

# INDICATIONS & WARNING TRAFFICKING INTELLIGENCE FUSION CENTER REPORT

A mile a minute....  
*that is how fast your child can disappear*

NATIONAL SEARCH CENTER FOR MISSING & TRAFFICKED CHILDREN



## Intimidation

Several weeks prior to the 2008 Super Bowl, Deon Richerson arrived in Phoenix, AZ with four teenage girls (14, 15, 17 & 18). He intended to make money from sports fans that were soon to arrive. All of the girls were runaways; three from California and one from Oregon. Richerson lured the girls into his world with flattery and false promises; he kept them there by force and intimidation.

On January 3, 2008 anxious to begin his criminal enterprise, Richerson sent one of the girls out on the streets to earn him money. Fortunately for the girl she was spotted by a patrol officer. Subsequent interviews unfolded the sordid details. Law enforcement moved in on the hotel where Richerson and the remaining girls were staying. Richerson was arrested and the girls rescued. Officers on the scene commented that, "These girls were terrified of him."

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Unfortunately the story does not end there. On July 29, 2008 prosecutors dropped all charges against Richerson. Prosecutors were unable to find any of the victims. Apparently Richerson's intimidation remains vivid in the memory of the girls.



Deon Richerson

This year the U.S. House of Representatives passed their rendition of the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (TVPRA). The House bill recommends that the burden of proof be removed from victims of trafficking and placed on the pimps and traffickers. The Senate version of the bill does not have this provision. In light of this case, there obviously is more work to be done. ■

#### Four Accused of Holding Teenage Girl Against Her Will

Police received a call from a Massachusetts woman who said that her daughter was being held against her will at the Super Lodge Motel on New Jersey's Route 30. Officers responded, and found a teenage girl in one of the motel rooms. She told police that **her captors used a stun gun to force her to comply** with their wishes. The girl said the group had stayed in several motels during the previous week, and that her abductors forced her to work as a prostitute in the Atlantic City area.

Four people returned to the room a short time later and were arrested without incident, police said. The victim was treated at a local hospital and released, and is being returned to Massachusetts. ■

#### The Rest of the Story

ABC's "Primetime Live" recently highlighted the horrible ordeal two teenage cousins from Toledo, Ohio endured. In May 2005, these teens, ages 14 & 15, were walking to a fast-food restaurant when they made a life-altering decision to accept a ride from someone they thought they recognized. Once in the car, they realized their mistake but it was too late.

The two teens had inadvertently climbed into the car of convicted pimp Deric Willoughby. The girls were taken to Willoughby's Downing Avenue home where they were forced to spend the next 10 days having sex with strangers. Force and abuse were commonplace inside that home. One of the girls was thrown through a glass table and the other pulled upstairs by her hair. Each of the girls was eventually rescued by law enforcement but not without more abuse and drama.

The Primetime story captures the girls' ordeal in vivid and dramatic detail but failed to tell the entire story. The program did not mention that Willoughby and his co-conspirators were only three of 31 people charged after an "Innocence Lost" sting in the region in 2005. This investigation uncovered teenagers being transported around Ohio and neighboring states for sex at motels, highway welcome centers and truck stops. The teens shown in this case were but two out of a much larger number found and rescued in the region.

What the show fails to do is demonstrate just how pervasive the issue of child sex trafficking in the U.S. has become. Ohio is hardly the only place in America where child sex trafficking takes place. A little research would have shown

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**WANTED SECTION:**

Last month in our “WANTED” section we featured Marquis Jaroud Moon, wanted by the FBI for the interstate transportation of a minor for prostitution. We are happy to announce his capture! Take a look at this month’s WANTED fugitives.

**WANTED**

**SEX TRAFFICKING; CONSPIRACY TO SEX TRAFFICK MINORS; KNOWINGLY AND INTENTIONALLY CONCEALING, HARBORING, AND SHIELDING ILLEGAL ALIENS IN THE UNITED STATES FOR FINANCIAL GAIN; IMPORTATION INTO AND HARBORING OF ALIENS IN THE UNITED STATES FOR PURPOSES OF PROSTITUTION; AIDING AND ABETTING**

**REWARD**

The FBI is offering a **\$10,000 reward** for information leading directly to the arrest of Maribel Rodriguez Vasquez.



**Aliases:** MARIBEL VASQUEZ VALENZUELA, Maribel Rodriguez, Maribel Valenzuela, Maribel Vasquez, Maribel Vasquez-Valenzuela, Mayeli Lizbet Duran, Jessica Valdez

**DESCRIPTION**

<b>Date of Birth Used:</b>	January 7, 1980	<b>Hair:</b>	Dyed black
<b>Place of Birth:</b>	Guatemala	<b>Eyes:</b>	Brown
<b>Height:</b>	5'5"	<b>Sex:</b>	Female
<b>Weight:</b>	120 pounds	<b>Race:</b>	White (Hispanic)
<b>NCIC:</b>	W151728530	<b>Nationality:</b>	Guatemalan
<b>Occupation:</b>	Prostitute		
<b>Scars and Marks:</b>	None known		
<b>Remarks:</b>	As of February of 2008, Maribel Vasquez was believed to be 4 to 5 months pregnant. She was last known to be living with her boyfriend, who is believed to be a gang member. She has connections to Los Angeles and Ceres, California.		

**CAUTION**

Maribel Rodriguez Vasquez is wanted for her alleged involvement in a sex trafficking organization operating in Los Angeles, California. The organization smuggled a number of young women, many of them minors, from Guatemala into the United States. The women were allegedly held without their consent and forced to engage in prostitution. The organization allegedly used “witch doctors” to warn the victims that curses would be placed on them and their families if they attempt to escape.

On December 18, 2006, an arrest warrant was issued for Vasquez by the United States District Court, Central District of California, after she was charged with knowingly and intentionally concealing, harboring, and shielding illegal aliens in the United States for financial gain; importation into and harboring of aliens in the United States for purposes of prostitution; and aiding and abetting.

**WANTED**

**CONSPIRACY TO TRANSPORT MINORS TO ENGAGE IN PROSTITUTION**

**NOEL R. LOPEZ**



**Aliases:** Laval Lopez, Eric Bodden, Dontaye Johnson, Eugene Wade, "Finesse"

**Dates of Birth Used:** February 20, 1978; February 20, 1977

<b>Hair:</b>	Black	<b>Occupation:</b>	Unknown
<b>Place of Birth:</b>	Unknown	<b>Eyes:</b>	Brown
<b>Height:</b>	5'8"	<b>Sex:</b>	Male
<b>Weight:</b>	220 pounds	<b>Race:</b>	Black
<b>NCIC:</b>	W888569455	<b>Nationality:</b>	Unknown

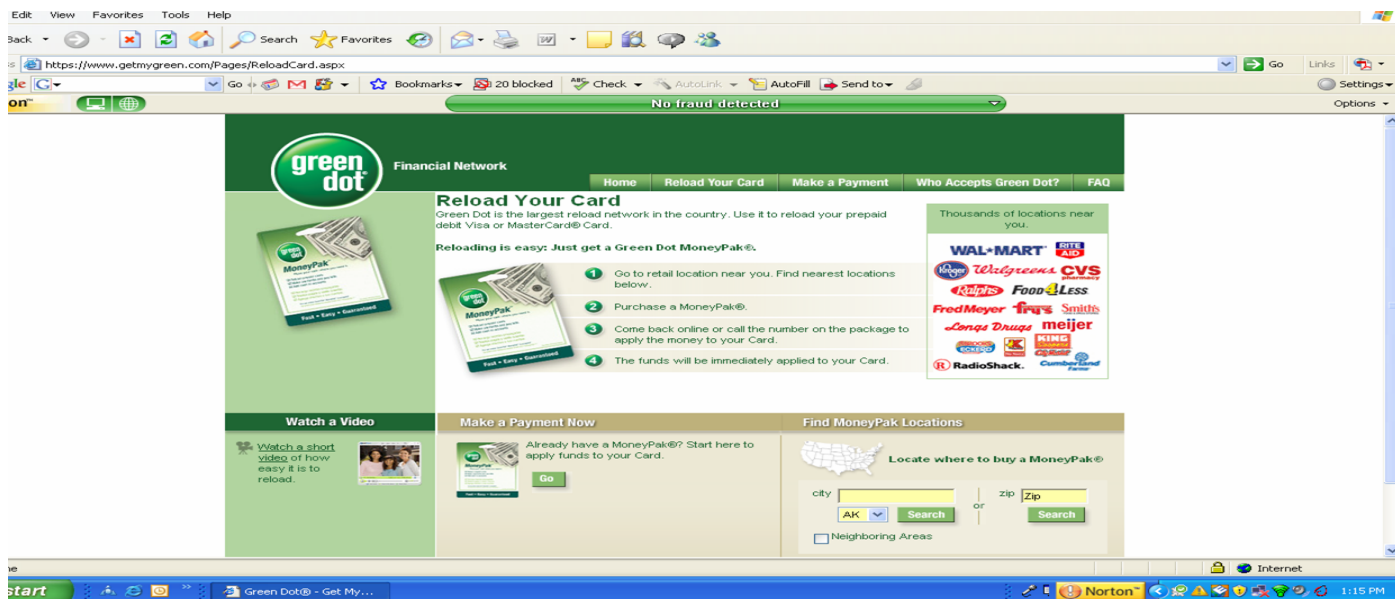
**Scars and Marks:** Lopez has a tattoo on his upper-right arm.

**Remarks:** Lopez is known to travel to the following areas: Las Vegas, Nevada; Boston, Massachusetts; New York, New York; and New Jersey.

**CAUTION**

Noel R. Lopez is wanted for conspiracy to transport minors to engage in prostitution. Lopez has allegedly acted as a "pimp" for the minors recruited in this criminal enterprise.

On December 9, 2005, Noel R. Lopez was charged federally by the United States District Court, District of New Jersey, with conspiracy to transport minors to engage in prostitution. ■



**Follow the Money Trail**

Investigators rescuing teens and arresting "bottoms" should be on the look out for receipts from credit card loading systems such as "GreenDot" cards. These cards can be purchased at many neighborhood stores. Traffickers may be using these cards by having the girls go into these stores and place their nightly proceeds on their card. ■



## Convention Ads

A lot of attention has been focused on the upcoming Republican and Democratic conventions and many people will be watching the results on the Internet. One potential site that people may be watching will be Craigslist.com. Any place that couples power and money in one place is sure to draw attention from those wishing to make a profit. One way to analyze whether the events have drawn these predators is to review the Craigslist erotic services ads for the Denver and St. Paul regions prior and during the event.

During this year's Super Bowl in Phoenix, Arizona analysts noticed a dramatic increase in the number of ads promoting prostitution. The week before the Super Bowl the Phoenix area averaged 360 ads on its erotic section. However, the day before the big game the ads numbered over 3,000. ■

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## The Rest of the Story

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the growing problem. Ohio, the seventh largest state, has quickly become America's fifth ranking state for sex slavery. It's numerous industries, major cities and more importantly, its network of interstate highways has catapulted it to this dubious distinction.

According to a Rand Corporation report published in 2007, "The problem (of trafficking) is significantly larger than we know of," in Ohio. The report suggested that there are as many as 3 to 10 trafficking victims for every one identified and that "Columbus and Toledo are prime places for recruitment of kidnapping of sex trafficking victims." ■

## Film Release: Very Young Girls

Rachel Lloyd, founder of GEMS (Girls Educational and Mentoring Services), widely recognized for her significant work with teenage sex trafficking victims, has found a way to dramatically tell the story of these young women.

"Very Young Girls" produced and directed by David Schisgall is a confessional interview style documentary about teenage prostitutes in New York City. The film includes testimony from a young girl first picked up as a 12-year-old by a pimp who showered her with affection prior to turning her out onto the streets.

The movie also reviews pimps Chris and Anthony Griffith, who shot their own sickening film in an effort to make additional money. These home videos were later used to convict them. Throughout the film the viewer becomes aware of the devastating use of force, fraud and coercion that turns the innocent into the victim. ■

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## Inside the Numbers

- **In 2003, it was estimated that over 1700 children went missing every day. Today, over 2300 children are reported missing each day.**
- **In 2002, the average age of entry into prostitution was 15 years old. Today the average age is 12.**
- **Girls between the ages of 11 and 15 are the most victimized members of our society** ■

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**If you have information regarding a potential victim of Human Trafficking, please contact:**

**National Human Trafficking Resource Center at**

**1- 888- 373- 7888**

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**BRAVO!!!**

**Congratulations to Dr. Jeff Barrows and Gracehaven, for their new shelter for child victims of sex trafficking. Gracehaven will be the first specific shelter designed for girls in prostitution in Ohio.**

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**The Numbers for the Month of July:**

**The number of arrests for child prostitution, child sex trafficking & human trafficking:**

**26**

## GLOSSARY OF STREET TERMS

**AMP** Asian Massage Parlor

**Blade, Stroll or Track** Path frequented by street walkers.

**Bottom** Senior girl in pimp's stable. May also serve as recruiter.

**CL** Craig's List, a popular classified ad website where escorts have been known to advertise and otherwise promote their availability.

**Daddy** Women and girls under a pimp's control must never know his real name or identity and refer to him exclusively as "daddy."

**Ellie** LE, Law Enforcement

**Eye Contact** A woman or girl may not ever make eye contact with another pimp. If this rule is broken, the woman or girl suffers serious physical violence.

**FOB** Fresh Off the Boat (Asian immigrant recently arrived in the US)

**GFE** Girl Friend Experience

**Hobbyist** A man who patronizes prostitutes.

**Hostess Club** A lower end strip club where bargaining for sex acts with the dancers is acceptable, and some activities may occur on premises.

**Incall** You meet the girl at their place.

**Monger** One who frequents prostitutes.

**OKP** Or-Kui-Poh - It means a Female pimp in Hokkien, a Chinese dialect, but sometimes people use OKP/OKT to describe a supervisory person who will guide you in your selection of girls in a spa.

**OKT** Or-Kui-Tao - It means a Male pimp in Hokkien, a Chinese dialect, but sometimes people use OKP/OKT to describe a supervisory person who will guide you in your selection of girls in a spa.

**Outcall** The girl comes to your place.

**Provider** Prostitute

**RMP** Russian Massage Parlor

**Stable** Used to describe the number of girls a pimp has control over.

**Track** Path frequented by street walkers. An area of prostitution.

**Trolling** The act of driving around looking for a prostitute.

**Two Call System** For incall locations. Your first call is to set up the time and get the general directions on where to park. Your second call is made when you arrive to get the specific address / room number.

**Wife in Law** each individual in a group of women or girls that are with the same pimp. "Family" and "folks" also are synonyms. ■

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