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National Domestic Violence Hotline – 800-799-7233 • www.thehotline.org

National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline – 24-Hour Hotline: 888-373-7888 • www.humantraffickinghotline.org

California Attorney General's Office - Victims' Services Unit – Connects victims to local victim support and information resources. Provides information and updates on the appeals process. 877-433-9069 • www.oag.ca.gov/victimservices

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