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**CRIME PREVENTION NEWSLETTER**  
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Every year around Derby time we hear more about “Human Trafficking.” But, what is Human Trafficking exactly? According to the Department of Homeland Security, Human Trafficking is the exploitation of a person through coercion, force, or fraud in order to obtain sex, forced labor, or domestic servitude. Human Trafficking happens everywhere, even in the United States, and involves any nationality, age, gender, or socioeconomic status. Simply put, it is modern day slavery. You can spot possible Human Trafficking by knowing the indicators.

- ▶ The person may appear disconnected from family, friends, community organizations, or houses of worship.
- ▶ School attendance ceases.
- ▶ A sudden or dramatic change in behavior
- ▶ A juvenile engaged in commercial sex acts.
- ▶ Disorientation and confusion, or signs of mental or physical abuse.
- ▶ Bruises in various stages of healing.
- ▶ Fearful, timid, or submissive behavior.
- ▶ Signs of having been denied food, water, sleep, or medical care.
- ▶ The person is often in the company of someone who seems to be in control
- ▶ The person appears to be coached on what to say.
- ▶ The person is living in unsuitable conditions.
- ▶ The person lacks personal possessions and appears not to have a stable living situation.
- ▶ Does the person have freedom of movement? Can the person freely leave where they live? Does there appear to be unreasonable security measures?

The presence or absence of any of these indicators is not proof of a human trafficking situation, but many of these signs are a good reason to investigate further. Please refer to the Department of Homeland Security for more resources and information concerning human trafficking on their Blue Campaign website, <https://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign> Keep your eyes open, stay sober and informed.

***To report suspected human trafficking: 1-866-347-2423***

***To get help from the National Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-888-373-7888  
or text HELP or INFO to BeFree (233733)***

## Scammers and Scoundrels

Flowering trees, pollen, and the sound of lawn mowers are the tell-tale signs that spring has arrived and it is time to figure out all that landscaping. If you are fortunate enough to be able to hire a professional landscaper, there are a few things to keep in mind so that you are not scammed by an unscrupulous person. When choosing a lawn professional look out for these red flags.



**Lack of Referrals** - Any professional landscaper should be able to provide you with references. Also, most companies have a web page or social media page. Look for reviews given by former customers.

**Lack of Identifying Documents** - Landscaping companies, regardless of whether they're new to the field or not, need to have proper identifying documents, permits, and other types of paperwork that would ensure the legality of their operations. Does their business card have a business address that can be verified or does it only have a cell phone number? Is it a local business, or a travelling business? Beware of people going door to door trying to sell work, as well.

**Unnecessary Pressure From the Landscaper** - A professional landscaper should listen to what you want accomplished. They may make suggestions on how to improve your landscaping but not pressure you into spending large sums of money.

### **Landscaper Asks For Cash Upfront Without Paperwork**

As a general rule, you should never pay upfront without a contract, and you should never pay the full amount before a job is completed.

There are plenty of reputable landscapers that will work with you on your landscaping needs. Remember to always check the company on-line and through the Better Business Bureau. If you are scammed report it to the BBB asap and the local police department. The best way to prevent scams is through knowledge. Happy Spring!

## Crime Trends this Month

Criminal Mischief: Truman Court

Burglary: Ruckriegel Pkwy.

Speeding/Stomp Sign Complaints: Marlin Drive

Theft of Property: Grassland Drive

Theft from vehicles: Alliant Avenue, Plantside Drive, Holloway Road, Sue Helen Drive, Brookwood Court, Cambridge Station Road, Yorkwood Place, Bruners Way - ***Please remember to lock your car doors!***

***Emergency call 911***

***To report a crime call (502) 267-0503***

***Any questions concerning Block Watch programs,  
contact Community Resource Officer Felicia Burba  
at the Jeffersontown Police Department  
(502) 267-0505***

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