



# THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

## MORITZ COLLEGE OF LAW

### Greif Fellowship in Juvenile Human Trafficking

**Use of Human Trafficking Red Flags List:** This list is a brief overview of evidence that would suggest an individual has been trafficked. The Greif Fellow in Juvenile Human Trafficking provides to any trafficking victim under 18 free legal representation on a range of issues, including but not limited to his or her pending delinquency charges.

If a juvenile exhibits characteristics or traits below, it is possible (and may be very likely) that he or she is a trafficking victim. This list is geared primarily toward recognizing domestic minor sex trafficking, but labor trafficking victims could also potentially be brought to the Reception Center. The list is divided into four categories for analysis: the charges against the juvenile, the circumstances of their arrest, observable physical characteristics, and information gained through conversations with the youth. Traits in red indicate a high likelihood of trafficking and if even one of them is present, the Reception Center should call for legal representation for the juvenile. The more traits that are present, the greater the likelihood the juvenile is being trafficked or is, at the very least, at risk of being trafficked. Reception Center personnel should call when they have a suspicion the juvenile could be a trafficking victim.

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*If you think someone is a victim of human trafficking,  
call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1.888.373.7888.*

# Human Trafficking Red Flags

## Charges

Prostitution

Solicitation

Theft of basic necessities (food, clothing, personal hygiene items)

Drug/alcohol charges

## Arrest Circumstances

Arrested at or near a hotel/motel, strip club, truck stop, massage parlor

Arrested near Short North White Castle (males)

Hotel room keys were found on person

Large amount of cash was found on person

## Physical Characteristics

Branding tattoos: usually a name (James), adjective (Delicious), or “Daddy”

Dark circles under eyes

Wears inappropriate clothing

Possesses expensive items outside their or their family income level

Malnourished

Signs of physical abuse

Exhibits exhaustion

Emotional numbness or dulled emotions

## Additional Information Gathered Through Intake

Expresses concern about immigration status

Fearful/apprehensive about *not* returning home in time

Makes little to no eye contact

Discusses frequent travel to other cities

Has boyfriend (usually older); may refer to as her “daddy”

History of running away from home (2 or more times)

Unexplained absences from school or home

Does not attend school or has numerous absences