

## Everyday Heroes Needed.



**Make the Call, Save Lives.**

**National Hotline:  
1-888-373-7888**

[truckersagainsttrafficking.org](http://truckersagainsttrafficking.org)



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***Truckers are the eyes and the ears of our nation's highways and are already making calls that are saving lives. If you see a minor working any of those areas or suspect pimp control, call the national hotline and report your tip.***

**1-888-373-7888 (US)**

**1-800-222-TIPS (Canada)**

**01800-5533-000 (Mexico)**



In January 2015, an RV pulled into a truck stop in Virginia. Observant professional truck driver Kevin Kimmel recognized suspicious activity around that RV, which had pulled back by the truck line, and decided something was off. Instead of turning a blind eye, he made a call that brought law enforcement out to the scene within a few minutes. After interviewing the occupants of the vehicle, they discovered that a young woman, 20 years old, had been kidnapped from Iowa two weeks prior. She had been beaten, raped, her whole body burned by instruments heated on the RV stove, branded and starved. She was being sold by her traffickers, Laura Sorenson and Aldair Hodza, through sex ads on Craigslist, where men were purchasing her and then arriving at the RV to rape her. She was dying from malnutrition and the torture she was subjected to ... had the call not been made that brought law enforcement out to that truck stop, doctors said she would have died within the next few days. Now a recovering survivor, this young woman calls Kimmel her guardian angel. He calls himself a Trucker Against Trafficking.

Truckers Against Trafficking is a non-profit organization that has been working with the trucking industry since 2009 to provide the needed training and tools to enable members of the industry to both recognize human trafficking when they see it happening and to know what actions to take to enable law enforcement to effectively fight this crime. Through this training and these tools, truckers are becoming Everyday Heroes like Kevin Kimmel, who was also named TAT's 2015 Harriet Tubman Award winner.

One of the tools TAT provides is a wallet card with red flags to look for, questions to ask if you suspect someone is a victim and actionable information to report. This wallet card is available by App, from the appropriate App Store, on all smart phones, whether Android, iPhone or Windows format, as well as by emailing [tat.truckers@gmail.com](mailto:tat.truckers@gmail.com), for a version to carry in your wallet.

Additionally, TAT provides a powerful, 26-minute training video on its website ([www.truckersagainstrafficking.org](http://www.truckersagainstrafficking.org)), which, when watched along with taking and passing a short test, certifies drivers as TAT-Trained, a designation which can go on your resume. Because professional drivers often find themselves in locations frequented and exploited by human traffickers, they are in a unique position to recognize the signs of human trafficking and to make the call that can lead to victim recovery and perpetrator arrests. Get your wallet card today. Be an Everyday Hero! Make the call (1-888-3737-888); save lives

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For law enforcement to open an investigation on your tip, they need "actionable information," and as many details as you can provide. Specific tips helpful when reporting to the hotline would include:

- Descriptions of cars (make, model, color, license plate number, etc.) and people (height, weight, hair color, eye color, age, etc.) Take a picture if you can.
- Specific times and dates (When did you see the event in question take place? What day was it?)
- Addresses and locations where suspicious activity took place

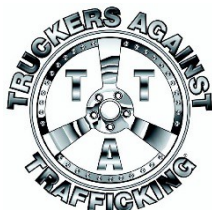
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**Questions to Ask:**

Do you keep your own money? If not, who does?  
 Do your parents/siblings/relatives know where you are? If not, why not?  
 When was the last time you saw your family?  
 Are you physically or sexually abused? Are you or your family threatened? What is the nature of the threats?

**Trafficking Red Flags to Look For:**

- Lack of knowledge of their community or whereabouts
- Restricted or controlled communication-not allowed to speak for self
- CB chatter about "commercial company" or flashing lights signaling "buyer" location
- Not in control of own identification documents (ID/passport)
- Any acknowledgement that she/he has a pimp and is making a quota
- Signs of branding or tattooing of trafficker's name (often on the neck)



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