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Kaua'i Committee on the Status of Women presents Human Trafficking Forum on Jan. 9

LĪHU'E – The Kaua'i Committee on the Status of Women invites the public to a forum on Human Trafficking from 5 to 7 p.m., on Thursday, Jan. 9, at the Līhu'e Civic Center's Mo'ikeha Building in Meeting Room 2A/2B.

“Sex trafficking and your children is a combination no parent wants to imagine on Kaua'i, but it is a real threat on our island,” said Edith Ignacio-Neumiller, secretary for the Kaua'i Committee on the Status of Women. “Recent news have cited about 160 child sex trafficking cases were reported to the State of Hawai'i's Department of Human Services over the last two years.”

The forum will feature State Commission on the Status of Women Executive Director Khara Jabola-Carolus, and a presentation by Dominique Roe-Sepowitz on Sex Trafficking in Hawai'i Part II – “Stories of Survivors.” Roe-Sepowitz is an Associate Professor at Arizona State University School of Social Work and the founder and director of the Office of Sex Trafficking Intervention Research.

The forum will also include the following panelists:

- Stefani Iwami, Clinical Director Sexual Assault Services, YWCA Kaua'i;
- Justin Kollar, Prosecuting Attorney, County of Kaua'i;
- Jessica Munoz, Founder and President of Ho'ōla Nā Pua; and
- Chief Todd Raybuck, Kaua'i Police Department, County of Kaua'i.



Human trafficking is the business of stealing freedom for profit. Traffickers trick, defraud or physically force victims into providing commercial sex. Victims are lied to, assaulted, branded, threatened or manipulated into working under inhumane, illegal or unacceptable conditions. It is a multi-billion dollar criminal industry that denies freedom to 25 million people around the world.

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For more information on the Human Trafficking Forum, please call 241-4919.

**Kaua'i Committee on the Status of Women
Presents:
The Human Trafficking Forum Part II**

DATE: Thursday, January 9, 2020
TIME: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Doors open at 4:30pm
PLACE: County of Kauai
Mo'ikeha Building
Meeting Room 2A/2B



FEATURING:

Khara Jabola-Carolus, Executive Director, Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women

Dominique Roe-Sepowitz, MSW, Ph.D., Associate Professor Arizona State University School of Social Work and Founder and Director of the Office of Sex Trafficking Intervention Research (ASU STIR).

PANELIST:

Stefani Iwami, Clinical Director of Sexual Assault Services, YWCA of Kaua'i

Justin Kollar, Prosecuting Attorney, County of Kaua'i Office of the Prosecuting Attorney

Jessica Munoz, Founder and President, Ho'ola Nā Pua

Todd Raybuck, Chief of Police, County of Kaua'i Police Department

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