POTENTIAL WARNING SIGNS THAT A CHILD MAY BE BEING GROOMED OR TRAFFICKED:

- Signs of physical abuse such as burns, marks, bruises or cuts
- Unexplained absence from school; truancy
- Sudden inappropriate dress or sexualized behavior
- Overly tired in class or unable to keep up with studies
- Withdrawn, depressed, or distracted
- Bragging about making or having lots of money
- Displays expensive clothes, accessories, shoes, or new tattoo (often used by pimps as a way to brand victims)

PIMPSTRAFFICKERS OFTEN EXHIBIT THE FOLLOWING BEHAVIOR OR CHARACTERISTICS:

- Older boyfriend, new friends with a different lifestyle or gang affiliations/involvement
- Disjointed family connections, running away, living with friends or experiencing homelessness
- Interacting and sharing personal information with sometimes significantly older people online
- Constant cover-up for abuser, self-shaming/blaming
- Risk-taking behaviors, poor boundaries

TO REPORT A TIP OR CONNECT WITH ANTI-TRAFFICKING SERVICES IN YOUR AREA, CONTACT:

If you see something suspicious, MAKE THE CALL.
You don’t have to know all the details to be helpful.

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children
1-800-843-5678
If you have information about a missing child or suspected child sexual exploitation, call to report it or visit their website.
cybertipline.com

National Human Trafficking Hotline
1-888-373-7888
A national, toll-free hotline, available from anywhere in the country, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, every day of the year.

IN AN EMERGENCY: 911