exposing the criminals behind these acts and in freeing victims.

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America's trucking industry center stage at Trust Women Conference
Given ten minutes to present Truckers Against Trafficking and what the trucking industry is doing to fight human trafficking in the United States, Kendis Paris, TAT executive director, shared the story of truck driver Kevin Kimmel and the call he made that rescued a trafficking victim at the 2015 Trust Women Conference in London, England Nov. 18-19.

Paris was invited to speak at this annual global conference after presenting at the World Economic Forum in February in New York City. The Trust Women Conference is committed to finding real solutions to empower women and fight slavery worldwide.

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In The Know

In The Know: A Survivor's Perspective is a monthly blog series TAT runs on Facebook and its Blog page on the TAT website, where the survivor's expert voice is heard on a variety of topics surrounding, impacting or contributing to the fight against human trafficking. The following is an excerpt from the blog series.

The Diary of Jasmine Grace
Surviving the life of sex trafficking and overcoming drug addiction
Jan 2, 2007...
I cannot believe that it's another year ... another year has gone by, and I've tried to get better on my own but I haven't succeeded. That's why as I write this, I am laying on white sheets that drape over, on a very smooshie, but small twin-size bed ... in a Detox room in Somerville. I'm wearing a super-fly pair of blue scrubs, baggy pants and an oversize shirt. They said I could keep it. Gee, thanks.

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Freedom Drivers Project heads south to Georgia and Florida

The Georgia Motor Trucking Association provided premier booth space for the Freedom Drivers Project (FDP) and presentation time at the opening of the event for Kylla Lanier, TAT deputy director, at their
Fleet Expo, Nov. 9-11, in Atlanta, Georgia.

From there, the FDP headed down to Groveland, Florida to spend Nov. 13 with Carroll Fulmer Logistics Corporation for their 2015 Driver/Employee Appreciation Week. The record-breaking heat meant a fantastic day for TAT with great crowds of drivers, staff and local businesses touring the FDP to learn how they could make a difference in their community in the fight against human trafficking.

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### Remember TAT in your year-end giving

While trucking indisputably moves America forward, Truckers Against Trafficking (TAT), working with the trucking industry and law enforcement, is moving the fight against human trafficking forward in unprecedented ways. Phone calls from trucking industry members to the National Human Trafficking Hotline and local law enforcement continue to rise, having resulted in more than 400 potential human trafficking cases since TAT began in 2009, involving 692 victims, 234 of which are minors.

When you give to TAT, you're supporting an organization with a proven track record for action, and one whose work in partnership with trucking and law enforcement is becoming a formidable force when it comes to rooting out and stopping modern-day slavery.

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### Upcoming Events

**Dec. 3** - New Hampshire Trucking Association meeting, Concord, NH, Lyn Thompson, TAT communications specialist, presenting

**Dec. 7-8** - Bridgestone National Sales Meeting, Nashville, TN, Kendis Paris, TAT executive director, presenting

**Dec. 9** - Vermont Trucking Association meeting, Barre, VT, Michelle Bishop, TAT program coordinator, presenting

**Dec. 11** - FDP at TA Travel Plaza, Wilcox, AZ, Helen Van Dam, FDP director,