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Police departments include Yuma, San Luis, Somerton, Wellton, Cocopah, Quechan and Yuma County Sheriff
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Advocacy centers that assist in victim services include:

- Amberly’s place
- Healing Journey – Yuma
- Yuma Regional Medical Center
- (connection to Phoenix Dream Center)
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- Identified Issues where trafficking occurs:
  - Illegal Border Crossings – Agency’s involved are Federal, Border Patrol. Difficulty in identifying victims due to processing procedures.
  - Interstate Travel – Major truck route from California to east coast.
  - Migrant workers – Vast majority of workers come from Mexico, Salinas California.
  - Dove Hunting Season – considered the dove hunting capital of the United States.
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Enforcement difficulties:

- No Task force devoted to investigate.
- Lack of training, education, recognition, and department resources.