

SEX TRAFFICKING & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

SEX TRAFFICKING

- Sexual activity occurs with third parties
- There are multiple perpetrators
- Traffickers often have multiple victims at one time
- Victims are seen as criminals

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- Sexual activity occurs within the relationship
- There is a single abuser
- Abusers typically have one victim at a time
- Victims are seen as victims

SIMILARITIES BETWEEN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEX TRAFFICKING

- Both traffickers and domestic violence perpetrators use a cyclical pattern of violence
- Both traffickers and domestic violence perpetrators use power and control tactics
- Both crimes involve using sexual violence for control and abuse
- Victims may engage in drug and/or alcohol addictions



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

EXAMPLE: A man forces his wife to have sex with him and beats her if she resists
VS.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

EXAMPLE: A husband sets up paid “sex dates” for his wife & threatens to harm her or their child if she does not participate (trafficking)

THE CRIMES CO- OCCUR WHEN

- A family member/household member/intimate partner is the trafficker.
- The perpetrator uses domestic violence to hide trafficking from law enforcement.
- Domestic violence may be a precursor for human trafficking. Victims are vulnerable while in the relationship and after leaving.