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**Subject: Human Trafficking 101**

**Traverse City** – In northern Michigan, despite our small town character, we are not immune to some of the worst criminal activity larger cities experience. Human trafficking is happening right here in Traverse City and most people don't even realize it. Human trafficking includes a wide range of exploitation where an individual is used for profit, through coercion or force. Educating the public is crucial to stopping this modern day form of slavery.

On Tuesday, May 16 at 4 p.m., at the Traverse City Senior Center, 801 E. Front Street, Michigan State Police Trooper Hall will discuss how to recognize the signs of human trafficking and the toll it takes on a community. The Michigan State Police believe a key element in preventing individuals from being subjected to exploitation is by raising awareness.

The discussion is free, but advance registration is required.

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