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Re: Human trafficking

**Expansions**

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Topic</u>
364.15	364.1551	Human trafficking

On August 13, 2014, Paula Van Strien, Cataloguing Librarian at Library and Archives Canada, made the following request:

I am writing to request that the editors consider creating a Dewey number for the topic of Human trafficking.

At the moment a search for Human trafficking in WebDewey leads to the number for Slavery 306.362. This is the number that the LCSH heading Human trafficking is mapped to.

In recent years, I have catalogued quite a few documents about human trafficking, but more from a criminal/law perspective than a sociological one. As a result, I have been classifying most documents on this topic in 364.15 Offenses against the person, to bring out the criminology focus.

I was wondering if it would be possible to add a new number, or a class here note, or at least a relative index entry for human trafficking in the numbers under 364.1, which would then also allow for a built number under Criminal Law at 345.023-.028.

Human trafficking is quite different than human smuggling, so the number for that cannot be used.

For literary warrant purposes, I did a quick search in Amicus (Library and Archives Canada's database) and found 35 records between 2003 and 2014 with the phrase human trafficking in the title.

I also did a keyword search for the phrase "human trafficking" in the title field in the Library of Congress' online catalog, and retrieved 308 results.

Article 3, paragraph (a) of the United Nation's *Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons* defines Trafficking in Persons as "the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation. Exploitation shall include, at a minimum, the exploitation of the prostitution of others or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labour or services, slavery or practices similar to slavery, servitude or the removal of organs."

While many different types of crime are involved, they usually involve offenses against the person (364.15). We propose a new entry at 364.1551, with an including note for slave trade and a scatter class-elsewhere note for human trafficking associated with a specific other crime, e.g., prostitution, with that crime.

We find current news stories using "human trafficking" and "human smuggling" as if they were synonyms. For examples, see the text quoted below.

<http://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2014/dec/03/italian-police-arrest-eritrean-gang-who-smuggled-migrants>

Italian police arrest Eritrean gang who smuggled migrants

Alleged human traffickers who had arranged more than 20 boat trips from north Africa to Europe picked up in sting operation in Italy and Germany

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Ten suspected migrant smugglers were arrested on Wednesday in Italy and Germany, including the alleged ringleader behind a treacherous journey that killed an estimated 244 people off the coast of Libya in June.

The alleged human traffickers, who were picked up in an operation called Tokhla, were all Eritrean. They were charged with conspiracy and aiding illegal immigration. An 11th Eritrean was arrested for harbouring the migrants.

However, human trafficking and human smuggling are different concepts. The United States Department of State's definition of human smuggling is "the facilitation,

transportation, attempted transportation or illegal entry of a person or persons across an international border, in violation of one or more countries' laws, either clandestinely or through deception, such as the use of fraudulent documents." Because the terms are being used as if they were synonyms, see-also reference to and from human smuggling at 364.137 and human trafficking are added.

The following chart from the United States Department of State's *Fact Sheet: Distinctions Between Human Smuggling and Human Trafficking 2006* illustrates the differences between trafficking and smuggling.

<b>TRAFFICKING</b>	<b>SMUGGLING</b>
Must Contain an Element of Force, Fraud, or Coercion (actual, perceived or implied), unless under 18 years of age involved in commercial sex acts.	The person being smuggled is generally cooperating.
Forced Labor and/or Exploitation.	There is no actual or implied coercion.
Persons trafficked are victims.	Persons smuggled are complicit in the smuggling crime; they are not necessarily victims of the crime of smuggling (though they may become victims depending on the circumstances in which they were smuggled)
Enslaved, subjected to limited movement or isolation, or had documents confiscated.	Persons are free to leave, change jobs, etc.
Need not involve the actual movement of the victim.	Facilitates the illegal entry of person(s) from one country into another.
No requirement to cross an international border.	Smuggling always crosses an international border.
Person must be involved in labor/services or commercial sex acts, i.e., must be "working".	Person must only be in country or attempting entry illegally

- .137      Illegal immigration  
              Class here human smuggling  
              *See also 364.1551 for human trafficking*
- .15        Offenses against the person  
              Class here hate crimes  
              Class prevention of crimes by individuals in 613.6
- .155      Other violent offenses against the person
- .155 1     Human trafficking  
              Including slave trade  
              *For human trafficking associated with a specific crime not provided for here, see the crime, e.g., prostitution 364.1534*  
              *See also 364.137 for human smuggling*

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