Human trafficking in the news

Pimp gets 45 years in beating death of woman
A violent attack that started at a Portage gas station and eventually killed a woman will send a South Bend pimp to prison for 45 years. [Click here](#) to read more.

D.C. cop sentenced to seven years for forcing minors into sex trade
A former D.C. cop was sentenced to seven years in prison today for forcing two minors into the sex trade and taking unclothed photographs of three minors. [Click here](#) to read more.

Pimp gets two life terms in human trafficking case
Glen Dukes, 45, whom prosecutors labeled a "pimp" during his trial on human trafficking charges, was sentenced to two life terms in prison late Thursday. [Click here](#) to read more.

Freedom Drivers Project participates in human trafficking forum in Carlsbad, New Mexico
With the oil industry booming in Carlsbad, New Mexico, Truckers Against Trafficking and iEmpathize, (a non-profit that combats human trafficking through the arts and media--[www.iempathize.org](http://www.iempathize.org)) joined U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce, NM Second District, in a human trafficking awareness event Sept. 25-26 in Carlsbad. The event provided ordinary citizens, politicians, law enforcement and members of the trucking industry information and ideas for the steps they can take to fight against the human trafficking usually drawn to oil boom towns. [Click here](#) to read more about the Carlsbad event.
options for her like a 30 year old would, etc. Except, except, she is a child. And looks are deceiving. And sexual exploitation is sexual exploitation no matter what the age of the victim."

--TAT Deputy Director Kylla Leeburg

From left, US Congressman Steve Pearce, TAT Deputy Director Kylla Leeburg, and NMTA Director Johnny Johnson participated in the Carlsbad human trafficking awareness event.

The Freedom Drivers Project (FDP) was a popular exhibit in Carlsbad, NM.

FDP travels to Houston community human trafficking forum

Honoring a request by U.S. Rep. Ted Poe, Texas Second District, to participate in a community human trafficking forum he was holding in Houston on Oct. 16, the Freedom Drivers Project (FDP) left New Mexico for Texas. Held at Houston's First Baptist Church, the forum featured Congressman Poe and speakers from law enforcement, anti-human trafficking organizations, and Kendis Paris, TAT executive director. Following the forum, those in attendance were invited to tour the FDP.

Click here to read more about the stop in Houston.
TAT Executive Director Kendis Paris fielded questions during the panel event in Houston, TX.

US Representative Ted Poe, left, poses with Bill Brady, professional truck driver and TAT volunteer, inside the FDP.

TAT provides training at Region 4 meeting of the NAPFTDS

Members of the National Association of Publicly Funded Truck Driving Schools (NAPFTDS) attending the Region 4 meeting in Drumright, Oklahoma, Oct. 23-24, are now TAT trained and have the certificates to prove it.

Kylla Leeburg, TAT deputy director, provided a combination Human Trafficking 101/TAT 101 training for attendees, following which, each one received a TAT-trained certificate signed by NAPFTDS president Rob Behnke and TAT Executive Director Kendis Paris.

"The carriers and truck-driving instructors there were very motivated to join or continue their participation in the fight against human trafficking," Leeburg said. "Half of them were already showing the video; all of them were excited about the NAPFTDS TAT training module available online (http://napftds.org), which includes a narrated
power point HT 101/TAT 101, the link to the TAT training video, and the TAT-trained certificate."

Upcoming events

Nov. 1 - Kylla Leeburg, TAT deputy director, will be at the Durga Tree International Fundraising Masquerade Ball … TAT is to be one of the fundraising recipients.

Nov. 4-6 - Guido Haijenius, TAT representative, will be training the California Highway Patrol.

Nov. 8 - Laura Cyrus, TAT administrative specialist, will be speaking to the Colorado Motor Carrier Association Safety Breakfast in Colorado Springs.

Nov. 10 - Kendis Paris, TAT executive director, will be consulting with international visitors from the Marshall Islands, Nepal, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, the Republic of Sudan and Tunisia through the U.S. State Department's International Visitors' Program.

Nov. 19 - Laura Cyrus, TAT administrative specialist will be speaking at the Colorado State Patrol Port of Entry.

What is TAT?

Truckers Against Trafficking (TAT) is a non-profit organization that exists to educate, equip, empower and mobilize the trucking industry to combat human trafficking as part of their regular jobs. Domestic sex trafficking occurs along our nation's highways and at its truck stops, where traffickers can sell their victims to a transient population they believe are less likely to attempt rescue. In response, TAT is asking the 3 million domestic truckers, as well as other members of the trucking industry, to become aware of this issue, and, when they suspect a human trafficking case, to call the national hotline and report it. Visit our website at www.truckersagainsttrafficking.org to learn more.