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San Mateo County Update

July 2020

National Hotline Tips: (0)

Tips from Other Sources: (1)

family member - adult female, sex trafficked, initiated contact via social media



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San Mateo County Update

Pending Criminal Court Cases

Rainbow Bright case – filed Sept. 2018 (18CIV04759)

The defendants— Joshua, 42; Noel, 40; Gerlen, 38; and Carlina Gamos, 67 — were charged with a total of 59 criminal counts, including human trafficking and rape. The defendants targeted members of the Filipino community, many of whom were new to the United States, for labor exploitation. Over 50 victims.

De Los Reyes case – filed March 2019 (19NF004117B0)

Maria Delosreyes, 45, and her husband Ricardo Delosreyes, 55, allegedly convinced a woman in her early 20s to move from the Philippines to their home in San Bruno on the promise of a job and a better life. The case spans from May 2009 to November 2015, when the victim talked to a co-worker about what was happening, prosecutors said.

Castillo case – filed March 2020 (20NF004379A)

Christopher Edward Castillo alleged sex trafficking of a female minor.



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The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) Services for Victims of Human Trafficking grant.

Joint Partnership: Sheriff's Office, District Attorney's Office and StarVista.

Passed Peer Review.

Grantees announced late September.



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Upcoming Awareness Event

Beloved: An Insistence: A series of art installations and performances in Oakland

- August 13th 3PM - 9PM – installation of a next round of altars and offerings on the corners of E 14th (International Blvd) and 21st Ave.

Intersection of E 14th (International Blvd) and 21st Ave. Oakland

Oakland-based Regina Evans is reclaiming the streets with a powerful series of art installations and performances in Oakland to send a message to victims of sex trafficking: "You are Beloved." Regina and her partners are building altars on "The Track," covering sidewalks with messages of love, inviting in musicians and dancers, as well as offering tangible resources for trafficking victims.

Ways you can participate and help:

- To volunteer, contact Regina at evans.regina@gmail.com.
- [Donate items from Regina's Amazon wishlist.](#)
- If you're a journalist, photographer, or filmmaker, you can contact Regina, feature her work, and document this event.
- Build your own altar on August 13 in honor of child sex trafficking survivors, take a photo, and tag Regina's social media. Write a message of hope and place it by some flowers or a candle with our shared intention.
- Donate to a survivor-led non-profit.
- Spread the word.



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Upcoming Online HT Training

Virtual SOAR to Health & Wellness Training

In response to the growing need to offer virtual training to support professional development, the [Office on Trafficking in Persons](#) and the [National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center](#) is offering a *free* 1.5-hour virtual SOAR to Health and Wellness training. The training teaches providers how to identify and respond to human trafficking.

[Register here for the Training in English](#): August 19th 10:00 AM –11:30 AM

[Register here for the Training in Spanish](#): September 2nd 10:00 AM –11:30 AM



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Upcoming Online HT Presentation

Journey to Justice with Cyntoia Brown-Long. August 29, 2-3:30pm

Cyntoia was trafficked as a teen and, at the age of 16, was arrested for killing a man who solicited her for sex. She was tried as an adult and sentenced to life in prison without the chance of parole for 51 years. Her trafficker was never arrested. Cyntoia's journey has included a Netflix documentary and a commuted sentence after receiving national and international support. She was released from prison on August 7, 2019.

Hear Cyntoia's personal story of how the justice system failed. This event is hosted by Art Alive Movement and moderated by T. Ortiz, an Anti-Trafficking Activist and Lived Experience Consultant.

August 29, 2020 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Tickets are \$10 each.

[Register here.](#)



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Upcoming Online HT Conference

17th Annual International Human Trafficking and Social Justice Conference

Sept 23-25, 2020

Registration Fee Required

Earn 12 CE Credits

Example Session: Development of HT MDT

- Prevalence of Transactional Sex among High School Students in Minnesota
- Raised in Pimp City: The Truth About Domestic Human Sex Trafficking
- Human Trafficking Includes Sexual Violence: Why Rape Crisis and Domestic Violence Resource Centers have the Ability to Serve HT Survivors, and How to Use that Ability

<https://www.traffickingconference.com/register>



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Save the Date!

- SFCaHT Annual Conference
October 9, 2020 – 8:30am-4pm



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Recorded HTI meeting presentation

This meeting was recorded, so a link will be made available to everyone following the meeting.

Future HTI meetings via Zoom

Until further notice, future HTI meetings will take place via Zoom at 12:3pm on the second Tuesday of each month, excluding December.



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Share Resources for Next HTI Meeting

To share important news and resources with others, email: pestes@smcgov.org