



## Resource Round-Up

November 30, 2017

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

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### NEWS

#### [Cyntoia Brown: celebrities call for victim of sex trafficking to be freed](#)

The Guardian | November 27, 2017

"In Tennessee in August 2004, Cyntoia Brown shot and killed Johnny Mitchell Allen, 43, who had paid to have sex with her. At the time, Brown was living with her abusive boyfriend who sold her for sex. She was tried as an adult and, despite arguing that she acted in self-defense, was convicted of first-degree murder. She will be eligible for parole when she is 69. Over the past few weeks her story has been taken up by a host of high-profile celebrities in an effort to win her clemency."

#### [Boston man charged with sex trafficking, kidnapping in Maine](#)

Portland Press Herald | November 24, 2017

"In an indictment unsealed Tuesday in federal court in Portland, Rashad "Jose" Sabree, 37, faces two counts of sex trafficking, two counts of kidnapping and one count of interstate transportation for the purposes of engaging in prostitution. Sabree will face a maximum sentence of life in prison on the kidnapping charges, 15 years to life in prison for sex trafficking and up to 10 years on the interstate transportation charge if he's convicted."

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### [Survivor Speak awarded Maine Initiatives Grant](#)

[Survivor Speak USA](#), Maine's only survivor-led human trafficking organization was recently selected as one of ten groups awarded a 2017 Grant for Change by Maine Initiatives. [Grants for Change](#) "seeks to fund and strengthen community-based nonprofit organizations whose work is advancing racial justice and racial equity in Maine." The mission of Survivor Speak is to provide education, advocacy and mentoring for exploited and sex trafficked women and the communities that serve them, in order to ensure sustainable, positive changes.

#### [Preble Street state lead for Maine in New England Coalition Against Trafficking](#)

"Preble Street recently joined The Trauma Center at the Justice Resource Institute in Massachusetts as the state lead for Maine in the New England Coalition Against Trafficking, funded by the U.S. State Department's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, and will be working with Maine partners as well as those in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Vermont and Rhode Island to develop and implement efforts to increase outreach, identification and service referral for victims of human trafficking

## RESOURCES

### [Preventing Human Trafficking against Individuals with Disabilities](#)

PreventConnect

In this 2-part podcast, PreventConnect talks with Lydia Sharp of [Equal Justice Works](#), Jody Haskins of [International Organization for Adolescents](#), and Jae Jin Pak, a disability advocate, to discuss the intersection of disability and human trafficking. The group discusses the work they are doing to address this intersection and highlights the significance of community partnerships and collaboration to prevent human trafficking.

### [Survivor-Informed Practice: Self-Guided Assessment Tool](#)

Human Trafficking Leadership Academy

This self-guided assessment tool was developed by a team of six non-government service providers and six survivor leaders. This group worked together to develop recommendations to enhance service provision to survivors of human trafficking or those at risk of human trafficking using trauma-informed practices and survivor-informed principles.

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## EVENTS

Songs With a Purpose - Survivor Benefit Concert

Potluck With a Purpose

Friday, December 1, 2017, 6pm, South Gorham Baptist Church

Donations in the form of cash or a gift card for survivors accepted

Potluck With A Purpose is partnering with [Not Here Justice in Action Network](#) and numerous churches and nonprofits across Maine to fund their Christmas Blessings program, which also includes Hope Rising, Maine's only residential program serving survivors of trafficking and exploitation. Last year they provided gifts for 70 individuals.

[See more information here.](#)

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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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