

## Join Operations Destroys International Trafficking Ring

### **From-the-stage talking points for Esmerelda's story**

- Esmerelda called her parents, **desperate for help.**
- The Colombian had been trafficked into the Dominican Republic on false promises of a good job.
- Her parents got in touch with local authorities, **who called us for help.**
- We raided the location quickly, rescuing her with the police.
  - **Unfortunately, the traffickers spotted the police and escaped.**
- During post-rescue interviews, Esmerelda provided a wealth of information about the trafficking syndicate.
  - The traffickers lured victims with the promise of a good job before **abducting, threatening, and often drugging them into compliance** for sexual exploitation.
- The investigation that followed revealed a huge operation operating out of fourteen different locations.
- We helped police execute a massive sting, hitting every location simultaneously.
- The operation was a success. Every trafficker was arrested and **45 Colombian young women were rescued.**
- We have a great relationship with local law enforcement for one reason: we put the victim first.
  - “Destiny Rescue is different from other organizations,” said a lead rescue agent. “We just do it because we want to help trafficking victims. And that's one of the things that the authorities really appreciate about Destiny Rescue.”
  - While there are many admirable NGOs in the Dominican Republic, Destiny Rescue is a primary touchpoint for Dominican law enforcement in assistance on such cases.