

# Officials spotlight human trafficking

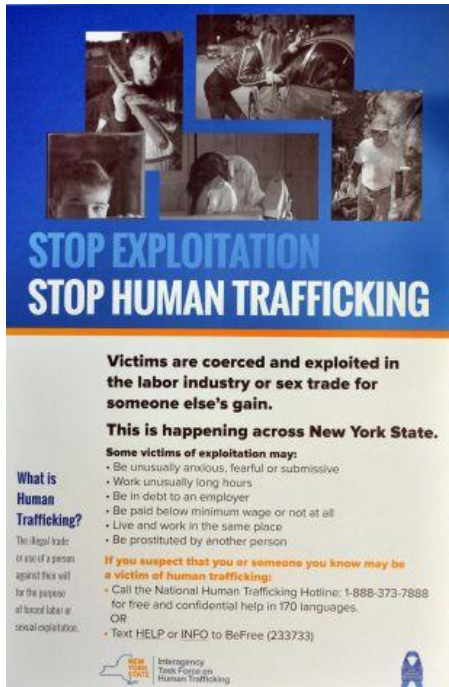
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New posters in English, Spanish and Chinese at the Guilderland rest stop of the state Thruway to raise public awareness and bring attention to human trafficking in NY Tuesday Jan. 13, 2015, in Schenectady, NY. (John Carl D'Annibale / Times Union)



Albany County District Attorney David Soares is joined by Michael C. Green, state Division of Criminal Justice Services executive deputy commissioner, left, and state Secretary of State Cesar Perales, right, during a news conference to debut a poster to raise public awareness and bring attention to the scourge of human trafficking in New York on Tuesday Jan. 13, 2015, in Schenectady, NY. (John Carl D'Annibale / Times Union)



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Human Trafficking Specialist Gonzalo Martinez de Vedia of the Worker Justice Center of New York speaks during a news conference to debut a poster to raise public awareness and bring attention to the scourge of human trafficking in New York on Tuesday Jan. 13, 2015, in Schenectady, NY. (John Carl D'Annibale / Times Union)



• Christa Stewart, response to human trafficking and unaccompanied minors coordinator for the state Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, speaks during a news conference to debut a poster to raise public awareness and bring attention to the scourge of human trafficking in New York on Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2015, in Schenectady, N.Y. At right is Michael C. Green, state Division of Criminal Justice Services executive deputy commissioner. (John Carl D'Annibale / Times Union)



• State Secretary of State Cesar Perales speaks during a news conference to debut a poster to raise public awareness and bring attention to the scourge of human trafficking in New York on Tuesday Jan. 13, 2015, in Schenectady, NY. (John Carl D'Annibale / Times Union)



Michael C. Green, State Division of Criminal Justice Services executive deputy commissioner, at podium, speaks during a news conference to debut a poster to raise public awareness and bring attention to the scourge of human trafficking in New York on Tuesday Jan. 13, 2015, in Schenectady, NY. (John Carl D'Annibale / Times Union)



Michael C. Green, state Division of Criminal Justice Services executive deputy commissioner, is joined by Albany County District Attorney David Soares, left, and state Secretary of State Cesar Perales, right, during a news conference to debut a poster to raise public awareness and bring attention to the scourge of human trafficking in New York on Tuesday Jan. 13, 2015, in Schenectady, NY. (John Carl D'Annibale / Times Union)

State Secretary of State Cesar Perales was joined Tuesday at the Guilderland rest area by representatives from other state agencies to debut a poster to raise public awareness and bring attention to the scourge of human trafficking in New York.

The posters provide information to those who may be victims of human trafficking as well as to concerned residents to urge them to report suspected incidents of such exploitation. The posters will be displayed at service areas along the state Thruway with information and a toll-free hotline number for the [National Human Trafficking Resource Center](http://www.nhtrc.org).

Attending the event were representatives of agencies that comprise Gov. [Andrew Cuomo](#)'s New York State Interagency Task Force on Human Trafficking, including [David Soares](#), Albany County District Attorney; [Michael C. Green](#), state Division of [Criminal Justice Services](#) executive deputy commissioner; [Christa Stewart](#), coordinator of the state [Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance](#), Response to Human Trafficking and Unaccompanied Minors; and [Gonzalo Martinez de Vedia](#), human trafficking specialist at the [Worker Justice Center of New York](#).