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Human Trafficking in the News

Why men pay for sex, and why they shouldn't

When Robert Kraft, the billionaire owner of the New England Patriots, was charged with two first-degree misdemeanor counts of soliciting a prostitute at the Orchids of Asia massage parlor, the question on many lips was, "Why would a wealthy, famous man risk his reputation to pay for sex?"

Silk exotic strip club co-owner under investigation in federal sex trafficking case

A federal sex trafficking investigation now includes the co-owner of a downtown Milwaukee strip club. Radomir Buzdum co-owns Silk Exotic, as well as a club in Dodge County, where investigators say he knew women were being trafficked.

'Modern-Day Slavery': 3 Philadelphia hotels sued for allegedly turning a blind eye to teen sex trafficking

Lawyers claim several local hotels helped sex traffickers enslave young girls in what they call a rampant sex slave business. The two men convicted as ringleaders of the human sex trafficking rings are serving lengthy prison sentences, and now lawyers are turning their focus on the hotels. The lawsuit filed Wednesday seeks to hold the owners and parent companies of three Philadelphia hotels responsible for what it alleges are human sex trafficking rings that happened right under their noses.

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Addressing Demand: Man to Man video now available



In response to a request from TAT's Ambassador drivers for more tools they could use when speaking with other drivers about the demand for commercial sex and its relationship to sex trafficking, TAT has created a video that explores the myths and attitudes that create demand.

This video can get the conversation started, not only among drivers, but in men's groups, corporations and with men one-on-one. It is accompanied by resources and steps men, groups and corporations can take to help change ideas, attitudes and policies they may have, as well as cultural norms they see being lived out around them.

"As demand is an issue every person should be aware of and talking about, we urge you to watch this video and then share Addressing Demand: Man to Man with your networks," said Kendis Paris, TAT executive director. "The truth is that if there is no buyer, there will be no victim, and there will be no sex trafficking."

**Get ready to bid on the new
Everyday Heroes truck May 17**

2019 Kenworth T680 SPECIAL EDITION

The special Kenworth T680 is fully loaded with a 76-inch sleeper, 485-hp PACCAR MX-13 engine, and PACCAR 12-speed automated transmission.

Selling in Phoenix on May 17

Ritchie Bros. is proud to partner with Inland Kenworth and Truckers Against Trafficking to help fight human trafficking. Ritchie Bros. will sell a custom "Everyday Heroes" Kenworth T680 at our Phoenix auction on May 17 with proceeds of the sale going to generating awareness, further educating and fund efforts against human trafficking.

For details visit: rbauktion.com/truckers-vs-trafficking

This 2019 Kenworth T680 Special Edition Everyday Heroes truck is a head-turner. And buying it helps fight human trafficking, as proceeds of the sale will go to Truckers Against Trafficking (TAT) to help fund education and awareness throughout the trucking, truck stop and busing industries.

Truckers Against Trafficking and Inland Kenworth unveiled the Everyday Heroes truck at the National Mall in Washington DC in January, kicking off a four-month tour with stops at TMC Annual Meeting in Atlanta (March 18-21), and the Mid-America Trucking show in Louisville (March 28-30), before going on exhibit at Ritchie Bros.' Houston auction (April 16), Denver auction (May 8) and finally the Phoenix Auction (May 17), where the truck will be auctioned.

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TAT hires Louie Greek as training specialist

With the demand continuing to grow for staff to make presentations nationwide, TAT has hired Louie Greek as a training specialist.

With over 20 years of law enforcement, military and humanitarian aid experience, Greek has helped recover victims while working human trafficking investigations with law enforcement in countries such as Cambodia, Uganda, Myanmar, Nepal, Peru and Thailand, or working with local law enforcement to



overseas military deployments in Iraq and the Balkans.

Working with international law enforcement agencies such as the F.B.I., Interpol, Royal Thai Police, Thailand Department of Special Investigations and Department of Homeland Security, he either led, facilitated or coordinated over 60 law enforcement anti-human-trafficking operations, liberating over 740 human trafficking victims with the arrest of more than 120 suspects. In Thailand, he assisted in the creation of the Thailand Internet Crimes Against

Children (TICAC) Laboratory at the Royal Thai Police Academy, which is responsible for hundreds of arrests related to human trafficking, smuggling of migrants and child exploitation.

He served 20 years in the United States Army (Reserve). During his time as a Captain, he trained soldiers on the Department of Defense's Trafficking in Persons awareness initiative. His interest in combating human trafficking has steered him to acquire hundreds of hours of anti-human-trafficking education and, in turn, he shares that knowledge in presentations, trainings and awareness.

With a strong desire to serve, his passion in this fight for the cause is inspired by one of his most admired abolitionists, Harriet Tubman. Because she said, "I freed a thousand slaves; I could have freed a thousand more if only they knew they were slaves," Greek believes education and awareness are vital to winning this fight.

"After spending the last five years assisting law enforcement in human trafficking investigations around the world," said Greek, "I am happy to now be a part of the TAT team, combating domestic sex trafficking in our country. I feel privileged to be a part of TAT's work, alongside such professionals in the transportation and law enforcement communities. One of the great things about working for TAT is its many fantastic programs. My current favorite is the recent release of our Demand video from our Man-to-Man campaign."

There's still time to join the celebration!

Why are you a TAT?

I am a TAT because, I can't sit by and do nothing. This gives me a safe way to help. ~ *Allie F.*

For most of the 38 years that I've been driving, I thought these girls wanted to be out there. Once I found out that they were forced, I wanted to do everything in my power to help stop the trafficking! ~ *Michael K.*

This is an "all in" or "all out" choice for truckers. Once you know the training exists and gain access to it, there's no room for "later." No room for complacency in deciding which side you're on. ~ *Ralph C.*

Help us continue to raise up a mobile army to fight human trafficking.


Celebrate TAT's 10th birthday with a gift for our matching grant today!




It's not too late to give to the \$125,000 matching grant the Greenbaum Foundation and Change a Path are offering in honor of TAT's decade of existence and service. To date, \$84,764.60 have been donated. You have until June 18 to donate to this matching grant campaign, so we can continue to raise up a mobile army of transportation professionals dedicated to discovering and disrupting human trafficking networks.


Please consider wishing us Happy Birthday with a financial gift at this time so we can obtain this matching grant. Our impact in this fight continues to grow!

10 YEARS OF IMPACT







2,250
calls made into
the national
hotline by truckers




612
likely
cases
generated




1,133
potential
victims
identified




143 Freedom Drivers
Project events




41 states
adopted IA MVE
model



42 coalition
builds
conducted



Over 100,000
bus industry
members
training



TAT model
replicated
across modes,
industries and
borders

700,000+ DRIVERS TRAINED!

Upcoming Events

May 1 - Crestwood Train the Trainer, Houston, TX, Ashley Smith, TAT oil and gas program manager, presenting

May 2 and 4 - Junior League National Conference, Denver, CO, FDP, Susan Dold, TAT systems administrator, and Louie Greek, TAT training specialist, presenting

May 3 - South Dakota Department of Public Safety Annual CDL Examiners Conference, Oacoma, SD, Louie Greek, TAT training specialist, presenting

May 9-11 - New Mexico Truck Driving Championships, Albuquerque, NM, FDP and Helen Van Dam, FDP director, attending, and Louie Greek, TAT training specialist, presenting

May 10 - New Mexico Trucking Association 2019 Annual Event, Albuquerque, NM, Louie Greek, TAT training specialist, presenting

May 14 - National Rural Transit Assistance Program webinar, Annie Sovcik, BOTL director, presenting

May 16 - Everyday Hero Truck Auction, Phoenix, AZ, Kylla Lanier, TAT deputy director, attending

May 16 - Transportation Club of Detroit, Dearborn, MI, Laura Cyrus, TAT corporate engagement director, presenting



May 21-22 - Colorado Law Enforcement Training, Golden, CO, Kylla Lanier, TAT deputy director, and Annika Huff, survivor-advocate, presenting

May 21 - US Chamber of Commerce Human Trafficking Task Force meeting, Washington, DC, Annie Sovcik, BOTL director, attending

May 22 - Colorado Association of Transit Agencies Annual Conference, Denver, CO, Annie Sovcik, BOTL director, presenting

May 25 - Protective 500 Reception and TAT Harriet Tubman Award presented by Protective Insurance presentation, Indianapolis, IN, Laura Cyrus, TAT corporate engagement director, presenting

May 29 - Schneider Women's Network, Green Bay, WI, Laura Cyrus, TAT corporate engagement director, presenting

May 30 - Sapp Bros Managers Meeting, Cheyenne, WY, Kylla Lanier, TAT deputy director, presenting

May 30 - Michigan coalition build, Lansing, MI, Esther Goetsch, TAT coalition build director, and Beth Jacobs, TAT field trainer, presenting and Laura Cyrus, TAT director of corporate engagement, attending

May 31 - Nebraska Truck Driving Championships, Grand Island, NE, Susan Dold, TAT systems administrator, and FDP, attending

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