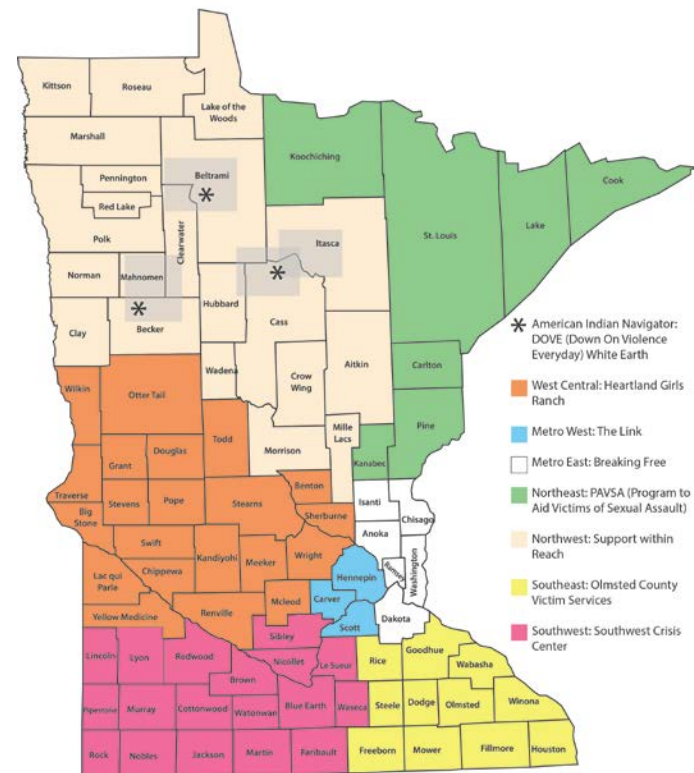




Minnesota's Response to Sex Trafficking and Exploitation

Safe Harbor

- Minnesota's model to respond to sexually exploited youth and hold perpetrators accountable
- Highly collaborative
 - Public safety and public health
 - Multijurisdictional
 - Multidisciplinary



Safe Harbor Law

No arrest or charge for prostitution for anyone **17 years old and under.**

Instead, she or he is directed to the child protection system and treated as a victim.

Implementation of Safe Harbor

Building off existing
resources and services

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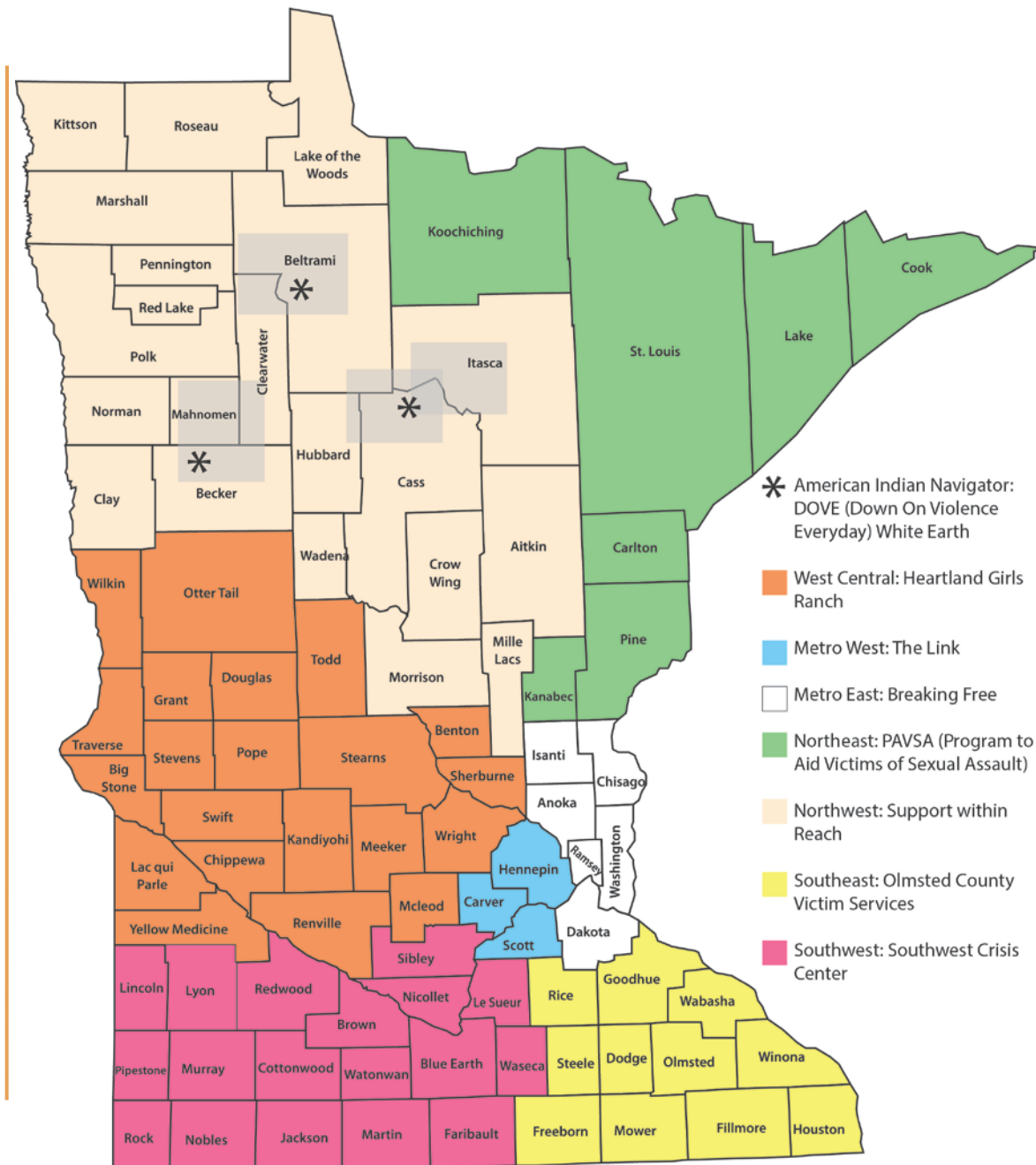
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Grants for housing &
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Safe Harbor Regions



Model Statewide Protocol

directions
Law Enforcement
Mental/Chemical Health



STATEWIDE MODEL PROTOCOL
to be published fall 2015

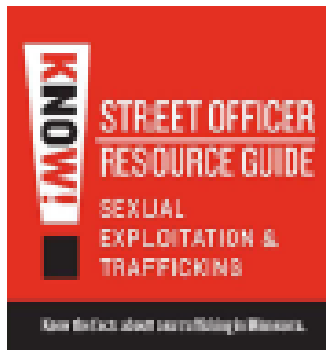
Guidelines for developing an
effective community response



Resources, tools, best practices
for systems professionals



Training for Police & Prosecutors



Investigators & County Attorneys

- Statewide conferences, October 2014 & 2015

Frontline Officers

- Trainings for 1500+ officers, 25+ locations statewide

Every Officer in the State

- Roll call videos (fall 2015)
- Street Officer Resource Guides

Making a Difference: Ways to Help Prevent Sex Trafficking



What To Look For

GUESTS

- No luggage or identification
- Rooms paid for in cash
- Anyone who appears fearful, disoriented or disheveled
- Anyone who shows signs of physical abuse
- Anyone who is being restricted from moving or communicating
- Young people made up to look significantly older
- Young people with significantly older "boyfriends"

GUESTROOMS

- Continuous refusal of housekeeping services
- Excessive pornography or *any* child pornography
- Sex paraphernalia (condoms, lubricant, etc.)
- Numerous smartphones, tablets, laptops, etc.
- Multiple credit cards or excessive cash
- Different men coming and going

HOTEL AREAS

- Individuals loitering or soliciting in common areas
- Individuals appearing to monitor common areas
- Individuals exchanging money
- Use of hotel computers to visit adult websites

What To Do

- Don't confront - seek help
- Follow your establishment's policies

Call 9-1-1. No concern is too small



Criminal Law Changes

- ▶ Broad definition of “sex trafficking,” longer sentences, etc.
- ▶ Felony for buying sex from any juvenile (even 16 or 17)
- ▶ Longer statute of limitations (enacted 2015)



Ramsey County sex trafficker given 36-year sentence

Article by: CHAO XIONG
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In St. Paul sex-trafficking case, a record 40-year prison term

By Richard Chin rchin@pioneerpress.com
Posted:

Otis Deno Washington had the unenviable fortune of beating his brother's record Thursday in Ramsey County District Court.

Washington, 30, was sentenced to more than 40 years in prison for his involvement with his family's Twin Cities sex-trafficking and prostitution business that exploited teenage girls and women over a nearly two-year period.

Convicted sex trafficker Antonio D. Washington-Davis was sentenced Thursday to 36 years in prison, the longest term handed out for such crimes, according to the Ramsey County District Court. A jury convicted Washington-Davis, 27, in November of three counts of second-degree promotion of prostitution and one count of first-degree solicitation to practice prostitution, second-degree solicitation to practice prostitution and conspiracy to permit sex trafficking.

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Momentum for Adult Victims

- ▶ Affirmative defense for prostitution that resulted from being a trafficking victim (enacted 2015)
- ▶ Increasing shift from “Jane stings” to “John stings”
- ▶ More agencies choosing not to arrest or charge women who are prostituting
- ▶ Pending legislation: “Safe Harbor for Adults”