



Unspeakable Commodities: Human Trafficking

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What is it?



- Blackmail
- Violence
- Deceit
- Coercion
- Manipulation
- Threats
- Fraud



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FOR ALL DEBTS, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE

Mary Ellen Withrow
Treasurer of the United States.

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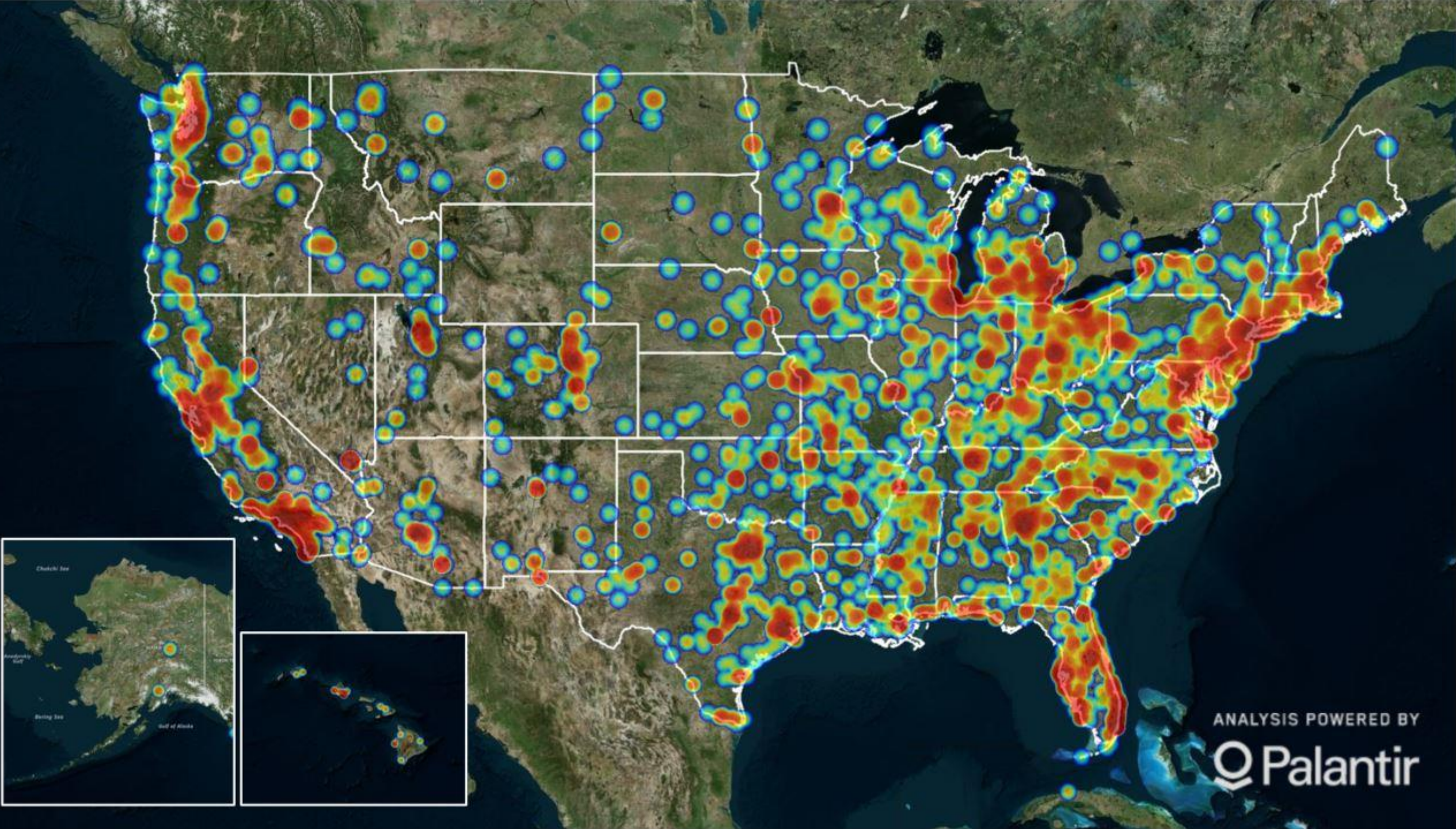
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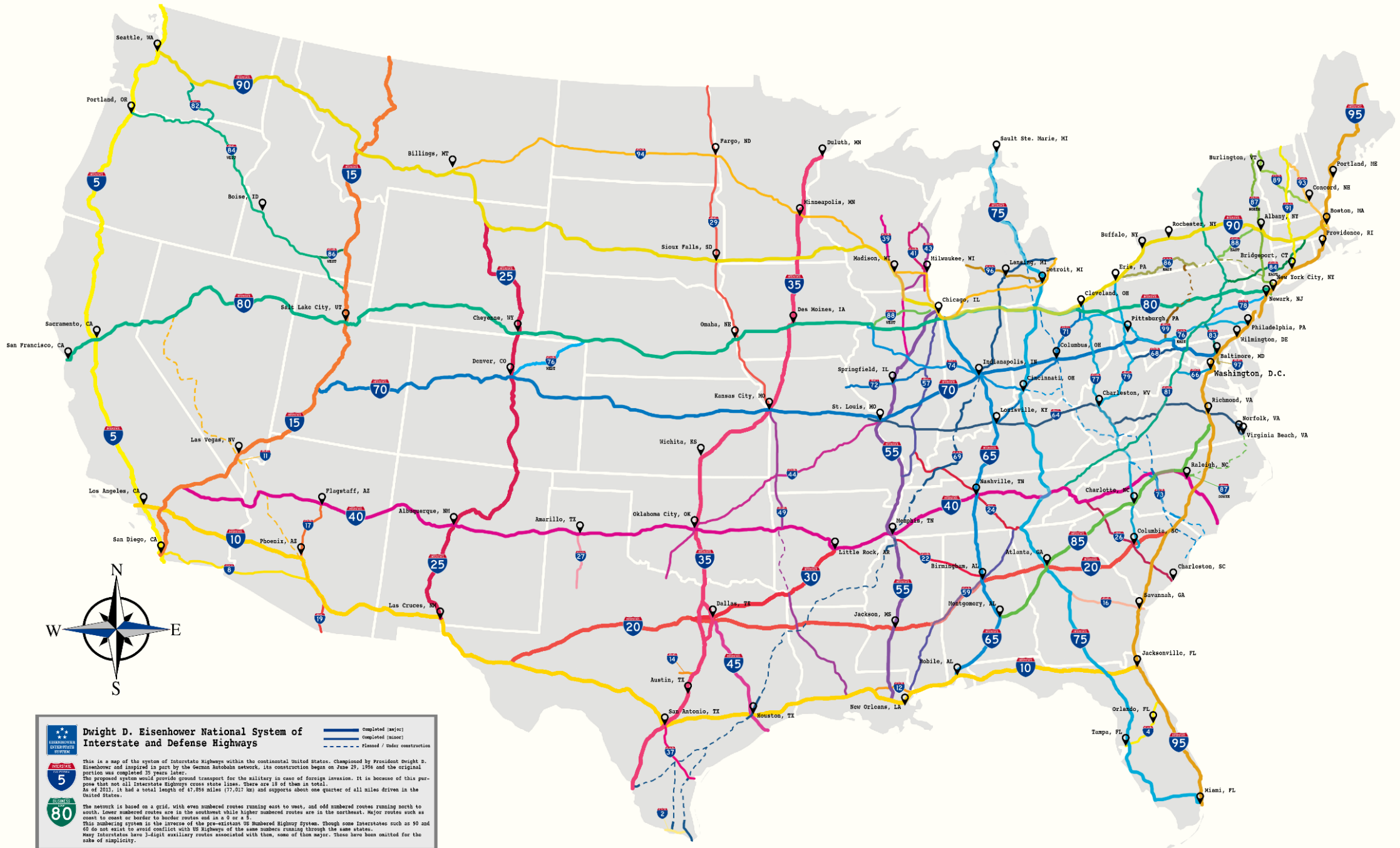
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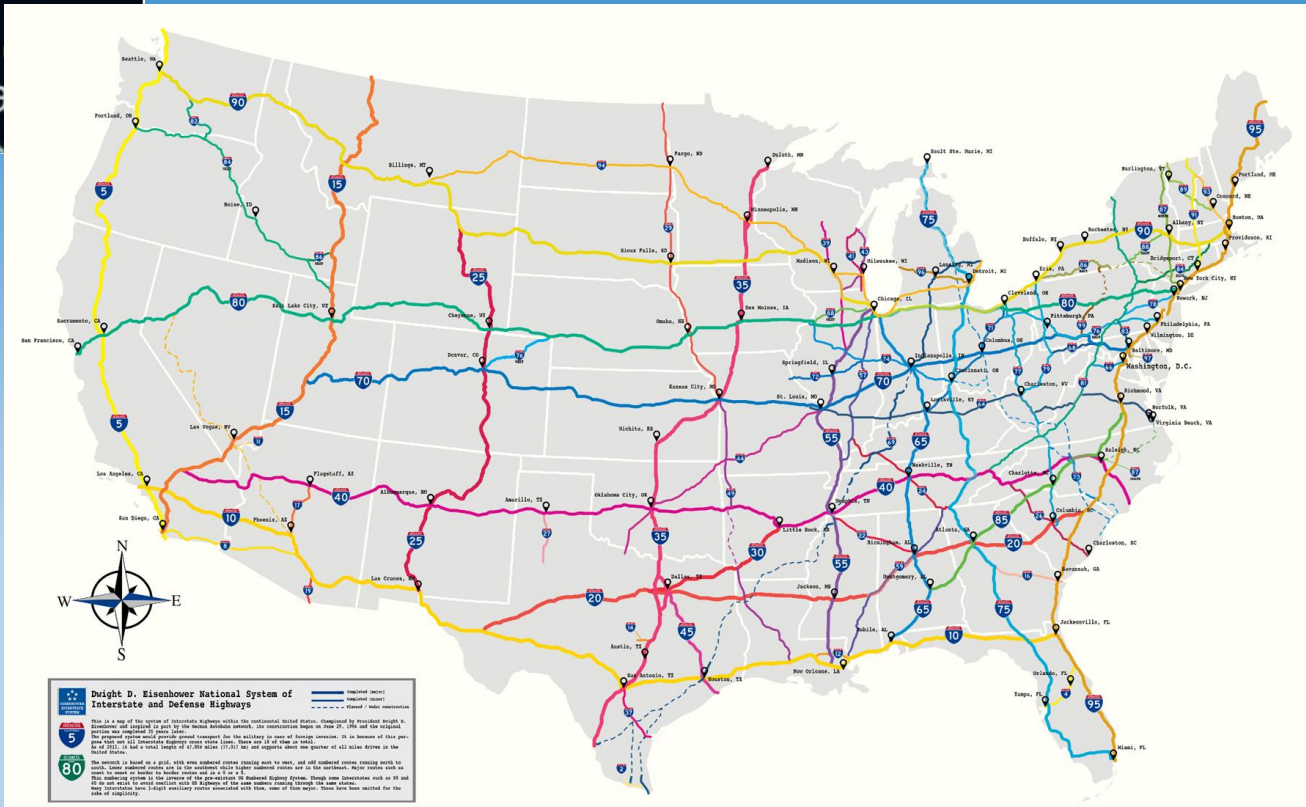
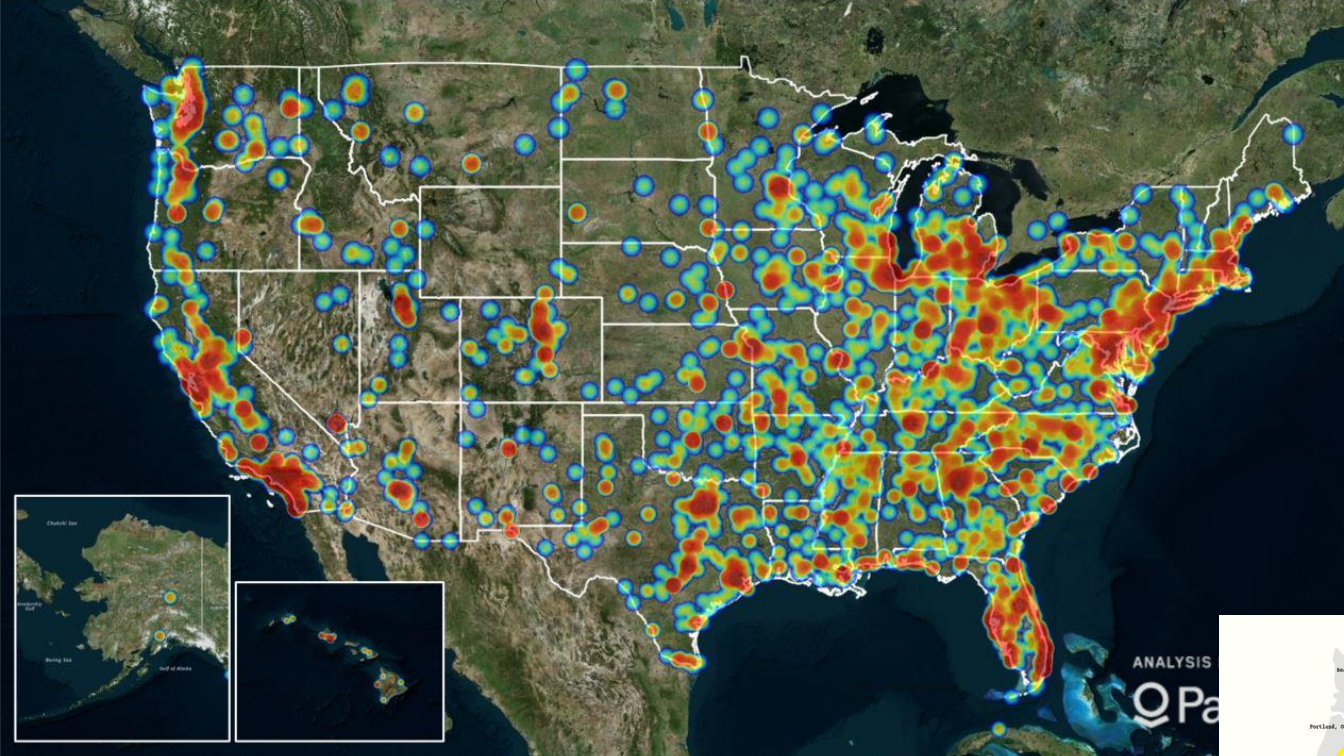


Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways

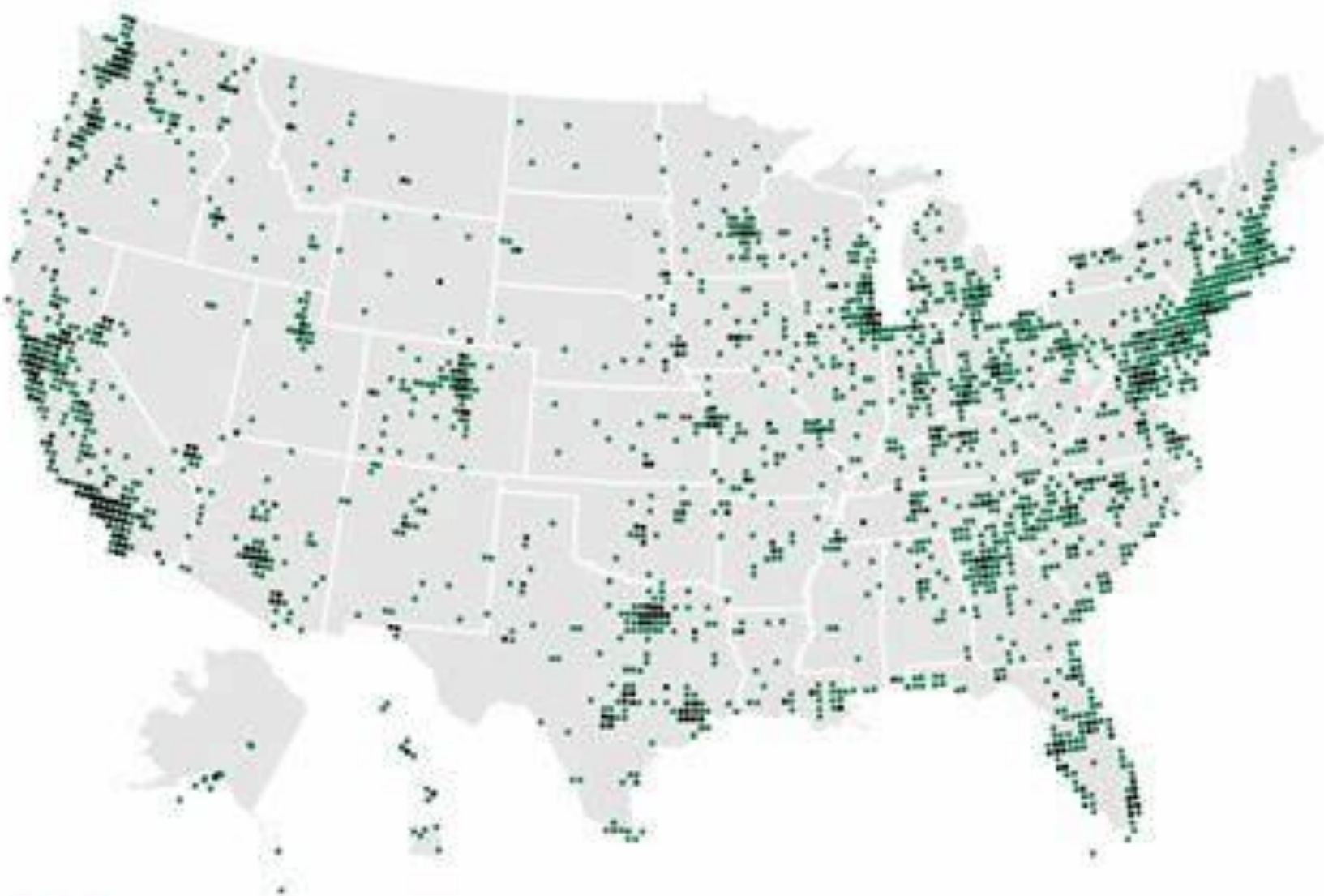
This is a map of the system of Interstate Highways within the continental United States. Championed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower and inspired in part by the German Autobahn network, its construction began on June 29, 1956 and the original portion was completed 23 years later. The proposed system would provide ground transport for the military in case of foreign invasion. It is because of this purpose that not all Interstate Highways cross state lines. There are 18 of them in total. As of 2012, it had a total length of 47,856 miles (77,017 km) and supports about one quarter of all miles driven in the United States.

The network is based on a grid, with even numbered routes running east to west, and odd numbered routes running north to south. Lower numbered routes are in the southwest while higher numbered routes are in the northeast. Major routes such as coast to coast or border to border routes end in a 0 or a 5. This numbering system is the inverse of the pre-existent US Numbered Highway System. Though some Interstates such as 50 and 60 do not exist to avoid conflict with US Highways of the same numbers running through the same states. Many Interstates have 3-digit auxiliary routes associated with them, none of them major. These have been omitted for the sake of simplicity.

— Completed (major)
— Completed (minor)
— Planned / Under construction



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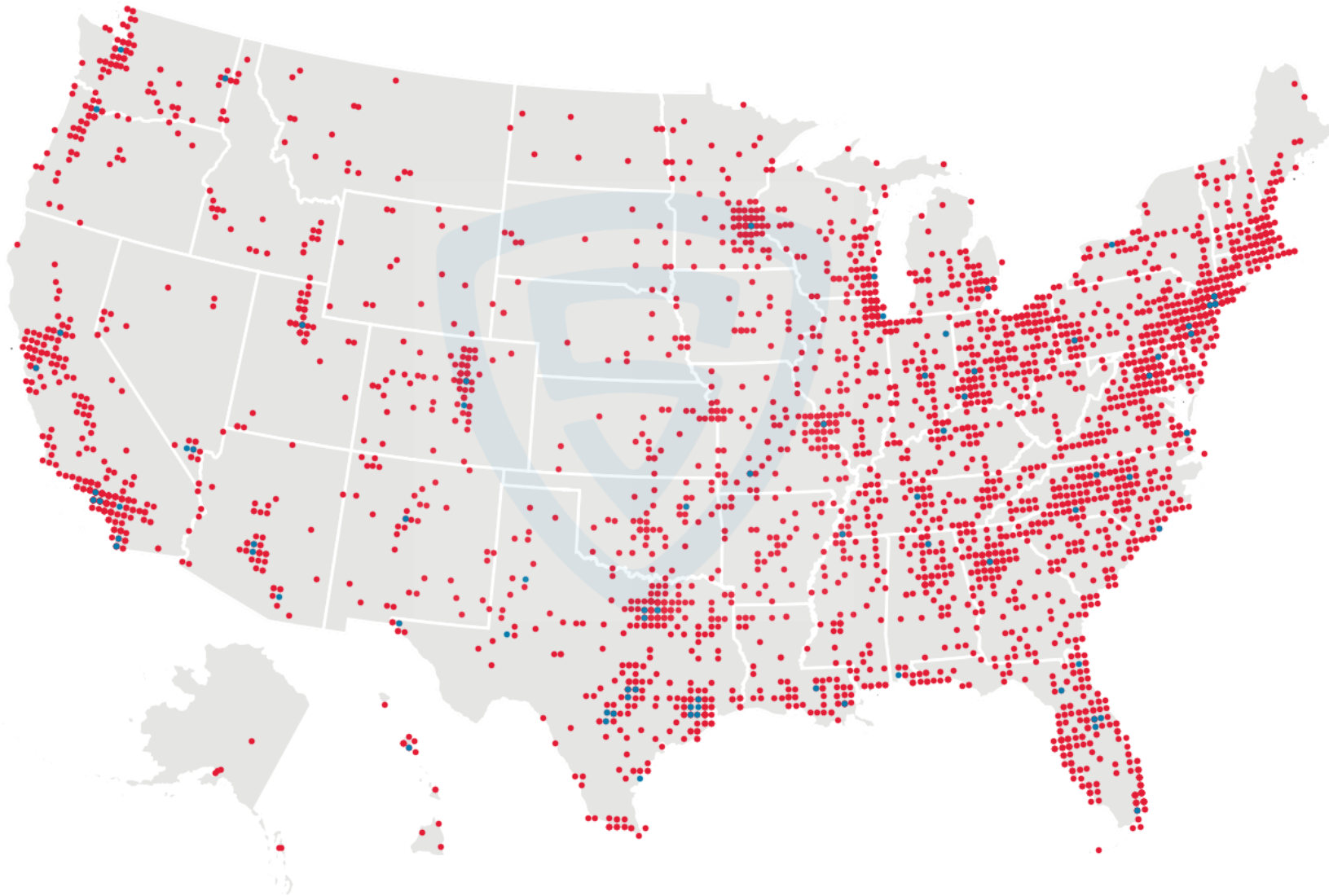
Starbucks Locations in the USA

Each grid point covers 10-mile radius with atleast one location

Source: ScrapeHero.com



● 5 or less ● Greater than 5



Domino's Pizza Locations in the USA

Each grid point covers 10-mile radius with atleast one location

Source: ScrapeHero.com



Family of five men all found guilty of running international sex trafficking ring

By THOMAS TRACY

NEW YORK DAILY NEWS | MAR 14, 2020 AT 1:43 PM



Mexican nationals Jose Osvaldo Melendez-Rojas, 43, Rosalio Melendez-Rojas, 38, Jose Miguel Melendez-Rojas, 43 and two Queens relatives were all found guilty of spending the last decade running an international sex trafficking ring where girls were smuggled into the U.S. with promises of a better life, then forced to work as prostitutes, authorities said.

Queens man sentenced to 10 years for attempting to kill trans girlfriend after she refused to work as prostitute

By MOLLY CRANE-NEWMAN

NEW YORK DAILY NEWS | AUG 05, 2020 AT 5:14 PM



A Queens man was sentenced to 10 years prison time Wednesday for attempting to kill his girlfriend after she refused to continue selling sex to line his pockets, authorities said.

David Viltus, 31, of Cambria Heights, pleaded guilty to attempted murder in February for the horrific attack on his ex-girlfriend, who is transgender, on April 18, 2018, court filings show.

“The victim in this case was attempting to free herself from exploitation and sex trafficking when the defendant — who was taking the money she made — viciously attacked her,” Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz said in a statement.

“Anyone who feels trapped by circumstances similar to this victim’s should know this: You are not alone. We are here to continue to vigorously prosecute such cases and protect victims of trafficking and assault.”

Westchester creep sentenced to 19 1/2 years for trafficking underage girls

By STEPHEN REX BROWN

NEW YORK DAILY NEWS | MAY 03, 2019 AT 5:33 PM



A Westchester perv was sentenced to 19 ½ years in prison Friday for forcing underage girls into prostitution.

Victor Gonzalez, 41, met three girls through online dating sites. After establishing a relationship with them he posted advertisements for the girls on websites. He drove them to encounters with adult men in the city and in Connecticut, prosecutors said.

The sadistic operation lasted from 2014 to 2018. The victims were between the ages of 14 and 17. When he first met his victims online he lied and said he was in his 20s, prosecutors said.

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There is a new push to put an end to human trafficking in Orange County.

Orange County District Attorney David Hoover says there has been an alarming increase in human trafficking, including sex trafficking in the county, especially during the COVID-19 crisis.

Hoover warns that his office is seeing more traffickers shift to the internet during the pandemic to lure young victims online through gaming apps and social media sites geared toward unsuspecting kids.

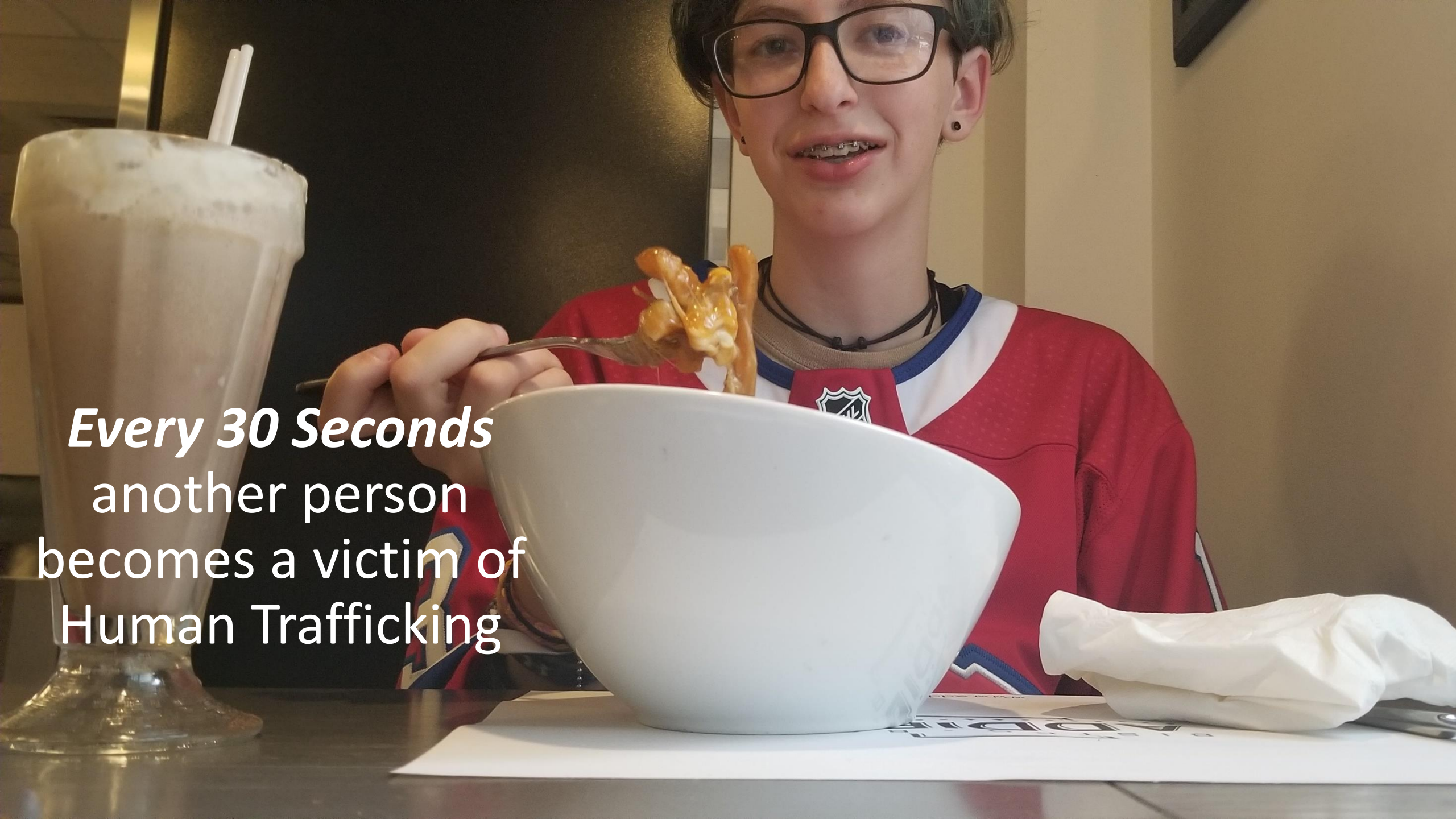
by: Wilson Ring, The Associated Press

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BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) — A Montreal man has pleaded guilty to a federal charge that he led an organization that smuggled people into the U.S. from Canada. Godofredo Rivas-Melendez entered the plea Friday in U.S. District Court in Burlington, Vermont

In the plea agreement, 61-year-old Rivas-Melendez and prosecutors agreed upon a prison sentence of 50 months.

The indictment says Rivas-Melendez charged thousands of dollars to have members of his organization drive people from Montreal to locations along the U.S.-Canadian border. They said they would guide them across the border at night, and afterward, they would be picked up and delivered to locations further within the U.S.



Every 30 Seconds
another person
becomes a victim of
Human Trafficking



A black and white photograph of a young girl with her hair in pigtails, looking directly at the camera with a serious expression. She is holding a rectangular sign in front of her chest with both hands. The sign has a black background with white text. The background of the photo is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be a window with blinds.

**21 Million People Worldwide
Are Victims Of
Human Trafficking
50% of those victims are
estimated to be children**

A close-up photograph of a person's open palm, facing the camera. The word "HELP" is written in bold, black, capital letters across the center of the palm. The hand is positioned against a dark, out-of-focus background. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the skin and the lines on the palm. The overall mood is one of vulnerability and a plea for assistance.

HELP

**NATIONAL
HUMAN
TRAFFICKING
HOTLINE**

888-373-7888

or TEXT

“BEFREE” or “HELP”

to 233733

I'M NOT
FOR SALE



Corneas



from USD **\$30,000**

Lungs



from USD **\$150,000**

Heart



from USD **\$130,000**

Liver



from USD **\$98,000**

Kidneys



from USD **\$62,000**

*Source: Bloody Harvest
Matas & Kilgour (2007)*

2000
Victims of
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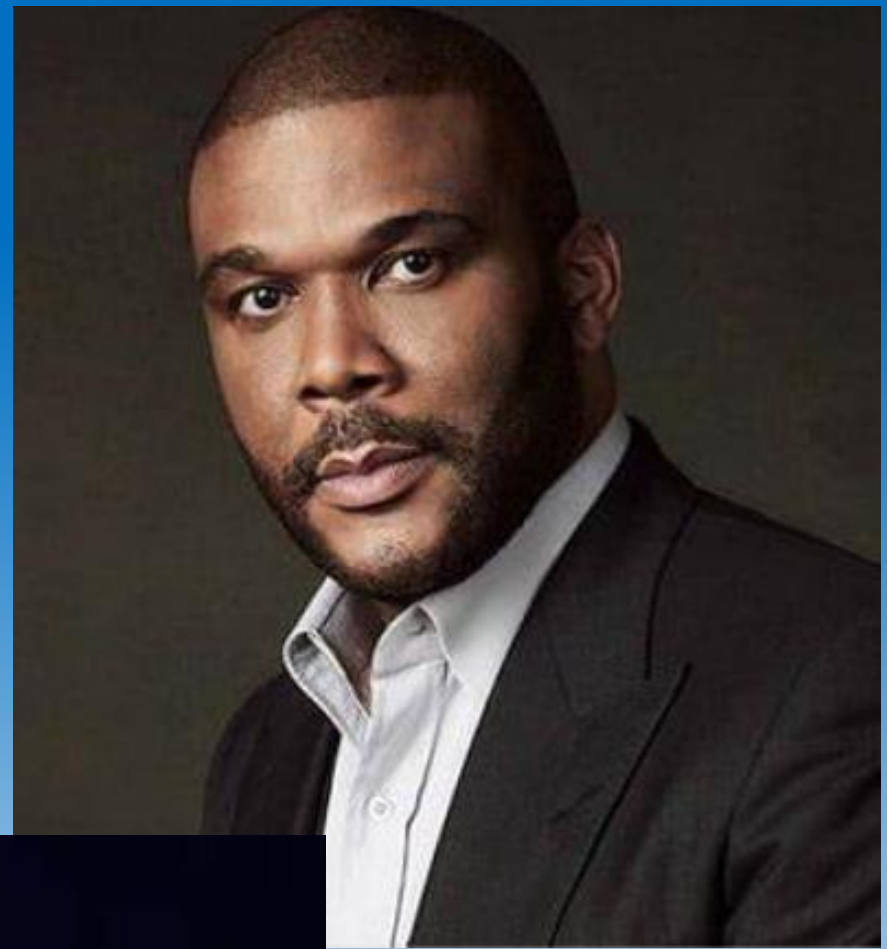
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Celebrities in Action



Trauma Informed Care

1. Safe Environment
2. Recognized Reactions
3. Look for Subtle
4. Reassure
5. Ask the hard questions



Thank you...



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