## Referral

Potential Criminal Activity Involving Potential Human Trafficking for Labor and Sex Referred by Senator Charles E. Grassley Ranking Member, Senate Committee on the Budget

### Introduction

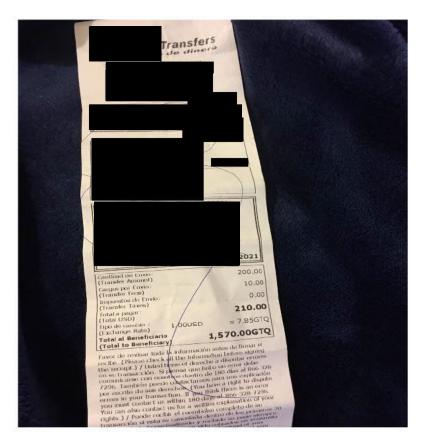
The information in this attachment, and the supporting records, have been provided pursuant to legally protected whistleblower disclosures. This attachment includes pertinent information relating to multiple incidents. Our office will provide the entire set of files we have received for purposes of investigation. Records referenced below will be readily found in the files we intend to transmit to your office, separated by location and case, under the sub-folder "Case File Examples," for your ease in finding the referenced documents.

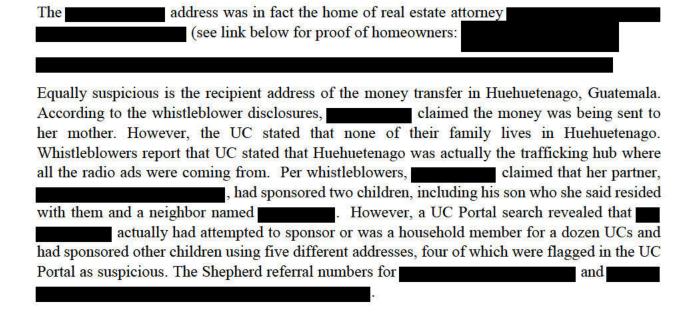
We ask that you review all of the information provided. We ask that you work to determine if there is human trafficking or other crimes, and take immediate steps to locate and save these children.

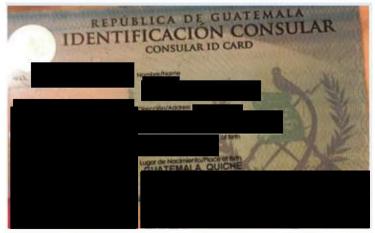
#### Florida On June 15, 2021, UC . DOB /2005,manager that his father found a covote by a radio advertisement in Guatemala and that his father to the U.S.<sup>1</sup> The paid roughly \$2,500 for this coyote to transport UC sponsor for and his sister, , DOB 2003, , a category 3 purported distant cousin of UC provided false proof of address at receipt below). (see

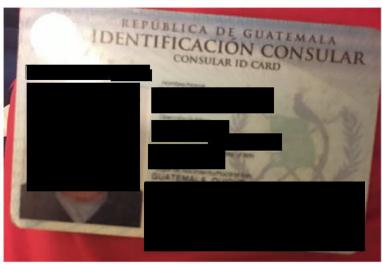
**Specific Instances of Potential Human Trafficking** 

<sup>1</sup> This file is located under		-
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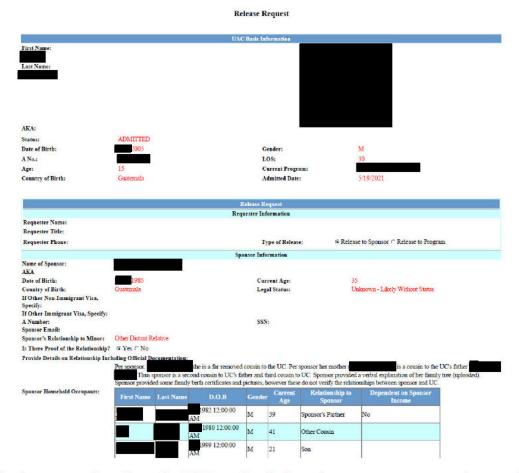






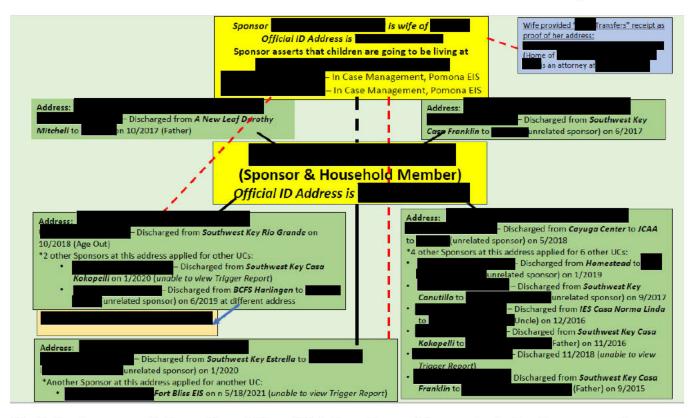


On June 15, 2021, it was determined that the sponsor's address had been used in previous sponsorships by the name and another sponsor named The case manager recommended UC sponsorship with the named parties be denied on the basis of this suspicious activity, and also because of sponsor's inability to provide proof of address, familial or social relationship prior to UC travel to the U.S., the child's inability to identify the sponsor, and because the potential sponsor provided information about the UC family members that contradicted information from the UC about his immediately family, such as incorrect number of UC siblings and inability to corroborate family member identification based on photo identification. The release request document notes that, "Based on the address search on previous sponsorship [the case manager] concluded that there are multiple indicators that sponsor and sponsor's partner have sponsored/been household members on multiple UCs with multiple addresses in the farming community." This indicates the potential for labor trafficking in this case. Equally concerning is the fact that neither UC ( was listed in the HHS ORR contractor census reports for the facility, dating from August 2021 to October 2021.



The following screenshots from the UC Portal and chart shows has provided five addresses and is connected to sponsors attempting to sponsor UCs from both the Fort Bliss EIS and Pomona Fairplex EIS, again raising suspicions of potential trafficking activity:

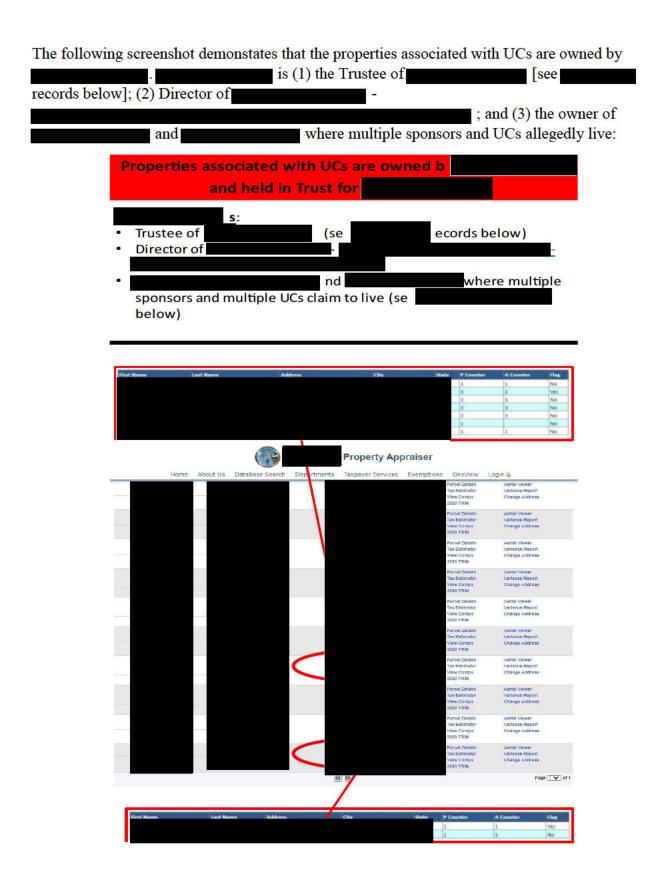




The following screenshot provides additional details on these addresses, including the names of sponsors and UCs<sup>2</sup>:

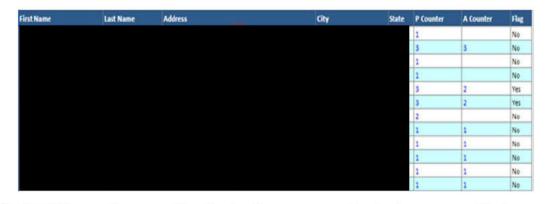


<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The reference to "Do NOT Release" in the screenshot refers to not releasing UCs.



Possible Trafficking Ring at the Company of the Com
The screenshot shows a purported Guatemalan Consular identification card for The ID Card notes a date of birth for
of 1976. Although the image is blurry, the ID number appears to be The ID shows the sponsor living at the last of
reunification application he stated that his address was in
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The list of sponsor names related to the apartment building reveals a dozen UCs placed in the building, including four UCs sponsored by three different names in apartment, as listed on his ID card, and an additional UC sponsorship pending at this address at the time of the screenshot. The addresses for these sponsors were provided in slightly different
formats. One of them, for the provided the address as the provided t
the others presented it as two variations of the address in and "and "and "and "and "and "and "and
. Another apartment in the
same building, apartment has a sponsor ( ) with the same last name as , who sponsored another UC. It is noteworthy that
are both former UCs. This is consistent with potential trafficking activity, as whistleblowers
have advised my office that former UCs sometimes sponsor other children in a scheme to draw them to the United States for either labor or sex trafficking, and to pay off their own former sponsors or coyotes, who helped bring them to the U.S.
Despite on ID card and the already four children sponsored at that address, he attempted to sponsor two other children at a different apartment in the complex,  It is unclear from the information provided whether those two UCs were placed with

This UC Portal screenshot shows sponsors at this apartment building:



A total of 19 UCs are shown as either having been sponsored or in the process of being sponsored in the apartment building at the time of the screenshot in 2021. According to the documentation provided, in the building was flagged after two UCs were released to the apartment. Whistleblowers state failed to reveal he was attempting to sponsor a child at another facility. The case manager only learned about this when accidentally sent the case manager the paperwork and supposed proof of relationship for the ), who was housed at Southwest Key Casa Houston other UC, claimed to be the uncle of two UCs, facility. , admitted to the EIS on June 28, 2021, and admitted to Southwest Key Casa Houston on June 4, 2021. After reviewing the paperwork for the two UCs, according to whistleblowers, the case manager found no evidence of relationship between and the UCs. This screenshot shows many sponsors also at nearby buildings on complex account for a total of 20 UCs, with eight more along with the sponsorship applications and three of the sponsors being flagged as suspicious:



## Unusual number of sponsors and UCs at one address

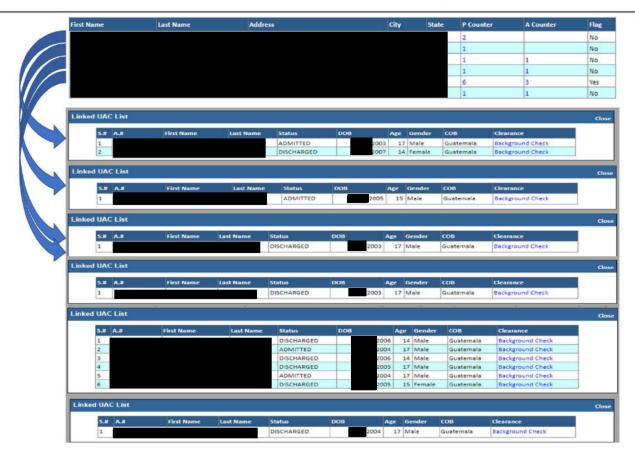
The following screenshot from the UC Portal shows six sponsors with different surnames who had already sponsored a total of six children at the same address,

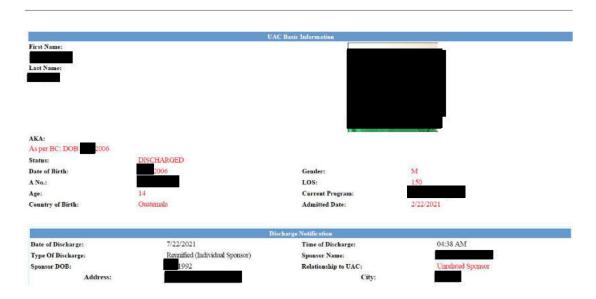
One of these sponsors,

is flagged, likely because of having three UCs sponsored, while applying to sponsor three more. In total, the six sponsors and potential sponsors have applied to sponsor a dozen children at this single address. Although this screenshot is from 2021, at least two of the children listed are still minors:

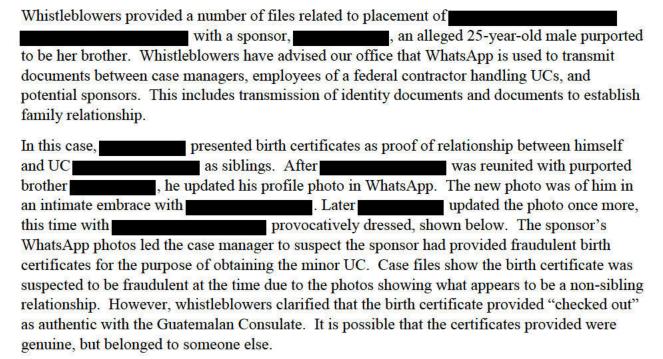
and

(additional information on from the UC Portal follows the sponsor and UC montage from the UC portal below, which also verifies that he was released to an unrelated sponsor at this address):





# - Fraudulent Birth Certificate Used to Sponsor Minor Female



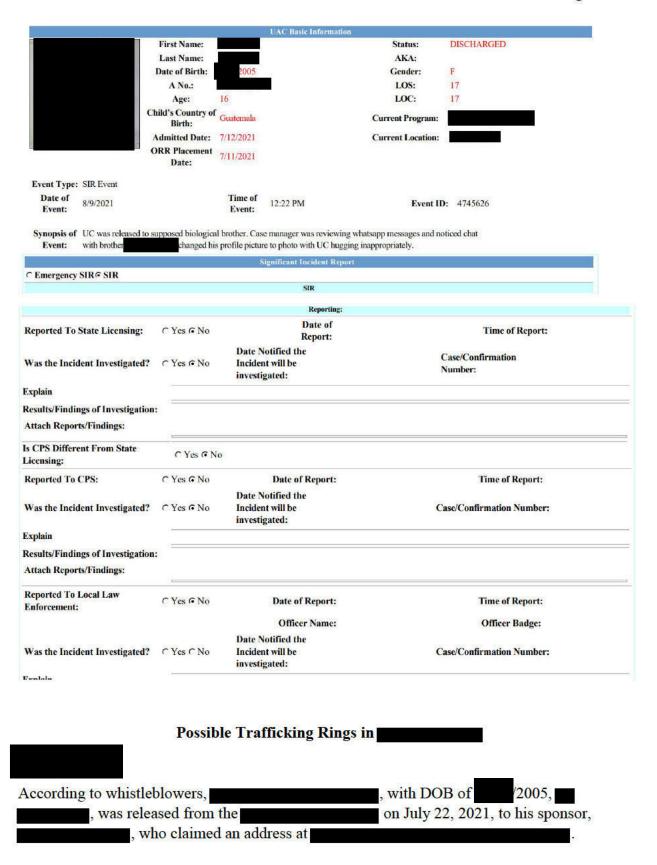




According to the whistleblowers, Case Manager Team Leads researched Sponsor social media profile, which generated disturbing results of "a female laying in a pool of blood with slash marks in various places on her scantily dressed body."

Whistleblowers disclosed that the case managers who viewed the links reported child sexual abuse material (CSAM).

A significant incident report (excerpts shown below) was filed at the related to the problem, but it noted that law enforcement and CPS were not notified. Shortly after the filing of the SIR, whistleblowers submitted the incident to local law enforcement. The likely fraudulent use of a document to obtain sponsorship, as well as the public display of suggestive photos support suspicion of sex trafficking in this incident.



Four months earlier,  facility to the same sponsor,  at the time he sponsored  according to reco	claimed a different address,
According to the whistleblowers, disconnected the sponsorship, but a "UC Portal street search" that household member household member, at the recently sponsored his alleged daughter, appears to be older than him in the photos below (below) one can see the following:	nt whistleblowers later discovered by conducting pers were indeed sponsoring other UCs. One the time had sponsored six UCs. He also had who
<ul> <li>The Consular ID card numbers are different.</li> <li>The addresses are different (apartment.</li> <li>He had two unexpired IDs he presented for the newest ID he appears to be younge.</li> <li>claimed an address at other addresses at the property for other sponsors.</li> </ul>	or sponsorship or than in the older ID (as seen below on the left) in, and apparently claimed
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Photos on file for show that she appears to be significantly older than the 17 years of age she reported to HHS:



at the time of whistleblower records was located at and her documentation is suspected to be fraudulent due to what appears to be a complete mismatch between her reported age and that reported on the identification documents she provided. Whistleblowers discovered that has a Facebook connection with whose profile states:

(translated: "Boss at

Trafficking of Love, Kisses, Turning Heads, and Conquering Hearts <3 Expert at making you fall in love and captivating you <3<3") In profile are pictures that appear to show under the name "grand"," along with young females, identified as "and" and "grand"."



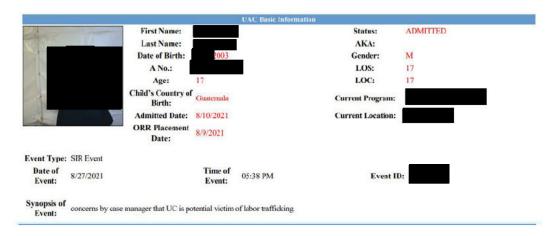
Additional photographs on Facebook profile show a young male without his shirt and a young female with a short-cut dress, with low cut top and a number hanging from her side, as if at a beauty pageant or even an auction.





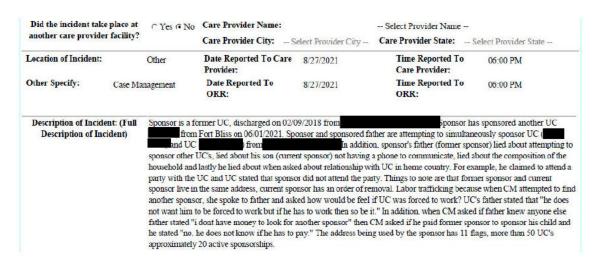
In addition, whistleblowers have revealed that the addresses and and when queried in the UC Portal return an astonishing 329 hits, including sponsors using various addresses and/or combinations of similar addresses, and using various iterations of their first, middle, and last names to avoid being flagged in the system as suspicious. It is also important to note that despite these attempts to avoid flags, these addresses nonetheless had "multiple flags due to document fraud, noncompliant home study reports, unresponsive to post-release services, and CPS reports filed following home visits." According to the whistleblowers, there are also multiple undisclosed sponsors in single households, which constitutes a failure to report adult household members, another possible red flag for trafficking.

with DOB 2003, 2003, then aged 17, was found by his case manager to be a potential victim of labor trafficking in August 2021, according to a significant incident report.



According to the SIR, the potential sponsor, and his father were trying to simultaneously sponsor two UCs from the at their address on in the simulation. The SIR noted that the potential sponsor's father lied to case management about trying to sponsor other UCs, lied about his son (who was a current sponsor)

not having a phone to communicate, lied about the composition of the household and lied when asked about the relationship with the UC in the home country. When the case manager spoke with the potential sponsor's father and asked how he would feel if the child were forced to work, the father responded about his son, the potential sponsor: "he does not want him to be forced to work but if he has to work then so be it."



When the case manager did a query of the UC Portal, the CM discovered that the address being used by the sponsor had 11 flags, more than 50 UCs, and 20 active sponsorships. The following screenshot from the UC Portal shows the large number of sponsors at the address, with 64 children having been placed there and 86 sponsorship applications:

