**Southern Nevada Human Trafficking Task Force**

**Annual Sex Trafficking Report**

**January 01, 2020 thru December 31, 2020**

Since 2006 the Southern Nevada Human Trafficking Task Force, which operates out of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department has been working in collaboration with local, state and federal agencies, the faith-based community, victim service providers and non-governmental organizations to expose and reduce human trafficking in Clark County.

LVMPD is committed to proactively investigate, identify, apprehend and prosecute those engaged in the exploitation of adult women and juveniles into the commercial sex trade. The law enforcement community will continue to send a strong message that harsh penalties await those who choose to engage in this criminal behavior.

**Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department SEX TRAFFICKING Statistics**

* *The following statistics represent sex trafficking data specifically collected by the LVMPD. These numbers do not reflect reports or investigations conducted independently by other agencies.*
* From January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020, LVMPD identified 106 minor\* (child) sex trafficking victims: **103** female victims and **3** male victims.
* 4% Asian
* 64% Black
* 19% Hispanic
* 13% White
* 0% Unknown

63 Juveniles were reported as prior “Runaways”

5 children were 13 years of age or younger

101 children were between the ages of 14 and 17 years

75 were local children from the Las Vegas area

*Between January and the end of December 2020, on average, 9 children a month were* *identified as victims of sex trafficking.*

* In 2020, LVMPD investigated 128 adult victims of sex trafficking\*\* **126** female victims and **2** male victims
* 5% Asian
* 47% Black
* 12% Hispanic
* 24% Caucasian
* 12% Unknown

47% of the victims were between the ages of 18 and 24

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**\*Federal law defines “minor” as those individuals under the age of 18.**

**\*\*Federal law recognizes an “adult” victim of sex trafficking when elements of force, fraud or coercion exist. However, these elements are not necessary when dealing with minors.**