Human Trafficking

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Human Trafficking is a global wide, multi-million dollar industry and is defined as the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery. The purpose of this article is to determine the extent of Human Trafficking in the state of Florida. Surveys were sent out to 180 Law Enforcement agencies around the state of Florida with a return rate of 60%. The purpose of the surveys was to identify agencies having this problem and how they are dealing with it. This article will examine how people are brought into this state and how they are exploited and what Law Enforcement is doing to combat the problem.