

# SEX TRAFFICKING IN NORTH CAROLINA

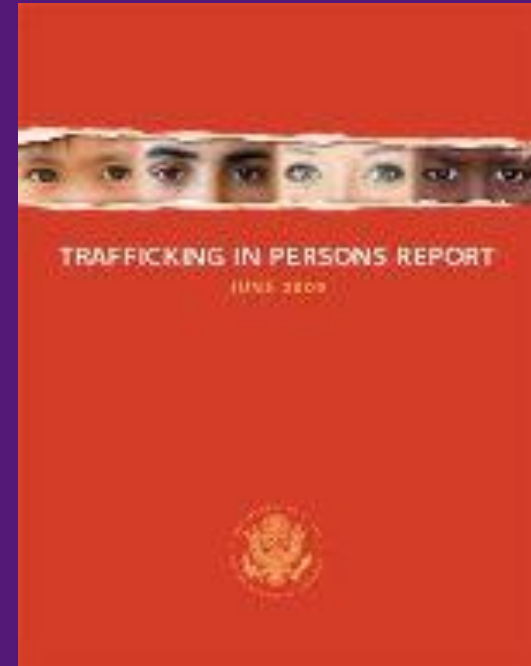
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# Overview

- Global Report on Human Trafficking
- Sex Trafficking in the U.S.
- Sex Trafficking in North Carolina
- NC Stop Human Trafficking

# Global Report on Trafficking in Persons

- \$32 billion yearly industry
- Estimated 700,000 - 4 million women, children, and men trafficked each year
- 79% - sexual exploitation
- Majority of victims of sexual exploitation are women and girls



# Key Terms

- *COMMERCIAL SEX*: any sex act on account of which anything of value is given to or received by any person
- *SEX TRAFFICKING*: the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act

# How?

- Force
- Fraud
- Coercion



# Who?

- Alone
- Runways
- Impoverished
- Children



# Sex Trafficking in the U.S.

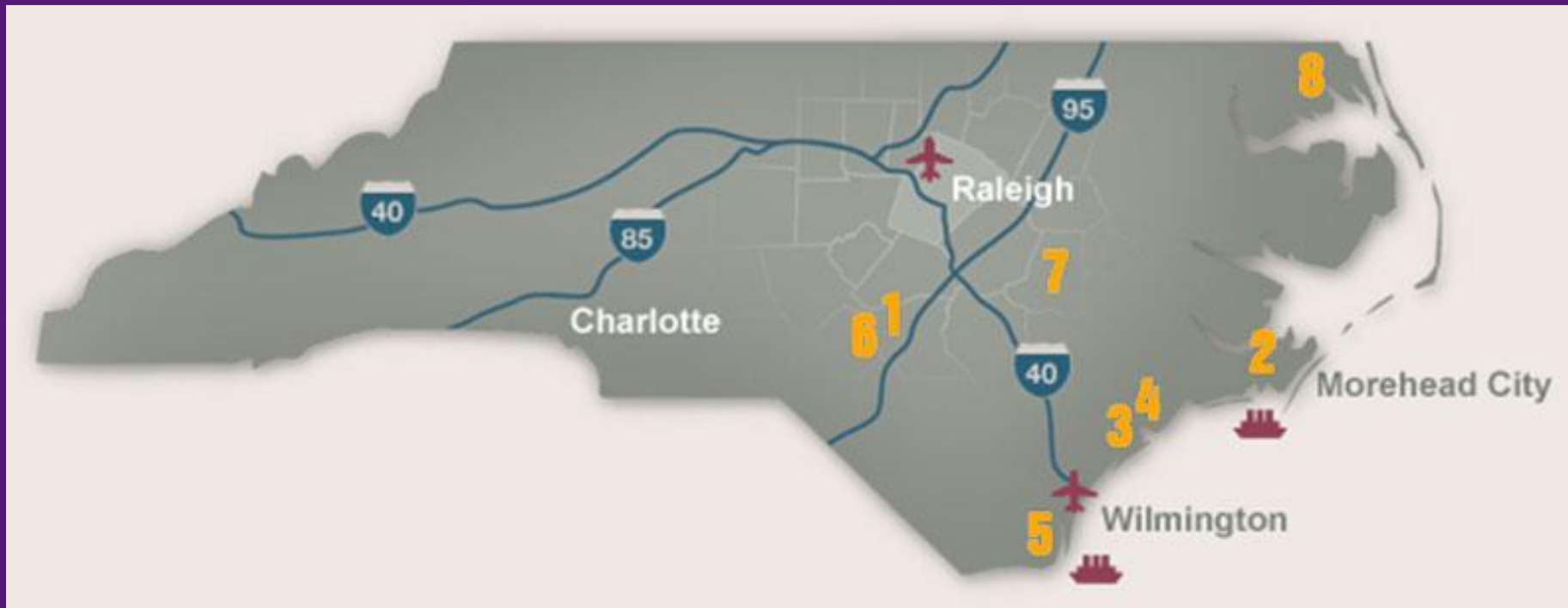
- 14,500-17,500 trafficked annually
- Majority are women and girls
- Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000(TVPA)
- Enacted during Bush Jr. Administration



# NC Major Highways



# NC Military Bases



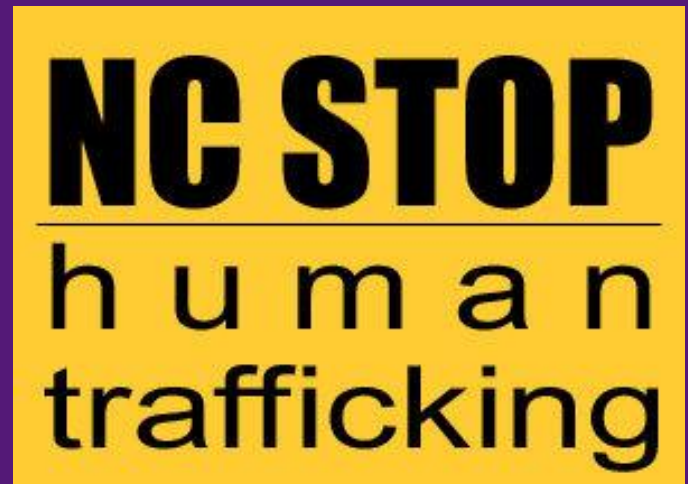
# How does it happen?



- Greensboro 2007
- Levar Simms encountered 16-year-old girl standing outside a juvenile shelter
- She was locked in a room in his house until she agreed to prostitute for him
- Transported to DC, advertised on Craig's List "erotic services"

# NC Stop Human Trafficking

- Mission: eradicate all forms of modern day slavery
- Strategy: P.A.V.E.
  - P - prevention
  - A - advocacy
  - V - victim services
  - E - education



# P.A.V.E.

- *PREVENTION* - targeting at-risk population
- *ADVOCACY* - change prostitution law from 1919
- *VICTIM SERVICES* - support for physical & mental effects, long-term support
- *EDUCATION* - organizations with a service mission & the general public

# Now What?

- U.S. must ratify CEDAW
- Raise awareness
- Collaborate efforts
- Change laws on prostitution

