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“Child Sex Trafficking Unit Honored”

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9:30am

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News Hook: One year anniversary of the Board of Supervisors declaring January to be National Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Los Angeles County.

Fourteen members of the Los Angeles County Probation Department Child Sex Trafficking Unit, along with child sex trafficking survivors, and partner agencies (FBI, LAPD, DCFS) and child advocates will be honored by the Board of Supervisors for their ground breaking work in identifying, counseling and supporting victims as young as 12 years old. Over the past several years, Los Angeles County has seen a significant increase in the number of sexually trafficked youth.

Note to Broadcast: Participants available for morning show interviews ending no later than 8:15am.

There will be a presentation of honors at 9:30am after which interviews with the following parties will be available:

- Probation Officers, Central Juvenile Hall responsible for identifying victims and coordinating care and education
- Judges and Advocates of the unique “Collaborative Court” which instead of prosecuting girls as criminals charged with prostitution, prescribes intervention and rehabilitative services for sexually exploited children.
- Probation Court Liaison-guides the victims through the legal process
- Survivors who can talk about their experiences