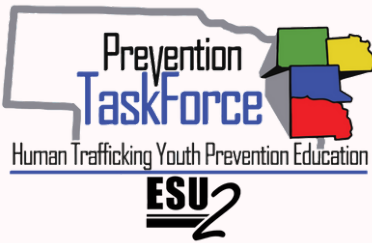


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TRAFFICKING 101

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) & Vulnerability to Trafficking

According to 3Strands Global Foundation, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) are traumatic events during childhood (ages 0-17) that, while not directly causing trafficking, increase vulnerability to exploitation. Abuse, neglect, and household dysfunction can lead to mental health issues like depression and PTSD, making individuals more at risk.

National Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-888-373-7888

Nebraska Trafficking Hotline (Law Enforcement): 1-833-PLS-LOOK (1-833-757-5665)



CONVICTED CASES

Paul Douglas Brooks, age 64, of Arapahoe, was sentenced on August 21, 2023, to 23 to 35 years in prison, with a mandatory minimum of 15 years for 1st Degree Sexual Assault of a Child.

This case began as a human trafficking investigation where numerous men sexually assaulted a 15-year-old child over 6 months in 2019. Overall, 18 men, including Brooks, were arrested for crimes related to this case. Of those arrested, William "Billy" Quinn received the most significant sentence in December of 2021 of 176.5 years to a maximum of 304 years in prison for his role in trafficking the child.



HUMAN TRAFFICKING & THE SUPER BOWL

It's that time of year again—Super Bowl weekend. As the big game approaches, media outlets often spotlight claims that large-scale events like the Super Bowl lead to a surge in sex trafficking. On the surface, this might seem plausible, and some might argue that raising awareness is beneficial regardless. However, this narrative oversimplifies a complex issue and comes with several critical flaws:

- **Overemphasis on Sex Trafficking:** This narrow focus often overshadows other forms of trafficking, particularly labor trafficking, which is just as pervasive and harmful.
- **Lack of Evidence:** Contrary to popular belief, there is no credible data supporting the claim that trafficking, including sex trafficking, increases during major events like the Super Bowl.
- **Unintended Consequences:** These campaigns, while well-meaning, can sometimes cause harm to the very individuals they intend to protect, often perpetuating harmful stereotypes or misdirected efforts.

<https://freedomnetworkusa.org/2021/02/05/human-trafficking-and-the-super-bowl/>

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