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Tip Sheet

Human Trafficking: What the Public Needs to Know

“Sex traffickers frequently target vulnerable people with histories of abuse and then use violence, threats, lies, false promises, debt bondage, or other forms of control and manipulation keep victims involved in the sex industry.”.....Polaris Project

- **Dottie Laster**, a nationally recognized expert in the field of human trafficking, has been trained by the Department of Justice to educate law enforcement, businesses and organizations on human trafficking and has been the architect and leader of human trafficking task forces and coalitions in many cities in Texas and California.

“In the United States of America The Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, enhances pre-existing criminal penalties in other related laws, affords new protections to trafficking victims and makes available certain benefits and services to victims of severe forms of trafficking.”....HumanTrafficking.Org

- **Dottie Laster**, the Anti-Trafficking Coordinator for the Bernardo Kohler Center, is an accredited representative recognized by the Bureau of Immigration to practice immigration law. In the United States, 5000 T-visas are made available every year. In 10 years, just over 1500 have been granted. During her career she has been directly and indirectly responsible for the rescue and service of over 200 victims of trafficking in the United States.

“According to the Trafficking Victims Protection Act any government contractor whose employees, sub contractors, or their employees engage in human trafficking will lose all government funding.”....Laster Global

- **Dottie Laster** was appointed an original member of the U. S. Attorney's Human Trafficking Rescue Alliance, a human trafficking task force often noted as a model for the nation. As a part of this task force, she trained over 5,000 police officers and worked directly with adult and child victims.

Due to the new PROTECT Act any US citizen who has sex with a minor while abroad may be prosecuted federally upon their return to the United States.

- **Dottie Laster** and Laster Global Consulting provide project development, consultancy, and training resources in domestic and international trafficking. The strong multi-disciplinary team has an established track record of helping victims of trafficking and developing anti-trafficking programs with law enforcement, universities, faith-based, and non-profit organizations.



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Dear Editor/Producer

"Worldwide, the State Department estimated there are 12.3 million adults and children in modern-day slavery – including forced labor, bonded labor and forced prostitution," [Inter Press Service](#)

62 countries have yet to convict a trafficker under the laws laid out by the Palermo Protocol and 104 still lack laws or regulations to prevent victims' deportations. (2010 Report, State Department's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons.)

Currently **Dottie Laster** is a consultant on the **Long Island Serial Killer** case, brought in by the family of then missing mother, Megan Waterman. As more remains are being found, and the killer not yet caught, the case continues to make headlines. Because most of the victims are recognized as sex workers, and possibly coerced, Laster is using her expertise in the characteristics of human trafficking to assist law enforcement agencies in producing information that may eventually lead to a suspect.

Laster's expertise comes from training by the **Department of Justice** to educate law enforcement on human trafficking and she has been the architect and leader of numerous human trafficking task forces and coalitions during her career. She is affiliated with the Bernardo Kohler Center as the Anti-Trafficking Coordinator and is accredited with the Bernardo Kohler Center to practice immigration law. She is also an Advisory Board Member of the Frederick Douglas Family Foundation which is an Abolitionist organization which creates awareness about modern-day slavery.

Over her career Laster has trained over 5,000 law enforcement officers and has successfully written over \$6.5 million in grants to fund victim services. She has been instrumental in the rescue, recovery and re-introduction of several victims of trafficking and has served as legal consultant on numerous cases.

Dottie Laster has been featured prominently in several national publications including Texas Monthly, the Houston Chronicle, the New York Times, to name a few. She has also served as producer or technical advisor for many national network productions. She is sought after nationally as a keynote speaker, presents many workshops annually, and is the recipient of several prestigious awards.

Dottie Laster is available for national and local media interviews, keynote and workshop training. Please call us at your earliest convenience to discuss media opportunities.

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About Dottie Laster



From listening to a speaker at a small Texas college to assisting with the current Long Island Serial Killer case seems like an unlikely path, but, for Dottie Laster, it became a moment of choice for her career when inspired by a speaker from the US State Department. She knew that by helping victims free themselves from slavery, she would find her greatest personal satisfaction. Studying in Budapest and Paris she was able to be in direct contact with individuals from war-torn countries and learned first-hand of the struggles against war in their homeland.

Laster studied arbitration at the International Chamber of Commerce in Paris, France and mediation at Central European University in Budapest, Hungary.

After graduating from St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas, her position with YMCA International in Houston afforded her the opportunity to meet victims of war and genocide and she was captivated by their urge to survive. She was appointed an original member of the U. S. Attorney's Human Trafficking Rescue Alliance, a human trafficking task force often noted as a model for the nation. As a part of this task force, she trained over 5,000 police officers and worked directly with adult and child victims.

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Dottie Laster has served as technical advisor and/ or producer on TV and movie projects for ABC, CBS, MSNBC, WYE Productions, Golden Era Productions and others. She is the recipient of CYH Magazine's Freedom Humanitarian Award, the Guarding Angel Award, and the Alice Wright Franzke Feminist Award.

Laster is the Founder of Laster Global Consulting, where she continues to train, consult and provide resources for combating trafficking all over the world. Through her work with Laster Global she has had the opportunity to meet with and educate many heads of state, celebrities and politicians. She also serves as the Anti-Trafficking Coordinator, an accredited representative recognized by the Bureau of Immigration Appeals under Bernardo Kohler Center which provides education and assistance to immigrants and legal professionals in immigration issues focusing on helping those most in need, such as abandoned children and human trafficking victims. She is accredited with the Bernardo Kohler Center to practice immigration law and specializes in serving victims who may qualify for immigration relief under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act.



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Dottie Laster is a nationally known speaker for conferences and events and is available nationwide.

Topics for Interviews, Keynotes, Workshops and Events:

- The Long Island Serial Killer: Targets of Coercion
- Shattered Families: The Impact of Human Trafficking
- Fraud and Human Trafficking
- The Prosecutor, The Advocate and the Investigator
- A Culture of Violence: What is it Doing to Our Children?

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Dottie Laster, Human Trafficking Consultant, Participating in 7th Annual Conference on Crimes Against Women

National forum disseminates highest level of training to professionals

Dallas, Texas.....**Dottie Laster**, nationally recognized expert and consultant on human trafficking, will be leading a workshop, along with Jim Tanner, titled **How Sexual Predators Find Their Victims**, during the 7th Annual Conference on Crimes Against Women being held in Dallas, Texas on March 26-28, 2012. The annual conference brings together all those who may respond to crimes of female victimization providing the most relevant and up-to-date training available.

The Mission of [Conference on Crimes Against Women](http://conferencecaw.org) is to provide a national forum to disseminate the highest level of training, information and strategies to professionals who are responders and advocates to victims of crimes against women.

Dottie Laster is the Founder of [Laster Global Consulting](http://lasterglobalconsulting.com), where she trains, consults and provides resources for combating trafficking all over the world. She has been trained by the Department of Justice to educate law enforcement on human trafficking and has been the architect and leader of numerous human trafficking task forces and coalitions. She also serves as the Anti-Trafficking Coordinator, an accredited representative recognized by the Bureau of Immigration Appeals under Bernardo Kohler Center which provides education and assistance to immigrants and legal professionals in immigration issues focusing on helping those most in need, such as abandoned children and human trafficking victims. She is accredited with the Bernardo Kohler Center to practice immigration law and specializes in serving victims who may qualify for immigration relief under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act.

How Sexual Predators Find Their Victims will clarify the structure and process of grooming and demonstrate how it is manifested in many types of offenses. Sexual predators groom both the victim and the environment and there is a pattern to grooming which is found across many types of sex crimes, including human trafficking. This session will be beneficial for forensic interviewers, investigators, prosecutors, caseworkers, treatment agents and community supervision officers.

The 7th Annual Conference on Crimes Against Women is one of the premier national conferences offering training to professionals. For a complete listing of speakers and workshops and to register to attend the Conference refer to their website: conferencecaw.org

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April, 2010 Texas Monthly, "The Lost Girls" by Mimi Swartz

For the thousands of women who have been trafficked into Houston and forced to work as prostitutes in the city's underground sex trade, escaping from captivity may be the easiest part of the nearly impossible road to recovery.....[read complete article](#)



2008 Feature Length Documentary, "Cargo: Innocence Lost," Dottie Laster Coordinating Producer

A compelling documentary, Cargo: Innocence Lost, unveils the dark underworld of sex trafficking through compelling interviews with some of the country's top officials on the subject, victims' advocates and victims themselves, who were rescued in Texas.[complete details](#)

December, 2011, 48 Hours Mystery "The Long Island Serial Killer"

The latest update on the remains found on Gilgo Beach.[full episode](#)

CNN Presents, "The Long Island Serial Killer"