

FWPD East Division

Crime Prevention Newsletter

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January is

National

Human Trafficking

Awareness Month



East Division Crime Watch Newsletter

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Fort Worth Man, 29, sentenced for large-scale drug trafficking operation

FBI raids Fort Worth home and finds 21 victims of human trafficking

Story by WFAA Staff



Feds find 31 missing North Texas children after human trafficking operation



[TARRANT COUNTY](#)

115 People Arrested in Tarrant County Human Trafficking Operation

Published October 13, 2021 •

[CHILD PORNOGRAPHY](#)

28 Children Rescued, 59 Adults Arrested in Massive DFW Child Porn Investigation: Police

Local police and the FBI worked together to rescue 28 children investigators say were sexually abused, exploited online

By [NBCDFW Staff](#) • Published February 17, 2023 • Updated on February 21, 2023 at 5:23 pm

BE THE ONE

IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Please call the 24-hour hotline
to report suspicious activity

1-888-3737-888

or

text: 233733

PREVENT ★ RECOGNIZE ★ REPORT



KEN PAXTON
ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

Learn trafficking
**RED
FLAGS** RED FLAGS
and more





The **Tarrant County 5 Stones Taskforce** is a community network engaged in collaborative efforts to end sex trafficking in Tarrant County.

THE PROBLEM

What is Human Trafficking?

Human trafficking is defined as the recruitment, transportation, harboring or receipt of a person, by means of threat, force, or other forms of coercion, for the purpose of exploitation. Human trafficking does not require that a person be moved from one country to another; a person can be trafficked within their own country and/or home. It is considered modern day slavery. Age, race, ethnicity, and nationality are not factors when considering who can potentially become a victim.

Types of Human Trafficking

Sex trafficking is defined as a traumatic form of human trafficking in which commercial sex is often induced by force, fraud, or coercion. Sex traffickers can control their victims by use of confinement, sexual or physical abuse, forced drug use, and even threats of violence or harm. The law does not require force, fraud, or coercion to be present if the person committing commercial sex acts is a minor under 18 years old.

Labor trafficking is defined as the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services through the use or force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, debt bondage, or slavery.

What does a victim of human trafficking look like?

There is no particular age, gender, or nationality to become a victim. Human trafficking can happen to people of all ages, genders, races, and religious backgrounds. While victims of human trafficking are from all demographics, runaway youth are considered some of the most vulnerable for becoming a victim. Runaway youth are often lured from their home, shelters or public places by traffickers who try to befriend them.

THE PROBLEM

Identifying a victim

While some victims are hidden behind locked doors, most victims are hidden in front of our eyes. For adults, evidence of force, fraud, or coercion must be present, but here are some red flags that a person may be a victim of human trafficking:

- Inability to speak to an individual while alone or conversation appears to be scripted or rehearsed
- Submissive or fearful demeanor
- Signs of physical, mental, or sexual abuse
- Poor living conditions (e.g. living in cramped spaces with multiple people).
- Employer is holding important documents such as passport, Visa, or identification card and refuses to give them to the owner
- Work long hours with little or no pay
- Appear malnourished
- Someone being forced to engage in commercial sex while someone else makes a profit
- Children that have sexual knowledge beyond what is appropriate for their age
- Any child under the age of 18 that is performing commercial sex acts

Identifying a trafficker

A trafficker can be of any race, gender, ethnicity and age. A trafficker can live in any area of the world. Traffickers will often try to control their victims either by not allowing them to speak for themselves, or by holding their important documents.

Where does trafficking occur?

Trafficking can occur anywhere. Traffickers lure victims from in their home, public places, shelters, and more often social media. Traffickers sometimes initially befriend their victims in an attempt to develop the victim's trust.



THE PROBLEM

Statistics of Human Trafficking

It is very difficult to find accurate statistics because human trafficking is hard to prove and many victims do not outcry. That being said, here are some general estimates:

According to Polaris, who runs the National Human Trafficking Hotline Number, there were 10,583 reports of human trafficking reported for the year of 2020 in the United States. This included over 16,000 victims and survivors. While recruitment from strip clubs, foster homes, and schools was down in 2020, recruitment online increased 22%.

In Texas, many agencies are now using the Commercial Sexual Exploitation-Identification Tool (CSE-IT) and out of 21,000 screenings done in 2021, 12% showed a score of “Clear Concern” — a high probability that exploitation had occurred.

How to report suspected Human Trafficking

Contact 911 if you have a victim with you, or if there is immediate danger.

For other tips, please call these resources:

Fort Worth Police Department Human Trafficking Unit 682-382-1533 or email HumanTrafficking@fortworthtexas.gov

National Human Trafficking Hotline 1-888-373-7888

For more information, Go To:
<https://5stonestaskforce.org/>

Other resources:

<https://humantraffickinghotline.org/en/report-trafficking>

<https://www.state.gov/reports/2023-trafficking-in-persons-report/>





NATIONAL CENTER FOR
**MISSING &
EXPLOITED**
CHILDREN®

<https://www.missingkids.org/home>

**Reported missing within 50 miles of Zip Code 76102
(Downtown Fort Worth)**

Current age range of Missing persons: 15 to 53 years if age

**Missing since: March 19, 1988 to
December 11, 2023**

Number of females reported missing: 34

Number of males missing: 25

Visit the website for more information.

If you have any information on missing persons, Call 911

The Christmas Spirit continues

On December 18, Fort Worth Metro Ministries, Blue Elves, Citizens On Patrol, and our Neighborhood Police Officers gathered together to sort out toys for 111 families with 386 kids from the Eastwood and Poly areas of East fort Worth. Toys were handed out on December 19 at T.A. Sims Elementary School.



The Christmas Spirit continues

On December 19, Blue Elves, Citizens On Patrol, and our Neighborhood Police Officers met at T.A. Sims Elementary School to hand out Christmas Bags of toys to 111 families. Even Santa made an appearance. The FWPD East Division would like to thank Principal Andrea Harper and the T.A. Sims Staff and Faculty for their help.



111 Families 386 Kids
Will have Christmas Thanks to you

Service with Heart



On December 21 at 11am, East Division NPOs, Supervisory Staff and representatives of Command Staff met with Ms. Jobina Carter for a special presentation.

Ms. Carter and her family experienced a devastating loss of their home due to a fire on December 18. Although there were no serious injuries, they lost everything.

That same day, Officer Blake Massey contacted Commander Antione Williams regarding the Carter family where he informed the Commander that Ms. Carter had recently lost her husband, and that all of her children's Christmas gifts were lost in the house fire.

NPO Espinoza began working on retrieving toys for the children through Blue Elves and other sources. She also advised Officer Massey to contact Sgt Novak who was able to secure \$3k gift cards from Wal-Mart on behalf of Cops for Kids to present to the family. NPO Espinoza coordinated the presentation which took place at 8401 Anderson Rd (WalMart).

A special thanks to Walmart for their support.

These are the moments that should be highlighted. Police serving citizens during their time of need which is what the true meaning of Community Policing. I am proud to serve with these men and women in East Division, the best division on the department.

Antione Williams
Commander



FORT WORTH COPS FOR KIDS

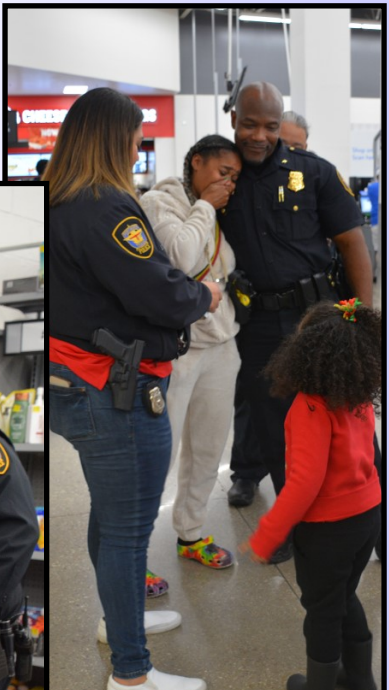
Fort Worth Police Officers working together with our communities to make Fort Worth a better place.



Walmart*

8401 Anderson Blvd,
Fort Worth, TX 76120

Service with Heart



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On December 21, the Fort Worth Police Department fulfilled a wish for 12 year old Guillermo Hernandez.

Guillermo has been diagnosed with terminal cancer, and because he loves the police, his mother reached out to NPO Maria Bayona to see if FWPD could do something special for her son.

In response to mom's request, the Fort Worth Police East Patrol Unit, Neighborhood Police Officers, the Traffic Unit, and Commander Williams (East Division Commander) joined in Grand Procession for Guillermo and held a parade in his honor.



Service with Heart



Need Your Help

A few years ago, the City of Fort Worth went to a common prefix (392) for city phone numbers.

This created a bit of a challenge affecting our Crimewatch Signs. But a remedy was soon in place without needing to remake thousands of signs with the correct prefix.

Our East Division NPOs did an **OUTSTANDING JOB** applying reflective stickers with the correct Non Emergency number.

817-392-4222

However, a few were overlooked. That's where I need your help.

If you notice that a Crimewatch Sign has the old Non Emergency number of 817-335-4222; Please send me an email of the Street Intersection where the sign is located so it can be corrected. If you are not in East Division—send it to me anyway.

Thank you,
Steve Kaneaster, CCPS, FWPD East Division



Correct Number



Old Number

CRIME WATCH TRAINING

Available upon request

Please contact your NPO or Steve Kaneaster at 817-392-5520 or email :

Charles.kaneaster@fortworthtexas.gov if you or your group wish to attend. Meeting locations and times are flexible.

TRAINING & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Code Blue Coordinators



East	Stephen Stous	817-392-5955
West	Gerald Huck	817-392-4706
North	Brandie Doughtie	817-392-3172
Northwest	Sandra Jones	817-392-3542
South Division	Warner Filley	817-392-3418
Central Division	Alison Golden	817-392-3973



Citizens Police Academy

Contact: Officer Tamelia Carroll 817-392-6225
Spanish: Daniel Segura 817-225-5938



Community Emergency Response Team

Contact: Officer Matthew Thomsen 682-404-2223



Fort Worth Explorers Program

Contact: Officer Rebecca Woodward 817-392-4458



Project Success

Contact: Officer Michael Kuzenka 817-851-2520



Fort Worth Citizens Fire Academy

Contact: Public Education Section 817-392-6862



C.A.P.A. - Clergy And Police Alliance

Contact: Officer Brian McClenny 817-991-0663



M.A.C. - Ministers Against Crime

Contact: Officer Tamelia Carroll 817-392-6225



Code Ranger - Fort Worth Code Compliance

Contact: 817-392-1234



Fort Worth Police Athletic League

Contact: Nestor Martinez 817-980-2720



Graffiti Abatement

817-392-2700

Crime-Free Multi-Housing

The Crime Free Multi-Housing Program is a state-of-the-art, crime prevention program designed to reduce crime, drugs, and gangs on apartment properties.

The program consists of **3 phases** that must be completed under the supervision of the Fort Worth Police Department. Property Managers, Assistant Managers, and Leasing Agents can become individually certified after completing training in each phase and the property becomes certified upon successful completion of all 3 phases.

Property Managers, Assistant Managers, and Leasing Agents authorized to execute a lease with prospective tenants in a complex with 8 or more units must attend an 8-hour training within 6 months of hire date. The landlord or at least one employee for the complex shall attend a 4-hour refresher training annually. (Fort Worth City Ordinance No. 19998-12-2011)

Attendees must pre-register for the workshop. To register, contact Officer Brittany Jones at CFMH@fortworthtexas.gov or complete form at [CFMH Registration Form](#).

Workshops will be held in the auditorium of the Fort Worth Police Department's Headquarters, located at **505 W. Felix St on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. or 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. for refresher training.**

All participants must pre-register!
Send an email to Officer Brittany Jones
(CFMH@fortworthtexas.gov).

For East Division, CONTACT

Officer Ariana Ross 817-392-4660

NEW!



My Fort Worth (MyFW) is the official app for residents and visitors to quickly and easily report issues to the City of Fort Worth.

Download the
MyFW App



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Features



Main Selection Screen



New Request



Submit



My Request
Lists all your Service Requests.



FAQ
Quick access to City of Fort Worth website.



Recent
Lists all Service Requests recently submitted.



Favorites
Lists all marked Service Request for easy monitoring.



Reporter
is your user information.

Alarm Permits

What you need to know

If you live within the Fort Worth City limits and have a Monitored Home or Business Alarm System, you are required to obtain an Alarm Permit (Chapter 12 Fort Worth city Code)

Permits must be renewed annually. The Planning and Development Department will send out reminder notices, either by email or Postal Mail, about one month prior to the permit expiration date. However, you are responsible for ensuring that you renew your permit.

There are 3 ways you can apply for or renew the Alarm Permit.

- ⇒ In person; City of Fort Worth Planning and Development Department, 1000 Throckmorton
- ⇒ By Mail: You can download an application by going to:
<http://fortworthtexas.gov/planninganddevelopment/permits/alarms/>.
- ⇒ Online: Go to <http://fortworthtexas.gov/planninganddevelopment/permits/alarms/> and select "New Alarm Permits" or "Pay for an existing permit or service fees".

Applying or renewing Online is very easy. For first timers, you will need to register first and establish an account. Once you are registered, you can then apply for the permit.

Before applying for the Alarm Permit, make sure you have your paperwork from your Alarm Service. There is information that will be required for the permit process. Make sure you fully complete the application process, including paying online.

After you complete the application process, you will receive an email that confirms the application has been received. Once it is approved, you will receive your Alarm Permit information. This process is actually pretty quick. Make note of your Alarm Permit number—You will need this when you renew your permit. You can also always access your account and obtain this information.

Permit and Service Fees

Homeowner Permit Fee: \$50.00 initial and Annually
Commercial Permit Fee: \$100.00 initial and Annually
1-3 false alarms in 12 months - No Charge
4-5 false alarms in 12 months - \$50 per call
6-7 false alarms in 12 months - \$75 per call
8 or more false alarms in 12 months - \$100 per call

The Chief or authorized designee shall refuse police response to any alarm notification from an alarm site that does not have a valid alarm permit unless the alarm notification is a duress alarm, a hold-up alarm, a panic alarm or a report to 911 emergency telephone or to the police department by a person other than an alarm company.

If you have any questions regarding Alarm Permits contact:
City of Fort Worth Planning and Development Department, Alarm Unit at 817-392-1300.
They are very helpful.

Community Camera Program



Do you have video surveillance at your home or business?



As crimes occur nearby, they are not always aware that their system may have captured information that could help solve the crime, thus keeping our community safer. In turn, the police are also not always aware who may have this potentially vital information.

Residents and businesses across the city can register their privately owned surveillance camera systems.

To Register your camera system go to:

<https://www.fortworthpd.com/OnlineServices/Cameras/>



City of Fort Worth Search One Address Find Everything

Search One Address, Find Everything

Search Street Address (az3 Main St) Search

Enter a City of Fort Worth, TX Street Address to look up Permit, Crime, Code Violations, and Other City data.

<https://oneaddress.fortworthtexas.gov/>

9568 E LANCASTER AVE Search

Enter a City of Fort Worth, TX Street Address to look up Permit, Crime, Code Violations, and Other City data.

Location Data

- Neighborhood Profile Areas (2)
- Code Violations (see map for details)
- Permits (see map for details)
- Crime Data (see map for details)

Neighborhood Profile Areas (2)

- 9200 E Lancaster Ave (1-984 ft)
- 712 Weller Blvd (1-252 ft)
- 2905 E Lancaster Ave (1-338 ft)
- 2903 S Hampshire Blvd (1-430 ft)
- 2901 E Lancaster Ave (1-439 ft)
- 2714 E Lancaster Ave (1-442 ft)
- 714 Weller Blvd (1-403 ft)
- 2616 E Lancaster Ave (1-77 ft)

Permits (see map for details)

- 2550 E LANCASTER AVE (1-250 ft)
- 2550 E LANCASTER AVE (1-250 ft)
- 2701 S HAMPSHIRE BLVD (1-400 ft)
- 714 WELER BLVD (1-403 ft)

Crime Data (see map for details)

- 2600 E LANCASTER AVE (1-23 ft)
- 2600 E LANCASTER AVE (1-22 ft)

9568 E LANCASTER AVE Map

Search What data are you looking for? Go

Maps & Apps

- Police Report Search
- Crime Data Map
- One Address
- Code Violations Map
- Permit Locations Map
- City Document Search
- GIS Data Download
- Health Inspections

Developer Resources

- Developer Resources
- Socrata API
- ArcGIS Online API

External Resources

- STATE OF TEXAS
- DATA.GOV
- FEMA OPEN DATA
- WAZE Traffic Site





Nextdoor is the private social network for your neighborhood.

Join Today
www.nextdoor.com
It's Free



Special Needs Assistance Program

The Fort Worth Office of Emergency Management is asking residents with a special, access or functional need to register in its free Special Needs Assistance Program, known as SNAP.

Register online or by calling the Office of Emergency Management at 817-392-6170 or 817-392-6144. Registration is in English or Spanish.

<https://apps.fortworthtexas.gov/SNAP/>



The City of Fort Worth is partnering with Deaf Link to provide the Accessible Hazard Alert System (AHAS) which will send accessible alert messages to registered residents who are Deaf,

Blind, Hard of Hearing, or Deaf/Blind before, during, and after an emergency or disaster in the City of Fort Worth.

Fort Worth AHAS subscribers in an area affected by an emergency or disaster will be able to receive an accessible alert message in American Sign Language (ASL) and English voice and text. The alert message could include information about the emergency and what actions to take.

Fort Worth AHAS will send accessible alert messages to internet and video capable devices such as computers, cell phones, smart phones, tablet computers, and wireless Braille readers.

Prepare, Plan, and Stay Informed.

Go To <http://ftw.ahasalerts.com/Default.aspx>

Smoke Alarm for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing



If interested: Please contact
Fire Safety Education Office
Phone: (817) 392-6862

Email:

Smoke.Detector@fortworthtexas.gov



Crime Stoppers hotline, 817-469-TIPS (8477), and website are operated by the Safe City Commission Crime Stoppers Call Center. The call center is staffed by off-duty public safety dispatchers and other trained personnel, who take calls and online submissions and then disseminate the tip information to the appropriate law enforcement agency for investigation. Each caller will receive a tip number to be used in all future correspondence.

Every tipster remains ANONYMOUS; callers do not have to identify themselves. A reward of up to \$1,000 will be offered to anyone who provides a tip that leads to an arrest for a crime or a criminal case cleared.

CITIZENS ON PATROL TRAINING SCHEDULE

**Contact Stephen Stous
@ 817-392-5955**



CONTACT
Officer
Nestor Martinez
817-980-2720

Nestor.Martinez@fortworthtexas.gov

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www.fortworthpd.com/Public/fort-worth-safe

Report It

Citizen Property Inventory System

Powered by LeadsOnline



Register your property at reportit.leadsonline.com

Safe. Secure. Free.

Knowing what you own – the difference between recovering and not recovering stolen property.

- General Public**
Keep a secure, online record of valuable property, accessible from anywhere. All for free.
- Law Enforcement**
Help law enforcement recover stolen property faster than before.
- Corporate Accounts**
Inventory tools, equipment, supplies, etc. Call 1-800-311-2656 for more about corporate accounts.

ReportIt is not a law enforcement function and does not automatically search for property that may have been lost or stolen. Please report any criminal activity to law enforcement immediately.

DCS-942L



S/N: ABCD123456789



H/W Ver.: A1 F/W Ver.: 1.01

**RECORD SERIAL NUMBERS,
TAKE PICTURES, MARK YOUR
PROPERTY, AND STORE IN A
SAFE PLACE**

