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Homeland Security Division: Human trafficking victim assisted at Colman Dock

Seattle – On March 31, 2019 a Lieutenant from the Washington State Patrol Homeland Security Division was providing security inside the Colman Ferry Terminal and was contacted by an 18-year-old woman who stated she was the victim of human trafficking. The victim indicated she had managed to escape those responsible for her capture. The victim was able to be safely connected with advocates in Seattle that will help with shelter and available resources. WSP detectives will continue to investigate the case and circumstances surrounding the incident.

It is important to be aware of the potential signs of human trafficking. With awareness and a mind-set of see something, say something; we can continue to help victims of this billion dollar industry. Please visit the Washington State Attorney General website at <http://www.atg.wa.gov/human-trafficking> for further information and resources.

The Washington State Patrol's Homeland Security Division has the duty and responsibility of keeping safe all of the estimated 24 million passengers and almost 11 million vehicles that transited on a Washington State Ferry in 2018. The WSP works very closely with our partners from the Washington State Ferry System and U.S. Coast Guard to ensure passenger's safety.



Washington State Ferries

Seattle Ferry Terminal

at Colman Dock

To Bainbridge Island and Bremerton



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