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When you first think that you might even have a victim of human trafficking or a human trafficking case, there are certain people that you need to notify immediately, and there’s a multitude of reasons. One is, you want everybody to be up to date with the case so calling people in later just delays everything because then everybody has to be brought up to date. So one of the first things you’re going to want to do is you’re going to want to bring in your federal partners.

You’re going to want to bring in the FBI, okay, because they can handle the investigation.

You want to bring in the U.S. Attorney’s Office because they’re going to be the ones that are prosecuting this case.

But then again you also want to bring in your local prosecutor because in case the federal case does not work out, you’ll then be able to revert back to possibly state laws to prosecute them under.

You’re also going to want to bring in people within your own agency. You have, most agencies have, people who are the SWAT team, special weapons and tactics, you have street crimes people, you have anti-crimes people. You want to bring everybody in.

And one of the most important people that you never want to forget to bring in is the victim service providers.

So, what you want to do is you want to bring all those people in at the very beginning so that everybody has the same information and so the investigation or the briefing continues on and flows smoothly without having to stop, back up, and bring people to date.