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State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle Applauds Miami-Dade County's Efforts to Augment the Fight Against Human Trafficking

Miami (January 25, 2021) Miami-Dade State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle applauds the efforts of the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners and the Miami-Dade Police Department to increase local efforts to fight Human Trafficking by continuing the Human Trafficking Educational Campaign appropriately announced during January's Human Trafficking Awareness month.

Our local prosecutorial, law enforcement and community anti-human trafficking efforts, as epitomized by the actions undertaken during the 2020 Super Bowl held in Miami Gardens, showed what a mobilized public-private partnership can create. The State Attorney's Office multi-agency Human Trafficking Task Force utilizes its Rapid Response Team to impact potential trafficking situations and provide immediately accessible services to victims.

A call to our local Hotline (305-FIX-STOP) triggers an immediate response which can mean the freedom and safety for a human trafficking victim, who is most likely to be a child of our own community. The accessible Hotline information contained in the QR code (attached) may allow victims, residents and visitors to assist in saving these young individuals from a life of degradation and torture and help end Florida's status as America's number 3 designation for incidents of human trafficking.

The November 2018 opening of what is believed to be the first building dedicated to providing centralized human trafficking investigations and services shows the commitment of all of Miami-Dade County to end the curse of Human Trafficking. This Human Trafficking Educational Campaign is another community and law enforcement contribution to Florida's leading anti-human trafficking efforts.

To contact the State Attorney's Office Human Trafficking Hotline, call 305-FIX-STOP (305-349-7867). For more information about human trafficking and our efforts to combat this crime, visit <https://humantrafficking.miamisao.com/>

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