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Police Raid Massage Parlors In Human Trafficking Probe

Several Agencies Involved In Raids

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INDIANAPOLIS -- Indianapolis police served several search warrants on Monday stemming from an ongoing investigation of human trafficking or other criminal activity.

The warrants were served at what authorities described as so-called massage parlors, including a business called Foot Reflexology off U.S. 31, near Shelby Street and Southport Road.

Several agencies are involved in the investigation. Though most of the raids were in Marion County, there was also a search of an undisclosed business in Fishers, in Hamilton County.

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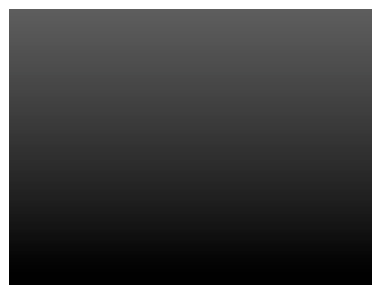
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Little information was released, but sources told 6News' [Rafael Sanchez](#) that the raids were part of a crackdown on businesses involved in illicit activity, with possible ties to human trafficking.

"I can confirm that U.S. Immigration and Custom Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations is assisting the Indianapolis

Metro Police Department," said Gail Montenegro, spokeswoman for ICE. "Since IMPD is the lead investigative agency, they are handling all media calls."

"Due to the nature of the ongoing investigation, we can't release information at this time," read a statement from Indianapolis police.

The crackdown came just days after state and local agencies vowed to cut down on human trafficking in advance of the Super Bowl.

Lawmakers are expected to consider legislation in the upcoming session that would make it a crime for anyone to be forced or induced into prostitution.

"It goes beyond mere prostitution. What we're trying to do is craft a law that would allow us to get to the people who organize these rings, instead of just arresting the people on the street level who are plying the trade," said State Sen. Randy Head, R-Logansport.

If the bill passes, the ringleader of such an operation could face up to 20 years in jail.

It was not immediately known how many suspected massage parlors were raided.

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Like so many of my questions and comments, this is mostly rhetorical, but how does one go about finding these places waaaaay before they get busted?

I wouldn't even want the viruses you'd get on your computer searching for stuff like this – let alone patronizing in person. Ick.

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What I'd like to know is just why men would think to visit 'Foot Reflexology' for anything but a foot massage?

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**Bradley**

When human trafficking is found in a nation, it is as a third-world nation. In it we would also find depravity and indescribable corruption. With friends like Israel (possibly the world's leader in human trafficking) what else can we expect?

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