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January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month
District Attorney creates dedicated webpage to help combat problem locally

(Woodland, CA) - January 20, 2017 - Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig announces that January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Human trafficking has been named as one of the world's fastest growing criminal enterprises. It is very similar to modern day slavery and it exploits our most vulnerable populations. It is a form of organized crime in which human beings are treated as possessions. Victimization often includes trafficking for sexual exploitation, child exploitation, forced labor, and organ removal. Other channels include working grueling jobs as migrant, domestic, restaurant, or factory workers with little or no compensation. The victims who are being trafficked live a life of misery. They are often beaten, starved, and forced to work as prostitutes.

Human Trafficking is an international problem that occurs right here in Yolo County. District Attorney Jeff Reisig says that " We remain committed to combating the pervasive issue of human trafficking in Yolo County, and I support the California Attorney General's office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation in their various efforts to stop Human Trafficking." Several members of the District Attorney staff have taken an active role in the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children Steering Committee (CSEC), a committee designed to identify common needs associated with human trafficking victims and survivors, and to get them the services they need to heal. The Yolo County District Attorney's Office has staff that are dedicated to assisting victims that are being exploited and will continue to diligently prosecute these types of cases.

To report human trafficking please call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center's toll-free hotline at 1-888-373-7888, to speak with specialists available from anywhere in the country, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Calls can be related to potential trafficking victims, suspicious behaviors, and/or locations where trafficking is suspected to be taking place. In the event of an emergency involving human trafficking please call 911.

For more information, please visit our dedicated webpage at: <http://yoloda.org/human-trafficking-unit/>

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