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Topic: Human Trafficking (b) (7)(E) Indicators and Victim Assistance

Reference Material: 1. International Association of Chiefs of Police – The Crime of Human Trafficking: A Law Enforcement Guide to Identification and Investigation
2. HHS Human Trafficking Information

Headquarters POC:

Office: Office of Alien Smuggling Interdiction (ASI), ARMC/OF

This second human trafficking muster module will focus on indicators and types of trafficking victims at Ports of Entry, assistance efforts, and legal protection afforded to victims of human trafficking. (b) (7)(E)

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Posters will be displayed in key locations throughout each Port of Entry to caution all potential human trafficking victims of the threat they may face.

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All persons in the United States, even those who may have come here illegally, are protected by and subject to U.S. laws. Victims of human trafficking will be protected, given safe haven, referred for medical or other assistance, and are eligible for legal status in the

United States. Under U.S. law, once a person has been held in servitude, their status as a trafficking victim supersedes all other smuggling or immigration questions. A series of laws and regulations enacted in recent years has defined and expanded American efforts to combat human trafficking and created a comprehensive Federal approach. Key legislation and highlights include:

- Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act (VTVPA) of 2000
 - Provides victims continued presence in the U.S.
 - Establishes T non-immigrant status for victims and family members
 - Affords opportunities for adjustment of status
- VTVPA Reauthorization Act of 2003
 - Expands eligibility for T non-immigrant visas
 - Grants victims access to Federal court to pursue civil actions
- PROTECT Act of 2003
 - Enhanced and expanded criminal sanctions against international sex tourism
- VTVPA Reauthorization Act of 2005
 - Enhanced previous protections
 - Established pilot program for residential rehabilitative facilities for victims

Website reference for more information

International Association of Chiefs of Police – The Crime of Human Trafficking: A Law Enforcement Guide to Identification and Investigation
<http://www.theiacp.org/documents/pdfs/RCD/CompleteHTGuide.pdf>

HHS Human Trafficking Information
<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking/>

Sample of Human Trafficking Information Card (HTIC)

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