# HUMAN TRAFFICKING: LABOR

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# WHAT IS LABOR TRAFFICKING?

22 USC § 7102(9) – The Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA):

"The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery."

### THE NUMBERS

27.6 Million People Globally = Victims of Forced Labor in 2021 (International Labour Organization, 2022)

#### Of the 27.6 Million in Forced Labor:

- 17.3 Million = Private Sector (E.g. Domestic Work, Manufacturing, Construction, Agriculture)
- 6.3 Million = Commercial Sexual Exploitation
- 3.9 Million = Imposed by State

# **ARIZONA LAW**

A.R.S. § 13-1308:

Trafficking of Persons for Forced Labor or Services (Class 2 Felony)

#### A. It is unlawful for a person to either:

- 1. Knowingly traffic another person with the intent to or knowledge that the other person will be subject to forced labor or services.
- 2. Knowingly benefit, financially or by receiving anything of value, from participation in a venture that has engaged in an act that violates § 13-1306, § 13-1307, this section or § 13-3212(A)(9) or (10).

#### ARIZONA LAW CONTINUED

A.R.S § 13-1306: Unlawfully Obtaining Labor Services

A.R.S § 13-1307: Sex Trafficking

A.R.S § 13-3212: Child Sex Trafficking

# ARIZONA LAW CONTINUED

#### **A.R.S.** § 13-1308(**C**): **Definitions**

- 1. "Forced labor or services"
  - a. Means labor services that are performed or provided by another person and that are obtained through a person's either:
- i. Causing or threatening to cause serious physical injury to any person.
- ii. Restraining or threatening to physically restrain another person.
- Knowingly destroying, concealing, removing, confiscating, possessing, or withholding another person's actual or purported passport or other immigration document, government issued identification document, government record or personal property.
- iv. Abusing or threatening to abuse the law or the legal system.
- v. Extortion
- vi. Causing or threatening to cause financial harm to any person
- vii. Facilitating or controlling another person's access to a controlled substance
- b. Does not include ordinary household chores and reasonable disciplinary measures between a parent or legal guardian and the parent's or legal guardian's child.

#### ARIZONA LAW CONTINUED

**A.R.S.** § 13-1308(**C**): **Definitions** 

2. "Traffic" means to entice, recruit, harbor, provide, transport or otherwise obtain another person by deception, coercion or force.

#### OTHER ARIZONA LAWS

A.R.S. § 13-1303: Unlawful Imprisonment

**A.R.S. § 13-1304: Kidnapping** 

**A.R.S. § 13-2312: Enterprise** 

A.R.S § 13-2319: Human Smuggling

## REAL WORLD EXAMPLE

#### Migrant Farm Workers, Georgia: 2021 (DHS)

- Multi-Agency Operation, Prosecuted by U.S. Attorney's Office
- Over a year of "modern-day slavery"
- 100+ Victims smuggled from Mexico and Central America
- 20+ Defendants in Criminal Network
- Over \$200 Million in Profits
- Inhumane Conditions for Victims
  - Forced to work under threat of gun violence
  - Charged unlawful fees for transportation, food, and housing
  - Immigration Documents Confiscated
  - Cramped and Dirty Living Conditions, Surrounded by Electric Fence

# PROSECUTION: CHALLENGES

#### **Large Scale Operations**

- Securing Witnesses
- Often crosses State or International Borders
  - Arizona Rule of Evidence Rule 404: Other Acts

#### **Example: Massage Parlor Cases**

- Maintained control over Enterprise

# WHAT CAN WE DO?

#### **AGO's Role:**

- Partner with Local, State, and Federal Law Enforcement Agencies to investigate and build cases
- Focus on Financial Aspects of Case (Enterprise Prosecutions)

Arizona Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-877-4AZ-TIPS

## **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

One of the most important components of fighting human trafficking is Education and Awareness

The AGO offers FREE Human Trafficking 101 Trainings Statewide

January - August, 2023 the AGO Educated

- 551 Youth (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- 393 Adults

# THANK YOU

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