## **Sex Trafficking**

## From **Traffic 911** publications

## What to look for:

- Malnourished or eats as if ravenously hungry
- Often misses school
- Branding or tattoos
- Runaway/homeless
- Seems disoriented drugged
- Doesn't know what city in, travel a lot
- Inappropriate clothing for weather or situation
- Older controlling person, answers all questions for child
- Rough handling; inappropriate touch; shields child
- Looks scared, nervous, shamed
- Won't make eye contact
- Different shades of bruising, scars
- Uses lots of street language
- Sudden change in behavior, clothes
  - Drugs are used to rev them up and to slow them down. Starvation and physical abuse are used to get compliance.

## What to do:

- Do NOT approach a suspected victim trafficker or buyer. You could be seriously injured or killed and you will put the victim in danger.
- Gather as much information as you can from a distance, height, weight, hair color, tattoos, scars, bruising, clothing, trafficker description, car description
- Immediately call 911 with the gathered information. You will not be bothering the police and you may save a life or further trauma for the victim.