

## Resource Round-Up

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*A monthly e-newsletter of news, training, and resources in support of anti-trafficking efforts in Maine.*

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### NEWS

#### [Former sex trafficking victim in Maine speaks out about Kraft](#)

New Center Maine - February 25, 2019

Tricia Grant says "You don't know if that person is there against their will or there because they want to be. I was fifteen and being trafficked here in Maine...Nobody asked, not one of the people who came to purchase me ever asked me how old I was, or if I wanted to be there, or if I needed help. Not one of them. They got what they wanted and they left."



NEWS

#### [Kraft allegations focus Mainer's attention on sex trafficking](#)

News Center Maine - February 23, 2019

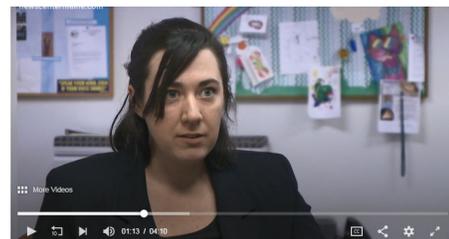
"'The Robert Kraft story is just one example of the need,' said Cynthia Dill, a former state legislator, and civil rights lawyer. 'If what the market demands is sex work then let's have a free market, let's empower workers and let's give them the law enforcement and the

protection of the law that they need.'"

#### [About 200-300 people are sex trafficked in Maine each year](#)

News Center Maine - February 22, 2019

Jess Bedard from MECASA talks about trafficking and exploitation in Maine. "We know lot of people are engaged in commercial sex that doesn't meet this definition of trafficking, but is exploitative and harmful to the people engaging in it."



#### [Conference held in Augusta to teach medical professionals the signs of human trafficking](#)

WABI - January 31, 2019

"'We need to equip all of the nurses that are here today, all of the doctors, all of the reception staff in hospitals, in emergency departments, in clinics, to know how to identify trafficking and what to do if

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somebody thinks that one of their patients is being trafficked,' said Dr. Hanni Stoklosa, Executive Director of HEAL Trafficking."

### [Sex-Trafficking: Stop Victimized the Victims](#)

Honolulu Civil Beat - February 12, 2019

"What happened to me was not justice. What happened to Cyntoia, despite her sentence being commuted, was not justice. And what has happened to [Alexis Martin](#), another child sex trafficking victim currently serving a life sentence for participating in a crime that resulted in her trafficker's death, is not justice. None of us should have been sent to prison in the first place — a far too common response for girls of color in our country — especially for actions they take against their rapists and traffickers."



#### About the Author



**Sara Jessimy Kruzan**  
Sara Jessimy Kruzan was sentenced to life in prison at the age of 17, after being abusing, raping, and... After more than 19 years... commuted by Gov. Arnold

## RESOURCES & TRAININGS

### [Human Rights Approach](#)

Freedom Network

This three minute video looks at the values of a Human Rights Approach to trafficking services. Ivy O. Suriyopas explains "The challenge with having a rescuer mentality is that you are taking the focus away from the survivor and putting the attention on the so-called rescuer." [Click here](#) for more from the Freedom Network's resource library.



### [Crime Survivors Speak](#)

Alliance for Safety and Justice

The National Survey of Victims' Views is the first-of-its-kind research on crime survivors' experiences with the criminal justice system and their preferences for safety and justice policy.

### [Intersection of Forced Marriage & Human Trafficking in the U.S.](#)

HEAL Trafficking & Tahirih Justice Center

An informative webinar from HEAL Trafficking and the Tahirih Justice Center which explains the issue of forced marriage in the U.S., outlines the ways in which forced marriage, human trafficking and domestic violence may intersect, and guides health professionals in recognizing potential cases and responding to survivors.



HEALTH, EDUCATION, ADVOCACY, LINKAGE  
BECAUSE HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE

For referrals to Maine services or to report a tip:  
The National Human Trafficking Resource Center  
1-888-373-7888

The Maine Sex Trafficking and Exploitation Network provides training, technical assistance, and resources to direct service providers engaged in anti-trafficking efforts in Maine, as well as community awareness and public policy support.

Maine STEN is a program of the [Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault](#).

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