

# Staff Report: October 28, 2021

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## Conference Report:

276 Registered

209 Attended

Range of Professions

6 Commissioners

26 Vendor Tables

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
09 | 15-16 | 21

Register to attend this year's conference for professionals engaging in North Carolina's local, regional, and statewide response to human trafficking — [HTC.NCCOURTS.GOV](https://htc.nccourts.gov)

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**LINDSEY ROBERSON**  
DIRECTOR OF LEGAL ENGAGEMENT,  
HUMAN TRAFFICKING INSTITUTE (HTI)

RE-CONNECT,  
RE-FOCUS, RE-ENGAGE

SEPTEMBER 15-16, 2021  
RALEIGH MARRIOTT  
CRABTREE VALLEY



# Welcome and Opening:



# Keynote: Human Trafficking Institute



# Conference Report:

September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>:

Raleigh Crabtree Marriott

24 Workshops

National, State, and Local

Innovative Strategies

Cultural Considerations

Collaboration

Service Provision

Trends



# Conference Report:

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## Some workshops:

- Hair Braiding Industry
- Gaston County DSS
- Illicit Massage Industry
- Begging / Panhandling
- Vulnerability in Tribal Communities
- Inclusive Outreach



# Cumberland County Efforts: Lindsey Lane

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## Cumberland County / Fayetteville

- Charged 25 Cases in 2019
- Charged 14 cases in 2020
- Approximately 90 Defendants since 2017
- Two dedicated Human Trafficking Units in local law enforcement agencies (FPD and CCSO)

## Presented the Applewhite Case Example for 2 Workshops:

- Received a 230–299-year sentence after the 3-week trial and was ordered to pay \$608k in restitution for the victims
- Utilized over 30 volunteers at trial

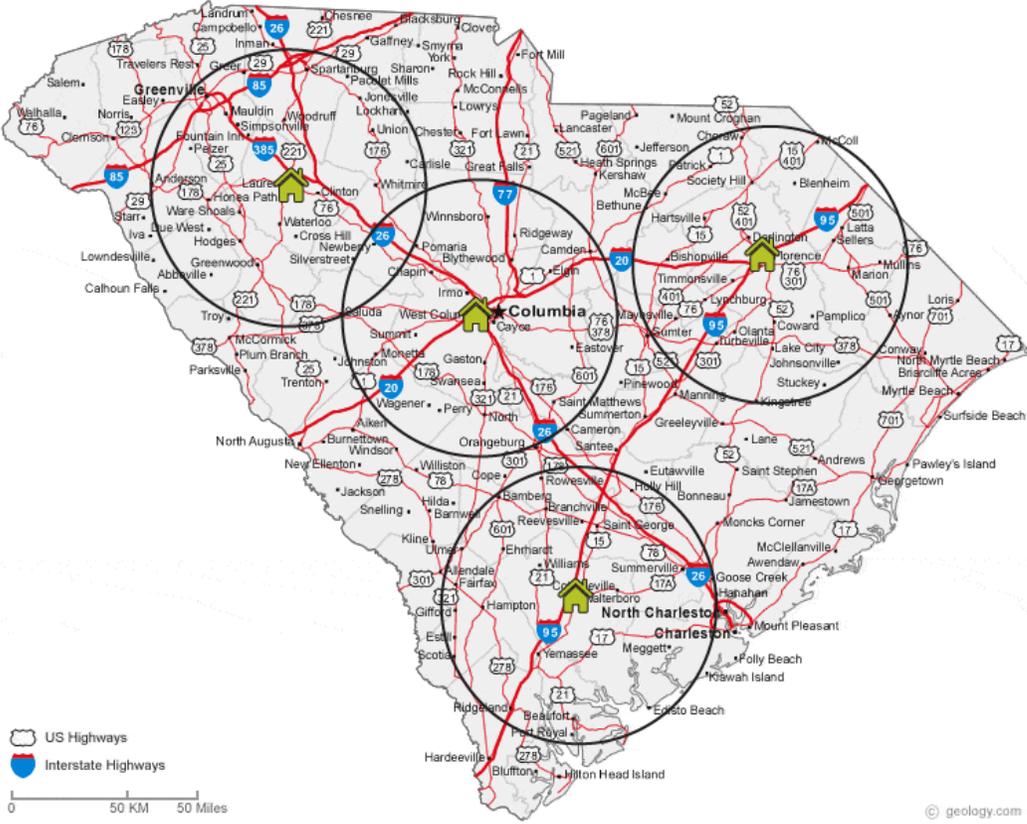
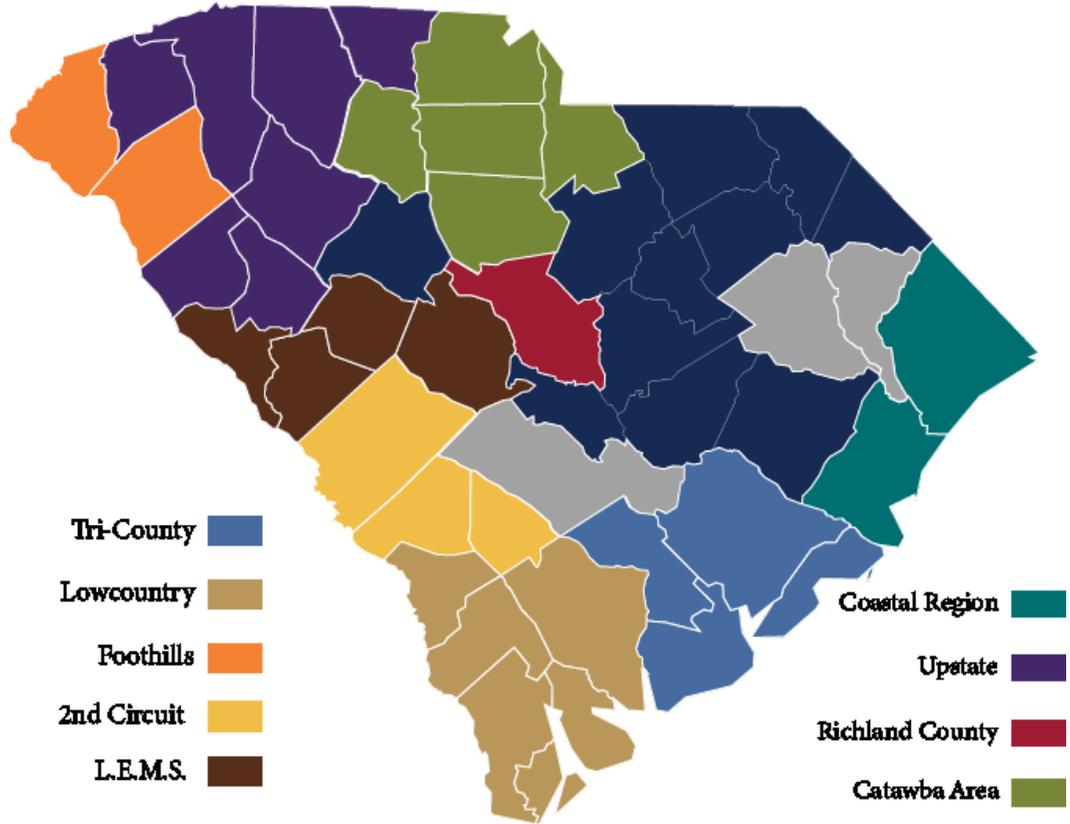


- Used Heroin to traffick victims;
- None of the 6 victims named in trial had ever engaged in commercial sex / prostitution before Applewhite;
- All but 1 victim incurred criminal charges while being trafficked; All had multiple interactions with law enforcement before Applewhite was arrested;
- None of the women initially identified as victims

# South Carolina Task Force

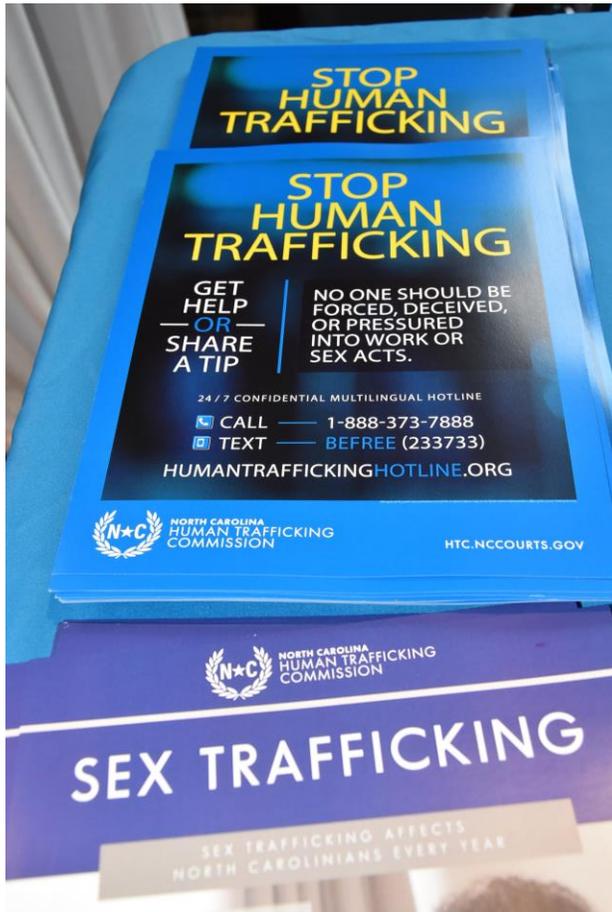


# South Carolina Task Force



# Closing Plenary

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- Panel
- Centered Survivors and how we all should be following survivors, learning from survivors, and working with survivors as leaders
- NCCAHT Survivor Network Launch