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Nic McKinley 04:20

Hey, thanks. Thanks for having me. I was thinking about that myself. And I believe your your podcast was one of the first major major podcasts that I did where I I told the story after the whole you know, Jack Ryan thing came out.

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James Geering 04:35

Where's the irony as well, you were kind of framed as the real Jason Bourne and some of the videos around then. Since then I've done stunts my whole life and universal open the Jason Bourne Stunt Show, which I got to be in now. I wasn't Jason Bourne. I was told I was too old, which I think is insulting because Matt Damon is older than me. But regardless, but yeah, so I got my ass kicked by Jason Bourne for two and a half years and the theme park

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Hey, I mean that's uh that's badge of honor most people I mean, you know, I I'm kidding my my butt kicked by, you know, my, of my five and six year old on a on a regular basis so you know throw the Malinois in there and I'm just getting constantly trashed. Well,

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James Geering 05:19

speaking of your family, I saw you repost the video yesterday, I told my wife about it of your infant son at the time on top of the Roomba vacuum cleaner.

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Yeah. Yeah, that was, that was funny. He, I mean, he wrote that room, but like it was a surfboard on a major wave. I mean, anytime that thing was going, my daughter, she would run away when she was a baby, but he would, he would crawl towards it and kind of fight with it a little bit, and then crawl on top of it, and just, you know, right around the right around the living room.

 James Geering 05:50

So after we had a conversation, you mentioned a woman to me an arch. And I think it took us another year or so before we connected, amazing story. She was trafficked, as you know, from Hungary into Canada, ended up being you know, rescued, stashed, you know, being a survivor herself, and then advocating for other trafficking victims for a long time. I know that she just stepped down from that particular role and has got her own project. Now, I kind of want to give you the microphone and talk to me about, you know, the last few years with Samia, and you know, what she's trying to do for the first responder profession now.

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So to me is really just just an incredible soul. She obviously went through some some horrific things, but the way that she has turned that darkness into light and found so many, so many ways to help so many people and she, she did it as a trafficking survivor and educating populace. And she was really one of the first people to, to go into the finance industry and help the finance industry realize their opportunity to fight human trafficking. And her and I collaborated on that for a period of years, to the point that we are now actually helping financial institutions with data to identify human traffickers. And so she's kind of moved on from that. And now, I don't want to get too into the details around what it is she's doing. Because I, we've had a few conversations about it, but I don't, I don't feel like I could probably properly represent it. But yeah, she's doing, she's doing amazing stuff. And it's just an amazing person to to work with. And I'm fortunate to call her a friend.

 James Geering 07:37

So we talked, I said this morning, and again, I don't want to unpack the whole thing because I want to just sow a seed, I thought I'd just put a seed now a seed of intrigue into the audience. But um, one of the things that she became very aware of, in her time advocating in this area was the growing, growing issue when it comes to understaffing, especially in police agencies, and then that then diminishing their ability to address things, for example, the trafficking issue. So talk to me about that through your eyes. Like I said, it was several years ago, we spoke that was pre COVID, pre George Floyd preed, in a lot of things that I would argue it really crippled the first responder professions. So what have you seen with your own eyes as far as funding support, staffing and that impact on fighting human trafficking?

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On the on the trafficking side, specifically, things of things have gotten even worse. But that is just a byproduct of the of what you just said that within the first responder professions, things have gotten significantly worse. So if pre COVID, pre BLM riots, pre all of that stuff from you and I first talked, if there was a manpower and funding issue back then, well, that is just 10 times worse than it is today. And what I have realized, and kind of what I realized about five years ago was that no amount of advocacy from Nick McKinley was going to change this didn't matter, that you know, that I had a background that I have or any of those things, it's just not, I'm not going to be able to change that in, in the near term, midterm, maybe in the long term. And we're working on that on policy issues. But in the near to mid term, that's not going to

change. So we have to take the first responders and the law enforcement officers and the people who are in the fight daily, around not just human trafficking, but But you know, child predators and societal predators, and we have to make them as efficient as possible. And what we find is that there's lots of noise and very little signal. So if a law enforcement officer gets 200 cases a month or 200 tips a month from, say, the National Human Trafficking Hotline, well, that means that somebody called in the hotline, recorded it and then sent it to the law enforcement officer of a relevant jurisdiction. That doesn't help that law enforcement officer, because there might be some signal in those in those 200 tips, but someone's got to put the manpower into figuring that out. So you actually just made we're just swamped the law enforcement officer with problems. And what I've what I realized about five years ago was that we really had to start collecting data and creating technology and putting that technology in the hands of law enforcement so that and not just law enforcement, fire and rescue, frontline nurses, emergency room doctors, child protection services, caseworkers, you name it, you know, the caseworkers and case managers that addiction clinics all have it all the way down to parents, they just start empowering the public to participate in the fight, because the public is really the first screen parents, right teachers, that's your first screen. But if that fails, then the next screen is really your front line. Your frontline first responders staff, and I say frontline because while your emergency, nurses are not first responders, so to speak, they're there. They're not they're not number one, they're number 1.2 right there right there, that's where your your fire and rescue or your your patrol, cops are dropping those those potential victims off to a frontline nurse, frontline hospital staff, frontline emergency room physician. That's why we need to empower the entirety of that populace to fight societal predators, not just law enforcement, because law enforcement and human trafficking detectives specifically, by the time a case gets to them, there's a lot of damage that has been done usually for a period of years. So if we can kind of get as left of boom is left of incident as possible, that's just going to make the fight that much that not only is it going to make it that much more efficient. It's going to prevent a lot of a lot of victims and the creation of a lot of victims. But it's also going to reduce the workload for parents, for frontline medical staff and first responders and then for the human trafficking detective ultimately. So it'll just enhance and make the whole system better.

 James Geering 12:35

So as you said, we we spoke several years ago, we had the pandemics we've over focusing on that for a moment, a politically, that had a huge impact on family dynamics on whether a child stayed in a home that was maybe abusive, whether a child wasn't able to report, it will be seen by a teacher to you know, to realize that abuse, just a couple of examples, excuse me. And so I've had some people on here that are in the psychology world that are in the the the social services world that have observed a big spike, after you know, of all these reports, and also an absence of reporting when children were kept from their teachers. What have you seen? I know, again, you're not boots on the ground, you're supporting the groups on boots on the ground? What have you had, as far as feedback on that element, the regardless of a virus, regardless of all the politics around it, everything was closed, people were held in their homes, very safe for some people very unsafe or others.

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Well, let me first just by by saying that to say, to quote, data around the pandemic is not being political. It's just quoting the data. Right? So to say that these problems got worse. Is he True statement of fact. Now, maybe there's reasons for it that are acceptable, maybe not. That's

where your political conversation comes in. But to say that, you know, these family dynamic issues got worse to say that the the mental health issues got worse to say that the all of these issues got worse. That is a statement of fact, it's indisputable. And I think it's really important for people to understand. Now, I'm not really qualified to talk on the mental health issues around the pandemic and what it did, but when I in the underreporting issues, but what I can talk about is what my analysts Tell me, who are boots on the ground, with law enforcement doing these operations, and they found that during COVID, we saw an extreme spike in the in the number of customers that were responding. And we also saw, we saw a decrease in the commercial sex advertisements where these victims were being advertised. And we saw it move more to an online model, where they were using only fans or creating their own pornography been putting it up on Pornhub, there were they weren't making money in that way. Now, since the pandemic is, has ended, we've started to see a little bit of a shift back to the standard model. But that virtual model is still very much there. And I think that's an that's an important takeaway. But when we look at, during the pandemic, what happened, we did see a spike in societal predators and child predatory behavior. Because we had these kids who were traditionally from lower socioeconomic areas of the country. Many of them were had a single parent, parent was working multiple jobs to make ends meet, which means that that child is under supervised, but at least they went to school before the pandemic. And like you said, they had contact with positive authority figures, they got a meal, they could get clean. Well, when we took them out of schools, we took all that away from them. And so when people think about lock downs, you can say all day long that oh, well, we need to protect society from this virus that's flying around. Okay, I understand the argument. But what about the children who also need protection, and the only protection they were getting every day was the school that they were going to, that is also a conversation that we need to have. And so not only do you end up with the underreporting, but then we gave them a computer and said, Okay, well, you're now going to do your schooling online, from home, or from wherever you can get an internet connection. So you gave him the computer and unfettered access to the internet. So think of it this way, we allowed every child predator in the country to now access that child, because the way that child predators access children is not by grabbing them on the street, it's not stranger abductions it is by contacting them online and grooming them over a period of weeks to months, sometimes years. So that the child thinks that they're the ones making the choice to enter that exploitation cycle.

 James Geering 17:05

So let's elaborate on that for a moment. Obviously, I've spoken to you had Cara Smith on the show, obviously, to me as prospective as well. Let's just kind of revisit the Hollywood version of trafficking versus the huge actual reality of the danger to families within their own four walls.

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Great, great point. So really, when it comes to the Hollywood version of human trafficking, there's really two things that pop up right there. These are the things that anytime somebody finds out what I do, like, Oh, Nick, former military special operator, former CIA operative now fighting child trafficking, they're like, like taken, like actually nothing like the movie Taken. were literally like sound of freedom, no, nothing, nothing like that. If you live in Mexico, or Guatemala, or someplace, you know, some impoverished country or developing world country, yes, you have more of a threat around the stranger abduction issue than you do in the United


States of America. In the United States of America, non familial abductions are extremely rare. And we know that because of the data that comes from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, which is a phenomenal organization that does amazing work around the missing child issue. And one of the things I don't think people realize is that by law, every, every missing child that law enforcement or every missing child tip that law enforcement opens a case on they have to report that that case to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children within 24 hours. So that means that the National Center for Missing Exploited Children has become a clearinghouse for missing child issues, if that right. So just so that everybody understands that like nothing is falling through the cracks here. Then. So anyway, going back to the neck neck data in 2022, we've National Center for Missing Exploited Children had 27,000, we will 644 Total missing child cases. of those cases, only 98 of them were stranger abductions. So that means that less than one half of 1% of missing child cases in the US involved the child being abducted by somebody that child didn't know. And I kind of framed out a little bit if you if you count the child population United States is roughly 22% of the whole that that means that there are you know, again, we're talking rough numbers here, roughly 72 million children in the United States. What the neck data tells us is that parents have a one in 10,000 chance of their child being abducted by a stranger. That is roughly this Anything chance that that child has of being struck by lightning? Now, what gets really interesting is when we look at the National Center data on endangered runaways, we found that they had of the 27,000, I think it was, again, 644 cases. 25,346 of those cases, were endangered runaway cases, that's 92% of the missing children in the United States of America in 2022. Were endangered runaways. So what that means is that 92% of the children who are missing in the United States of America in 2022, knew what they were doing. And in most of those cases, the child was greened on line by the person that they ran away with. That's the reality of human trafficking in America. It's not the Hollywood version of, you know, upper middle class girl getting abducted from a nice neighborhood and taken overseas and sold, you know, do those things happen? Sure, but they are extremely, and I emphasize the word extremely rare. It's not the child, the parent answers a, you know, modeling ad for their child and then goes to pick up their child and their child is not there, right? That's Mexico, Guatemala, Colombia. It's very sad. But that's not relevant to the parent in the United States of America, that's not relevant as much to the law enforcement officer or the frontline first responder in the United States of America. What's relevant to them is, you know, parents lock their doors at night, ground their daughter, because she wore the miniskirt she wasn't supposed to wear and she goes to a room that makes it tick tock video saying that she's mad at her dad. And then a child trafficker or just child predator, societal predator, however, you want to say it slides into her DMs and says oh, that's just because he's trying to keep you from growing up your dad is, you're so pretty. Let's have a conversation. And then, for, for the societal predators, it's a numbers game, it's a business to sales funnel. They know they've got to do that, to talk, they've got to talk to roughly 100 Girls, to get 50 to respond to get 25. And I'm just using these these numbers just to make the math easy to help people understand. But to get 25, to actually carry on a conversation with them, to get 10 to carry on a deep and meaningful conversation with them, to get five to agree to meet up with them to get one to actually meet up and that one child who meets up with them, their life is irrevocably damaged. And that all starts online because for lawn or for for societal predators, to contact 100 children online through social media. That's a very low barrier to entry. I mean, this probably not even an hour's work if they're just cut and pasting the same message into into DMS. So that's the problem that law enforcement and Frontline responders have. That's the problem that parents have is, is the predators now have access to the prey at scale. And yet, we're using old antiquated methods of detecting that by by one on one interaction and expecting the law enforcement detective who is supposed to fight child trafficking, but they're also supposed to fight seven and other problems in small town, rural America, so they never actually get to the child trafficking issue.

 James Geering 23:45

One of the most haunting things that Cara said, and when you think about it, it's so true. She's like, you look at the homeless population, how often do you see homeless girls like teenage girls, she said, and she was talking about, again, the, the probability that a lot of the young girls are never going to make it on the streets, because as you said, by their choice, or by being groomed, they're going to get snapped up by some sort of organization that's going to send them down the trafficking route, rather than simply be homeless.

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At the National Center for Missing Exploited Children estimates that 18% of their endangered or runaway population every year, enters the human trafficking cycle. So that means that every single year that problem grows, now you have to assume that some escape, some unfortunately, are probably killed. But but that number grows by 18% of 27,000 roughly every single year. That's a that that's pretty haunting. And that doesn't happen because there are these you know, global couples that are trying to steal children so they can drink their blood, right? That's not what's happening here. It's it's such a vital part. hitters hunting their prey online. And when they catch some of that prey, they start selling them. It's really that simple. And because it's that simple, it's very easy for these predators to execute this business model. So we have to empower the public, first responders, banks, Airbnb, everybody to participate equally in the fight against human trafficking.

 James Geering 25:30

So I think one of the the strongest toolboxes that you can give a first responder is for us to understand what the invisible handcuffs are for a trafficked man or woman. So again, they're not thrown in a rape van, you know, tied up and bag over their head. So the question a lot of people and I understand it now, because of these conversations is, well then why don't they just go home? So talk to me about, you know, you've got this person being groomed, whether they think they're going to be dating this person, you know, or, like, to me going to get a job in a foreign country? What are the things that transpire next, that basically, virtually incarcerate these young men and women into that profession that most people don't understand? Because that that invisible pair of handcuffs, like I said, is, I think the real disconnect between the Hollywood understanding and the reality.

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anybody listening to this, just think about who you know who's been abused. So I believe the statistics are one in three, or maybe it's one in five, it's one in too many women in the United States have been sexually abused, or physically abused, or emotionally abused, or what have you. So now imagine a human trafficking victim is being sexually abused, mentally abused, physically abused, and forced to have a pretty extreme drug addiction. And they have all of those issues. And it didn't happen to them once it's happening to them 10 to 25 times a day. So what does their brain have to go just just to survive? We've we've worked with, I remember

working with a 22 year old trafficking victim, it's really rare that we get so involved in law enforcement cases that were working directly with the victims, it does happen. But usually, you know that that's law enforcement job they've got that they've got resources that they direct them to, we're just providing them the targeting data, and manpower and expertise so that they can go find the trafficker to rescue that victim. But sometimes we do get involved. And I remember a 22 year old victim were involved with who had had been trafficked really from from a very young age. But under our modern definition of trafficking, trafficking that really started when she was, she was 12 years old. And even though she was 22, in her mind, she was still 12 years old, she had very angry with us, she carried around a teddy bear, she got very angry with us when we bought her, you know, adult sized clothing because she were in her mind child size clothing. So we got her new clothes, and she threw those clothes at us and just flipped out didn't see that coming. Right? There's all these different all these different psychological handcuffs that happen. It's everything from the severe paranoia. These traffickers make these victims think they're significantly more sophisticated than they are. And that, you know, they've got people everywhere, and they've got people in law enforcement, and they can find them and they can track their phones and all those kinds of things. They, they usually have very extreme addictions, and that's a business. It's a business choice for the trafficker, because the trafficker knows that. If the girl gets out of line or starts trying to report on him to law enforcement, well, all he has to do is over overdose her on heroin. And law enforcement sees that or paramedics show up and see that and I'm like, Okay, well, it's just another just another dead heroin junkie, moving on to the next one. And, and and so no investigation is ever opened, even though that trafficker murdered that trafficking victim by what by giving them what they call a hot shot. Right putting them on heroin. I had a paramedic tell me we've got some training coming out that's very specific to the the first responder community and you know, it'll be certified for CEUs and all that through through the registries. And this paramedic was looking at it and told me that he had a case that now haunts him knowing what he knows where he was asking a victim or he didn't realize was a victim. He thought it was just a, you know, a heroin addict. where he could find a vein so that he could get a line in her. And she said, I don't know. I don't shoot myself up the other girl does. But he thought that was kind of weird. But I was like, Okay wasn't thinking about it. Well, that was obviously a huge indicator that that, that that girl that he was treating was being trafficked and missed it. Because you can't be on top of everything all the time. And you can't know everything all the time. And so had that paramedic been empowered with tools and training in order to understand the trafficking issue, very similar to the way that paramedics understand the child abuse issue, then that paramedic could have could have enacted a protocol that said, Okay, if I suspect human trafficking, here are the things that I'm supposed to do, just like if they suspect child abuse. So we have models for fighting human trafficking. When you look at the banking industry, we have an anti money laundering model, it works really well for narcotics and terrorism and all kinds of different things. If it's properly resourced. With data and technology, it'll work the same for fighting human trafficking. If you know we have the same thing for law enforcement, first responders around the child abuse issue? Well, if we just give law enforcement, first responders, the same, the same training, and maybe a little bit of technology that they can use to check their hunch, well, then they're going to be able to enact the same protocols to fight child trafficking as they do to fight child abuse. Same thing with teachers, and then all the way on to parents. Because one of the things that is really important for parents, and everybody to understand, is the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children found over a five year period that they had an 846% increase in suspected child trafficking cases. And when you overlay that data, with mass adoption of the smartphone, and the introduction to the Facebook app, it was really the mass the first mass social media to hit the smartphone, which that happened in about 2008, we've you find almost a one to one correlation between the growth of social media and smartphone adoption and the growth of

suspected child trafficking cases. So the problem here on the child side is the internet. That's where the problem starts. It's and we've had cases where it was everything from a gaming console, right? Like a like an Xbox, to to every single social media platform, to just communicating with kids through online apps that you would never let even education apps that you would never imagine that there would be predators on the other side of anytime you have a concentration of children, your child predators are going to go there because for them that's a target rich environment.

 James Geering 33:04

With the paramedic story, I don't think I thought of this when you and I spoke but certainly our conversation sparked this. So when I spoke to Cara or to me or even had Greg Jackson on as well, another great conversation. It made me look back to a specific incident. And the reason why I remember this one is medically it was a fascinating call. It was an opioid overdose, you know, cocktail of things, but definitely an opioid, but she was also a hyperglycaemic. So her high blood sugar created coo smalls, which is very fast breathing when I'm talking to a PJ you understand. And so that overcame that depressed respiratory drive, and it actually kept her alive. And then, you know, I gave her Narcan and she basically of everything came out of every orifice. It was quite an interesting journey up to the hospital. But when I look back now, there was one one dude, about four girls total, if I remember rightly. And that would have been the perfect call for me to go. Yeah, PD needs to know about this particular thing. It was in a seedy motel. But like you said, the tools for the toolbox back then I didn't have those I didn't have the conversations. Now I've had, you know, with with patients with autism or Down syndrome, or you know, CPE and all these other things that we just don't get educated on. But understanding I think Cora did a great job, Cora Smith and that episode of laying out you know, there's lots of fast food wrappers as condoms as you know, obviously, drug paraphernalia, but there are things that we can see. And it's so easy to dismiss. Oh, it's a junkie, which is something I talk about all the time this pigeonholing of human beings by a label drives you up the fucking wall. But if you're not careful, as you said, you just go oh, well, it's an overdose rather than as you said, was it a hot those? As another call I had is a dead prostitute in a dumpster, discarded like a piece of trash. And you know, chances are that was probably something to do trafficking as well,

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I likelihood and one of the things around specifically within trafficking is yes, the trafficker will be giving the victims heroin. But they still need the victims to physically function. I don't really care if they mentally function, but they need them to physically function. Well, how do you counteract heroin if you're not using Narcan, extreme amounts of sugar, right, that's what they crave. So you find that a lot of these trafficking victims actually tend to primarily eat out of the vending machines in the hotels that they're being kept in? And what's in there, primarily candy, right. So that's where you, you know, that the fast food is, is one thing, it's a small indicator, and I but I actually think it's a, it's an increasingly not very good indicator, if you look at the state of health of most Americans, you know, three meals a day and McDonald's. And that's, that's not as big of an indicator as say, I see the candy and the Big Gulps right, like massive quantities of sugar. I mean, I know from my like, personally, from a health perspective, I try to keep my sugar under 20 grams a day. With these, these trafficking victims are craving sugar to the point that they're there in taking 1000s of grams a day. And so you know, what kind of

medical issues are going to come from that, right? Yeah. But essentially, you can end up with an extremely malnourished, very skinny diabetic. And it's something that like, oh, wait a minute, this isn't what I normally see. Why is that and I think that's one of the things that we as a society have to get a better job of doing is, is really getting to the first principles way of thinking about these these problems. So why is it that we have such an addiction issue in this country? Why is it that we have such mental health issues in this country? Why is it that we have we have all of these physical health issues, and we have an obesity epidemic? Those are the questions we really need to be asking. And then I think even medically, it's when we see something that is different. Why is it that it could potentially be different, I mean, we're always taught, especially as paramedics treat the patient, not the monitor. And one of my one of my biggest lessons in that was I was in I was in Afghanistan, and we had one of our one of our windage. We, again, we were doing the thing in a place right and unfortunately can't get into details roundabout. One of our indigenous troops got shot in the chest took, I didn't know how many rounds, all I knew was I had a I had two holes in the chest cavity, and a hole in the top of the neck, right around jugular area, and then a hole in the back. So I didn't I didn't obviously know what happened was either in my mind somewhere between three and four gunshot wounds, and us in the cavity and a rather small afghan. So that'll that'll, that'll cause you to get upset and on the helicopter on the way to the rule three, a Kandahar Airfield. I'm taking this guy's pulse. I'm, I'm doing just like continually redoing his vitals, because everything was fine. And I distinctly remember his respirations were like 13 or 14th. So they were they were up there, but not that big of a deal. His I distinctly remember his pulse was 72 beats per minute. After getting shot, like I've never seen this before, and I've dealt with lots of people with penetrating trauma. And I really wanted to start giving him fentanyl lollipops and you know, doing decompression diagnostics and all the different things that you're supposed to do. And I didn't do those things because I'm like, something is wrong, and I can't quite figure it out. Well, once we got rid of the rule three, I'm briefing the doctor and the doctors and nurses are looking at me like I'm crazy. Like, boy, this guy has really lost all of his medical capability. Because I was in more of a shooter unit at this point. And he doesn't know what he's talking about. And then they ran his vitals and it was the same thing. Well, why was it different? It was once we did the CST, we found that it was actually with the rounds that he got hit with must have been from quite a distance away because they'd actually bled most of their most of their energy and one of the rounds hit a rib when it first went into his torso, and then move tangentially through the fascia of his, you know, of his torso, and then came out essentially right underneath his pack and And the other one hit his collarbone and deflected out his back. So it was only two rounds, very low power, at least by the time they got to him. But that wasn't, that wasn't what I saw with my eyes. But that's what the data was showing me. And had I started doing any of the invasive stuff that I'd done every single time. Until, right until that point was somebody who had similar trauma, I probably would have accidentally killed the guy. So or at least made his situation significantly worse. And so if we, if we look at it, we look at all of the societal issues through that lens and say, Okay, well, something is presenting different. Can I take a step back and say why? In that circumstance that I just described, it's pretty easy because I was in a very narrow medical environment, right? It was it war, people tend to die of only really a few things in war. And there's really only one of them penetrating trauma that you can really do anything about, right? They'll trauma, you get somebody to a surgeon and the illnesses that come over there, you better get them to a better physician. And so that's that's really is a very narrow band will now expand that to the law enforcement, the patrol law enforcement officer, or the street parent, or medic, or the frontline emergency room worker, there's no possible way that they can be specialists in every one of these disciplines, they cannot be experts in, in child trafficking and experts in child abuse and experts in spousal abuse and experts in addiction issues. They can't do that. And so you have a bunch of technology and apps and you know, they've been backed by data that then help those frontline

workers, you know, start answering questions. And then the technology helps them diagnose what might be possible or, or at least narrow it down to a set of things to think about. We've never had that on the child exploitation human trafficking side. That's one of the biggest problems. And that's why we created an app specifically to help not only parents and reduce the parental workload, but also paramedics to reduce the paramedical workload and the law enforcement to help reduce the law enforcement workload to give them a better signal, and where they should be focusing their time.

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Well, I want to get to the app. And when this goes out, we would have just released it, which is amazing. I'm so glad that we got to have this conversation at the right time. Before we do a couple of contributing factors that are probably uncomfortable conversations for people. But I think if we're blatantly honest, definitely a factors. The first one, there was a very famous, you know, man hunt for a very pretty blonde white girl that was missing. And at the same time, there was a African American girl who was missing. And it was just blatant, all the focus was on this one young lady and not the other. So talk to me about you know, you mentioned Oh, it's just, you know, just a hookah Radek that's died, you know, how do we overcome some of this bias that has been created? I don't think it's so much skin color, I honestly think it's more socio economic, a lot of us that work in these very poor areas, that compassion fatigue, whether it's the responder, the people in the hospitals, or the community themselves, how do we overcome that. So some of these souls that are just less fortunate based on you know, the, the genetic lottery and where they were born in the household that they were born in, don't slip through the cracks, and, you know, just discarded by, you know, by some members of society.

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But I think we have a frequency bias, right, and in an exposure bias, because if you are continually coming into contact with a certain population, and you're starting to see the same things over and over again, then eventually you're going to start to, you're going to start to assign sign those issues to the entire population. And I agree with you, it's not necessarily it's not a race or skin color issue. It's really in large part of socio economic issue, because if you you'll see the same thing with white girls who go missing in Appalachia. Right? It's an extremely impoverished area, predominantly white, and those girls will go missing and you don't see the same thing. And I think it really comes down to two issues, right. So there's this exposure bias, and I think we need to counteract that and just like we have biases that we see medically, where Okay, well, we we have say an extremely obese patient or something and 911 was called and you're like, Okay, well, there's going to be like four to five issues that I'm going to be dealing with here. You find out? No, it's something completely different. But you went in with here, most likely when I'm going to see. But because protocols are the way that they are, you follow the protocols, and it shows you that no, actually, it's something completely different. I think we need the same thing when dealing with individualized humans. There's, let me give you a really good example. We as a society, overly commoditize women and girls. And that is a extremely controversial statement that I'm sure will get us a lot of hate in the comments, but it's true. And what made me realize that was there's a story on our website of a boy named Noah who was groomed through a gaming console. And ultimately, kind of to shorten the whole story, he just kind of ran away because of the grooming that had happened on the the gaming console. But then very quickly was was found an exploitative environment and our team helped

to find him and and help law enforcement find them really within a couple of hours, and they were able to rescue him. But that that's a that's a win. How many children were falling into that funnel, even though that one was getting taken out. And the reason why a large part of the reason why that that child was brought to our attention was because that child's family was a you know, rather well to do upper middle class family father worked in cybersecurity. He had the contacts in the network to start making things happen, where those in his lower socio economic demographic don't. And so we when we started talking to people about that case, you know, donors and whatnot, they got really angry. And when I talk about women and girls who are trafficked, they get sad. Why the difference in response? Well, it's because I think they largely expect women and girls to be trafficked, they don't expect the boys to be trafficked. And I think we see exactly the same thing in depending on where you are in the country, your lower socio economic areas, it could be predominantly one race. And so then you will start to think the same way, which is, I expect that this girl was traffic, nobody expected the, you know, upper class, white girl whose family had the resources to get people to pay attention. Nobody expected her to be trafficked, but they probably did expect it on the other side. And I think that is that's one of the big issues that we as a society have to grapple with. But I also think that forewarned is forearmed. So if paramedics you know, well, basically Fire and Rescue and patrol officers, and then frontline emergency room staff, if they are all aware that they might be they might have those biases, then they're more likely to actually to actually take action to counteract them.

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Yeah, well, thank you. I think it's an important point. It really is. Because I wrote in my book, I wrote a book about three years ago. And it was one of the very first calls I had as a firefighter. And it was, you know, epic compassion, fatigue. It was where I worked at that time, it was 96 98%. Cuban. And, you know, most of the fire department's Cuban as well. So it wasn't so much a racial issue, but it was, this gentleman was on the floor, it came in, just like you said, projecting already, you know, just from the tones. Oh, it's person down, oh, the groans in the eye rolling, and they get there and as to hire Lea cops, and they're kicking this guy, get up, buddy. And then the firefighters will just complete the semicircle, and no one's doing anything. And I'm a brand new Dude, I don't know what the hell I'm doing. I'm just the only thing I had going for me as I wasn't 18 I was like, 27. So at least I was, uh, you know, had some life experience. So I just go down and check on him, you know, and make sure he's breathing and then check his pocket somewhere else. Let's see if we can figure out what's going on. I think I've told this story on here a couple of times. So I go through his pockets, and I find a piece of paper. And it's a blood test result. And the man has just been told he has HIV. So I think I'm pretty sure if I found that out. I probably maybe go take a few drinks myself and maybe end up playing, you know, laid out somewhere. So but this was the insight into that this this gentleman had ceased to be a human being to these responders. And he was just a disruption in whatever else they were wanting to do at that moment. So like you said, it doesn't have to be race or you know, socio economic or whatever it is. But the moment that we find that compassion fatigue getting hold, we do have to look in the mirror and say okay, we need to He said, whether that means take a vacation day, whatever it is, but it is our job, you know, the badge on our chest, we call ourselves a professional. And that means that you, you never let go of that element of humanity that sent you into service. And you start pigeonholing and discounting people based on their wearing gang colors, they, you know, got a short skirt, and they're out in the streets at two in the morning, whatever it is, you know, if that's who you are, then that to me is when you need to either take a break, or it's time to leave that service.



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And I think that it's something that I'm sure not everybody listening to your podcast is, is a first responder. And it's something that I think this society needs to understand better. So that compassion fatigue is very real. I've experienced it multiple times in my life, burnout is very real, I don't care how much of a robot you might think you are. I mean, even Elon Musk experiences burnout on occasion. So also, vicarious trauma is very real. And one of the things that we're working on from a technological perspective is to actually reduce the vicarious trauma load that law enforcement has to deal with and first responders have to deal with. That's more on the detective side, helping law enforcement, find the human traffickers faster. And then to the point that they don't have to, like go through so much material in order to find them. But then on a compassion fatigue side, I mean, the reason why we have checklists, right, the reason why we have we have medical protocols is to protect ourselves, from the times when we are exhausted, and fatigued. And maybe we had a buddy who got hurt, and so we're filling in for them. And we're not always at work at our best, right, and anybody who says that every time they're at work, they're at their best as a complete liar, or a robot. Either way, you don't want anything to do with them. So we have ways of protecting ourselves from ourselves, right, protecting our professional selves from our personal selves. And I think that we, again, it's everything from rules of engagement for, you know, military, special operators in the military and, and law enforcement to medical protocols for paramedics. So we need, we don't have the same thing when it comes to the societal predator issues. And I think that things like understanding why somebody does something right in the middle of working a code, you don't really care why somebody did something, you just need to solve that immediate problem. Because if you don't, the consequences are our terminal. However, then understanding what we do next. To me, that's where context really comes in and plays a very, very important role. And I think when we look at the first responder community, and we specifically talk about the child trafficking issue and the human trafficking issue, yeah, they might, you might see that 30 year old, homeless woman who's got a extreme addiction to opiates. But then you got to treat that you're going to treat the overdose get a treat the issue right then and there. But then as far as what happens to her next, well, what if she's that way, because she was trafficked when she was 12 years old. Absolutely. And that's the hole that she's trying to either dig out of or pretend doesn't exist.



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Well, speaking of addiction, it's kind of one more area I want to get to before we go to the app and the solutions. And what you guys are actually doing behind the scenes to support our first responders. When you and I spoke was a time when I would talk about the prohibition of drugs and even even the existence of those in some of the places that were in combat at the time. And there was a very kind of tight lift element, tight lipped element. And then the last four years or so, it changed and there was a lot more can honesty, vulnerability, etc. For example, in a lot of the Afghan combat veterans, we're talking about all these fields that you know, we're basically funding terrorism from a firefighters paramedics point of view, when you've worked in this country for you know, decades, you see the impact of mental health on addiction, you know, prostitution, homelessness, you know, gang violence, I mean, all these other areas. And you realize, or let me rephrase that I realized, through my own personal perspective, that the war on drugs was was an epic failure that you can't arrest people out of addiction. That's an understatement. So and then what also as you've underlined, underlined earlier, illicit drugs now allow the empowerment of for example, Pour trafficked men and women through that

addiction. So just talk to me about that lens. Because this is a conversation a lot of people don't want to have a lot of, you know, you and I were raised on that this is your brain on drugs, you know, generation. But then when you look behind the curtain as a responder as a military member, you see the raw truth. And I think that there's an irony to walking out of a religious building, for example, being taught that love compassion community, and then stepping over a homeless person calling them a bum and then rolling your eyes at an addict. So what is your perspective on the prohibition and the mental health crisis? And if you were king for a day, how could we alleviate that layer that in turn would also help the human trafficking element?



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I think the the I think the first thing that we've got to do if I'm king for a day is mandate, mental health education, in in our schools. That I think there's a lot of education that that should be mandated. But we don't currently have like, we don't talk about mental health, really, we don't talk about these issues. And it's the same reason why, you know, by way, the first responder community, the military community, the military special ops community is actually probably the the biggest problem, it's the same reason why they had such a problem is because you don't talk about these things. Because they're, you know, they're not things that normal, normal people deal with. And I think one of the best proxies that people can understand is postpartum depression. That was something that was just not talked about. And so you had a bunch of new mothers who went through a lot more trauma than they needed to, just because they didn't ask for help. And now, when you at least, you know, I've got a five and a six year old. So at least when my wife had our children, I understand that like, postpartum depression is something that they talk they brief the mother about in the hospital, and they give her resources for. So why wouldn't we do the same thing around broader mental health issues that are applicable that you know, they're age appropriate and applicable to those individuals so they can start getting in front of them? I can't talk about the the general society, just because I've, you know, been a member of general society for for most of my life, but specifically within the military, special ops and intelligence community, there was no talk of mental health issues, when I got out of the military, you were, you were told by your supervisors, you were told by everybody, if you're having a mental problem, you suck it up, and you deal with it, and you do not talk to anybody about it, because you're gonna lose your security clearance, and all these things are gonna happen. And those things were all true. But now, it's, it's almost, it's almost swung too far in the other direction, where you get these special operators who have to go to constant counseling, whether they need it or not, because they're trying to diagnose if they have a mental health issue, and they're, and they're giving them the tools to self diagnose. So if we, as a society are having these these mental health issues, we have to get to the bottom of why. And there are there are reasons that people don't want to come face to face with. So again, you kind of get to the addiction side and prohibition on drugs, I think, like whether you do or do not, I don't think that's really the conversation. I think the conversation is far left of that problem, which is, are you giving people educating people about the fact that they could have a problem and then giving them the at least access to the resources to try to deal with that problem themselves? Right, the generational poverty issues, the generational abuse and trauma issues that a lot of children experience. We don't talk about those things. We pretend like when people walk into schools, everybody's roughly the same except we have AP classes for the brightest kids. We have special classes, special needs classes for the kids who need extra help. But what about the children who are potentially experiencing generational trauma? Why aren't we segregating them off and giving them a some special resources to help them become more productive members of society to help them understand and the limiting factors that they might have so that they can overcome those? And I think I'm a great example, right? I

was abandoned when I was very young. I was an orphan was adopted by an amazing family in Montana. And so I always thought that because I had such a good family that I was raised in such good parents. I didn't have any trauma. I didn't have any mental issues that I had to deal with. Well, it wasn't until I got out of the CIA. And, you know, suddenly I was not so busy, it wasn't working yet another 100 hour a week, like you do when you're in those environments, and you're just you're just, you're asleep, or you're, you're working. And so finally, some of that stuff started to catch up with me. And and it turns out that actually, yeah, being abandoned when you're 18 months does cause some, some psychological trauma that you have to, that you have to deal with. It's not a big deal. And it's easy to it's easy for me to deal with. But there are symptoms there that I had no idea where they were coming from. And most people would tell you, Oh, well, that's because Nick did 30 combat deployments, or that's because, you know, whatever happened? Well, no, it was far, far earlier than any of those other experiences. So I think, again, just thinking first principles, these first first principles wise, we really need to get to the understanding of why people go down these self medicating routes. And then also, we need to take a better look as a society about why we're prohibiting things. So I have a number of friends from the Special Ops and intelligence, operational communities who had post traumatic stress for whatever reason, I don't use the term post traumatic stress disorder, because I completely hate that term, because it's, it's not a disorder, you expose anybody to the stress that they've been under, and they're going to react the same way. So how is that a disorder? Right? That is just what happens when you hit post traumatic stress. And, and they have those friends of mine who have had post traumatic stress, and symptomatic post post traumatic stress, they actually have found some healing and some peace, using psychedelics. But they have to go to places in South America to undergo that treatment, which is extremely expensive to get there. And if that was inside the United States that they were doing it no doubt the prices of the treatment would be significantly larger. But they can't do it inside the United States, because it's illegal. Why is it illegal? If it's really helping people? Why are the psychedelics not on the schedule? And why can I be prescribed like, really like, you know, like, anything else that can? That's, I think, a large part of the problem, I take a drug for traumatic brain injury. Diet is not normally prescribed for traumatic brain injury, it's actually prescribed for narcolepsy, and it's not approved for treatment of traumatic brain injury. Well, that drug has really changed a lot of my life, and made me so much healthier and so much happier and more productive. But the FDA says that I shouldn't be taking it for the reason that I'm that I am taking, who are they to tell me what works for me and what doesn't? And so I think there's there's a lot of things that yes, you know, not all prohibition is good, not all prohibition is bad. And I feel like in the modern world, we've just lost sight of the nuance that applies to each individual as a person. Not all vets are the same. Not all paramedics are the same. Not all firefighters are the same. Not all mothers are the same. Not all fathers are the same. So why do we say that? Well, you know, here's the way that special ops vets should deal with their pts. And here's the way that paramedics and firefighters should deal with their pts. And those boxes don't touch. Right? Why do we have different protocols for for different people just based on the environment where they were exposed to that stress? Does that make sense? Oh, no,

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you're literally preaching to the choir, underlying everything that I've said, you know, that we have people that serve their country that come back and have to go overseas to get you know, psychedelics or ayahuasca, you know, whatever, whatever route has worked for them. And I've had so many people on here, especially from your community, that tried lots of other things. They were very proactive. And actually a good friend of mine, very recently, who's AMI SF, you know, had this huge aha moment after psychedelics and he's very proactive, you know, and

he's been down that healing path, but it was only when the psychedelics opened the door to his very early childhood trauma, that he found the nucleus of a lot of his problems. And even with the postpartum you know, what's wrong with these women just had a baby, you should be happy with the hell. I've had conversations with people in kind of the birth fit, you know what word I'm looking for, but anyway, the mothering mental health and wellness experts of the world and they talk about childhood trauma and the correlation with postpartum And so you know why when you have a child interested in this issue? Well, where were you mentally before you got pregnant? Were you in a great place? Or did you have some things locked away that this incredible trauma that is, you know, pregnancy and childbirth, I mean, I mean it in a positive way, but it is, it's a complete rebirth for the mother as well. If there's some unaddressed stuff that maybe come out, sadly, you just had your child and that's when it rears its ugly head the same way, as you know, you get an Afghan combat veteran, and it doesn't rear its head till the middle of Walmart three days later, three years later, you know, and they're lying in a mall on the floor. So I think this is it is, again, it doesn't matter if you're a veteran from a war, if you are, you know, like I said, a Crip or a blood you're, you know, you're selling your body or sex work or your whatever it is, we were all children, we were all toddlers once. And the moment we remove that human element from the way we view people. That's when we get pigeonholed, divided. And that's when, sadly, you know, we see what we see now people pitting groups against each other, rather than us coming together and solving these problems as a community.



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In a very, very famous political talk show host say that he didn't believe that marijuana was medicine. And that is a very uneducated and political statement. And there's no possible reason to make that other than politics, because there are plenty of parents whose children have been dealing with epilepsy, who literally would have to move to new states in order to get their children THC. Because after trying every single pharmaceutical that could be prescribed to their children, the only thing that worked was certain doses of THC. So once that political commentator, who by the way never served his country never did a single thing of courage in his entire life, who is he to then tell that parent that they they can't use the very thing that is actually working, because he doesn't believe that it's actually medicine based on zero data, right, or the special ops troupe who, you know, put his life on the line multiple times, and has some psychological damage from it. That that troupe cannot use, you know, some, some psychedelic under supervision that is actually actually working for them. You know, and another one is an you know, because I deal with the child predatory and societal predatory issues a lot. And we work with over at deliver fund, we work with over 600 law enforcement agencies around around the United States. Actually, I think it's up to over 650. Now, it grows so fast, I can barely keep keep track of it, which is why I have an amazing team. And that's what they do. Like, these law enforcement officers experienced this vicarious trauma through the, through the information that they have to continually come into contact with. And even though yes, they are not experiencing some physical trauma, it's causing mental health issues. So who are we as a society to say what they can and cannot do to deal with that. And I think one of the big problems is, is we've limited the options, the legal options to the point that if you have a security clearance, and you are experiencing some PTS symptoms, literally the only thing that you can do is go drink yourself into a block, you know, a blackout state so that you can get some sleep and you can quiet your mind. But we've just limited the options to the point that we are actively essentially facilitating people self medicating in a way that is just making the problems worse.

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Yeah, 100% I actually had Paige Figi on the show, and she was the mother of Sharla. And when you hear the story, Charlotte's Web when it comes to CBD, a young girl with this horrendous disorder where she has unending epilepsy. And she she was basically end of life. It was it was hospice, she was in and she had tried all these other things found this group that was able to formulate and it was basically predominantly CBD and put it in her port. And she stopped seizing, and she was literally days away from dying, she just would cease postdoctoral for like a minute and then go back into another like 29 minutes, seizures horrendous. And then Charlotte lived for nine years she passed away sadly, she got COVID You know, getting febrile was kind of terminal for her. So you know, the COVID whatever virus you know it we would have had the same issue but that gave this young girl nine years of life and it was a plant medicine and even with the T Ah, see, I personally don't like that psychotropic element of THC. But I think CBD with that, you know, trace element of THC is phenomenal. But I know lots of people that THC works for cancer, and people going through chemo that have lost their appetite, you know, eating disorders, pediatric seizures and all these things. Who the fuck am i James Geering to say, Oh, I don't think that eight year old should have cannabis for their their seizures. But yeah, you can give them benzos all day, that's fine. No, you know the true Alatrisme even if you don't use it, if it's working for people, and it's safe, then you have no business, you know, working against something that, you know has been used for literally millennia. When you advocate and receive money, whether you're an anchor on a news station in your news, your television company is owned by drug companies, or whether you're a politician being paid by lobbyists of Big Pharma, for example, the oxic Contin nightmare. And that's okay, but you're not allowing people to do psychedelics or THC or CBD. It's not about what's right or wrong, it's about Who told you to say it. And that means that you've given up being a man a long time ago, and now you're a fucking puppet.

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And I'll go one step farther to say I lay all of this at the feet of our politicians. And I mean, both sides of the party, I kind of hate them both equally. Because, you know, while I tend to be a pretty conservative minded guy with a biblical worldview, I watch people who are on my team, so to speak, right part of my tribe, and espouse to have the same values that I have say that, you know, somebody can't use a plant that God put on the earth to as medicine to help other people. But they can use something that we just completely created in a test tube. And I don't have a problem with the test tube stuff, because that saves a lot of people's lives as well. I mean, you know, as a paramedic, that we're it not for pharmaceutical drugs, a lot more people would die. But when we're talking, we're not talking about the immediate emergencies, we're talking about long term quality of life. And we have, I think, in large part created a political system. And it's the politicians who have created this political system, right, this brinksmanship where they, we are no longer allowed to think critically, you're one side of the of the aisle or the other side of the aisle. And God forbid, you ever point out that somebody on your side of the aisle said something that was incorrect? Well, now you're a traitor. And that is absolutely unacceptable. In America, we are supposed to debate we are supposed to have conversations, we are supposed to be looking at data and be an educated populace. It's actually looking to make these decisions as opposed to you're dealing with us or against us brinksmanship on every single possible solution. I mean, if if you anybody who understands what a what a trafficking victim has been through, if they were just trafficked for a short period of time, not even mentioned yours, would, that they would need to, they would need to basically be a robot

to not want that trafficking victim to be allowed to try every possible solution to overcome the pain and the the psychological problems that they have incurred as a result of being trafficked. And, and so I lay all of this at the feet of politicians. And what I mean by that is, why are what like as an example, why do we have the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross and all these all these medical protocols around around heart care? Will because you had a bunch of politicians and political donors who started dying of cardiac issues. That's why so they started solving that problem. You know, we had missing children and children go missing for a long time and it took it took Johnny Renee Walsh's son Adam, unfortunately, being abducted and murdered in order. It took somebody with John Walsh's level of connection in order to finally get the government to start doing something about it. So we need the same thing when it comes to mental health, in that, you know, we need we need the mental health world to start pointing out solutions. And then we need to hold our politicians accountable for enacting those solutions. I get asked to talk to different civic groups and things a lot and you know, I'm on podcasts like this quite often. And one of the things that people always ask is, What can I do so well, you know, how can I get my police department involved, I'm gonna go, you know, read the chief of police the riot act, or go go read the fire chief, the riot act, and I try to help them understand that the chief of police, your fire chief, their generals are soldiers, who, for the most part, solve the problems that they're told to solve. And, and who tells them to solve the problems to the politicians. So when you have a politician, and this should all go local, right? It should be county commissioners, city councilors, right all the way up to the federal government, but everybody in between. And US and US ask them about what they, how important is the fight against human trafficking for every single one will wring their hands and tell you it's the most important thing. And it's, it's the number one thing that they're going to do if they get elected or reelected, never mind the fact that they've been in office for, you know, decades, and they've never actually done anything, but this is the time if you reelect them, they're going to do it. Now I'll tell you how important it is. And the very next question somebody should ask, and this also is directed at the media is, I'm glad you feel that way. Please show me the budget line item where you are funding, the advanced training for your paramedics, in human trafficking and child exploitation. Please show me the budget line item where you are funding a specialized unit to combat human trafficking in your city. Because if it was honestly, something they cared about, then there would be funding there to back it up. And I think that the reverse is true when it comes to this prohibition issue that you've talked about. And again, I'm not an I'm not like, I'm not an anti prohibition guy. And I also don't think that we should, we should prohibit everything we should, you know, think critically, and if something is helping somebody, we should figure out a way to allow that to continue to help them. And if you, if you look at the money, and you like you can't make a lot of money off of these, as an example, medical, medical marijuana products, I mean, you can in a small mom and pop operation. But Big Pharma is not going to spend their time dealing with these medical marijuana stuff, because they can't patent it. So it's not, it's not really worth their money to do that. And then, and I don't blame Big Pharma for doing that. I mean, I'm a business owner, and it's got a pencil in order for them to spend their time there. I don't I don't blame Big Pharma at all. What I blame is the lobbyists, who then that write in law, I've know a number of lobbyists. And I tell you, I don't have a great taste in my mouth for any of them. Because they're essentially mercenaries, who will do whatever the person paying them wants them to do, whether or not it's good for society to advance any political agenda, whether or not it's good for society, just because somebody is paying them to do it. And, and that's, that's a problem, because now you have a pharmaceutical company, who has, say, an epilepsy drug. And it probably works. And thank you to that pharmaceutical company for creating that, that, that epilepsy drug, I am not an anti Big Pharma guy. What I am, is an anti Big Pharma being able to hire a lobbyist to then go tell a Senator who quite frankly, isn't smart enough to understand these issues anyway, which is a whole other problem that we need to deal with in this country.

And then that lobbyist gets that senator or congressman or even city councilor, to outlaw, a plant that is helping people so that the only way that they can really be in compliance with the law and treat their child's epilepsy is to give more money to the drug that doesn't work. That's the problem. It's Big Pharma is not the problem. It's it's the lobbyists and the politicians that are the problem. And until we as a country and a society start holding them accountable for what is an extreme conflict of interest, we're going to have a significant problem. And one of my favorite things that I'd like to point out, is again, I tend to be a pretty conservative guy. But a lot of people ask me like, why I'm not a friend, or why I'm not a huge fan of our past president. And the reason why is because his name is on the flight logs going to Epstein's Island. Now, you can point out all day long that Bill Clinton went there. But if you point out that Trump went there, well then now suddenly you're a trader, that is an inability to think critically. And until we, as a country, learn to think critically about all these different issues, from mental health, to child trafficking, to pharmaceuticals, to plant based pharmaceuticals until we learn to think critically about all these issues, we're just going to continue to spiral and make things worth worse for the most vulnerable among us.

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Well, I mean, I agree with you completely. And I've pointed this out a long time I'm I'm disgusted with both sides as well. And I use a very simple definition, like a leader unifies, especially during times of crisis. And the last two have divided deliberately divided so if you're Jesus is a geriatric with dementia or an orange narcissist, then you need to really reframe how you calibrate what a good human being is. So that's my whole perspective on the last two. But the other thing that I saw and then obviously, with the sound of freedom coming out, it reared its ugly head again, was this white noise clickbait distraction that detracts from the people actually on the mission. And one of the words and I sat with one of my wife's friends for an hour, I bit my tongue so hard, I had calluses while she went on a rampage about Adrenochrome and how people were sucking things out of kids foreheads I forget even what a definition was. And I'm like there are there are, we've walked down the street and find people that are subjected to child abuse, there's fentanyl overdoses, all this stuff. And you're getting pulled into this, you know, extremism again, just like with the school shootings, you know, there's the pro guns as the anti guns. And these poor families whose children were murdered, are literally used as political pawns. And there's no discussion on the family unit on childhood trauma, or on you know, on psychiatric meds and the side effects of them and violent video games and movies, or these small compounding elements that creates this vicious circle. That's the middle of the road conversation. But it's just the World War One trenches. And this is what happens over and over again. You know, oh, well, have you seen who they put on my Bud Light can? That's what's most important to me right now. This is distraction is bullshit. So before we get to solutions, because I agree with you on so many things that you've said, but I want to clear up this because you did a video on it. Talk to me about from a medical perspective. Adrenochrome. And, you know, the, the middle of the road truth about that? And then what that and then some of the other dialogues that have come out of a movie? Have they added to the movement and fire people up? Or have they become more of a distraction?

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Right, there's a lot to unpack there. I'm gonna try to take this one at a time. James, you have a lot of paramedics who listen to your show.

 James Geering 1:22:43

Oh, yes, I hope so. So maybe no one does that enough.

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So you're a paramedic? What do we what do they tell us about epinephrine? Especially the epinephrine, it's in the in the glass vials. If you're working a code, say in a park on a sunny day, you leave the epinephrine cupboard, right? Because you don't want to expose it to UV light. Because when you expose it to you the light, it breaks the molecular bonds of the epinephrine and turns it into

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nichrome. That right there is the only argument anybody needs to understand about Adrenochrome. Right? So yes, there is a seven minute YouTube video where I addressed the very specific quotes that certain actors were making about Adrenochrome. And, and I address them biochemically. So this isn't Nick's opinion. I worked with a PhD in pharmacology to actually make sure that all of my arguments were correct. But Adrenochrome is an inactive metabolite that has no effect in the body. None. I mean, if you drink it, it turns just like if you drink epinephrine, right, you drink of water. And it basically turns into water it processes out. And epinephrine also, for people who are not paramedics and or medical professionals who don't understand. Epinephrine has a very short half life. And thank God could you imagine if you gave somebody a bolus of EPI, and then it had a half life of three hours. They have a

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horrible time in the hallways of the ER because that's where they'll end up. COVID are not no one reports on that most of our patients are holding the wall for hours on end. But yeah, imagine if they had a heart rate of sustained 180 The whole time they were lying there.

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Yeah, yeah. And so when you look at the half life of epinephrine, right, so even let's even just say for for a second that Adrenochrome was an act it was an active chemical in the body. Then if you were to take it, it would probably eventually make your heart explode. especially in the quantities that they're that they're claiming that they take it. You know, there was another quote where this actor said that Adrenochrome was 10 times more powerful than heroin. Well, you know that if it was 10 times more powerful than heroin, it would be one of the least powerful drugs on the street.

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Yep. Fentanyl will be your go to if you're worried about magnitude of

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that fentanyl is 50 times more powerful than heroin. But also, how is it that an inactive metabolite that has no chemical similarity to an opiate is able to stimulate the opiate receptors in the brain?

 James Geering 1:25:44

Let's fake news. Fake news.

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Yeah. So again, like it was, it was a seven minute video that I did on YouTube, James will make sure that you've got the link, I will, you know, so that you can link it. My whole point is that instead of actually thinking critically and going, Wait a minute, does this make sense? People say, Oh, an actor said it literally person who, who, who plays pretend for a living, right, somebody who does it, basically what my five year old daughter does, but at a professional level, that person they'll listen to, but but they won't listen to actual biochemistry and actual science and math. And I've made this, I've made this claim multiple times I made it in my video, I could again, right now, if the actor who is making these claims, wants to publicly debate this issue with me, send me a location, I will show up and I will publicly debate this in front of whatever audience you want. And and the thing is, is the actor will never actually take me up on it, because he doesn't know what he's talking about. Instead, he's just spinning everybody up, for the purposes of, of getting as many clicks as possible and getting and selling as many movie tickets as possible, so that he can make as much money as possible. And then turns around and says that all the mainstream media is attacking in the mainstream media is saying that the McEwen on conspiracy theorists, well, it's because you are like that that's not the mainstream media attacking you. That's just pointing that that's just them pointing out a statement of fact, because they probably thought critically, and went in and looked at whether or not Adrenochrome actually could be a drug to people and found that No, it can't like it is chemically impossible for Adrenochrome to affect the body in the way that they are saying and really to affect the body at all. Right? When you have when you release any hormone into your body, eventually, it metabolizes and you excrete it right. So if that happens with with adrenaline, epinephrine, that then gets oxidized as a protective measure to keep your heart from exploding, and you excrete it just like, just like any other hormone in your body, then why is it that suddenly people would start trying to harvest it from children and white children? Why does it have to be children learn through harvesting from adults? And if that is the case, then why would they go through? Why would they actually do that? Because you could make Adrenochrome by literally buying some epi pens and leading them in the sun for, you know, for

i It doesn't take very long, breaking the molecular bonds of the epinephrine and then there you go, you've got your Adrenochrome. So so none of this makes sense. But people won't actually think about it. Instead, they'll just say, Well, an actor said it's true. So therefore it must be true.

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James Geering 1:28:49

Just to jump in for a second what it reminds me of is when the frontline workers in the UK, were bending over backwards in or responding or working in hospitals with no, no vaccines. At the time, though very little PPE the UK is the politician's answer was we'll just stand outside at 5pm and clap. And I think this is the same with this conversation. If we said that there is a trafficking element and then more importantly, there is a sexual abuse element that is usually a family member or a family friend. Now you in your your household, you have to fucking act, you have to step up and do something. But if you point and say Oh, and this far away island is a group of politicians, sucking whatever out of these children's, you know, heads or glands, or whatever the hell they're saying. You can wipe your hands and just point and do absolutely nothing. And this is what I see over and over again, with this extremism. It's a cowardly way of saying, Well, I'm not actually going to do anything. I'm not going to be part of the solution. I'm just going to blame I'm going to become the most fearless cube keyboard warrior that world has ever seen. And so rather than being distracted by the clickbait you become part of the solution. And you you're firstly, you know, take care of your own home. And then you step out the front door and you become a mentor in your community and a protector in your neighborhood to make sure that the kids that you can physically see are safe, and have someone to go to God forbid if something's happening in their own home.

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Absolutely, but I even think that it goes deeper than the issue of just, I don't want to I don't want to look at it and put my head in the sand when it comes to why these extremist narratives catch on. You know, are there Satanic and demonic people who drink the blood of blood of children? You know, especially in some, you know, very few tribes in Africa and things like that? Sure. Of course, that happens, right? I mean, there's always really, you know, but and I use the word demonic carefully. People who are doing terrible things everywhere, right? I mean, that that is a, that is a constant in humanity. Now, that's not, that's not the problem, though. The problem is that we have this commoditization of women and girls that we talked about earlier, where, if you know the whole reason, especially when you talk about in westernized countries, the whole reason that we have a commercial sex industry is because there's a customer base that drives that demand. And so there's, there's a lot of politicians, we know that for a fact, there are quite a few American males. This is predominantly a problem that is created by men, quite a few American males who are engaging in the commercial sex industry, who are engaging in child exploitation. Well, if they were not engaging in that activity, then we wouldn't have a demand, we wouldn't have such a problem. So I think the reason that they a lot of them will grasp on to these extremist ideologies, is because they can say, Oh, well, I'm not going to some island to drink the blood of children, therefore, I am a good person, because they don't want to, they don't want to come face to face with the fact that that girl that they just paid money to on only fans has a trafficker who's forcing her to be there, and it's taking her money. They don't want to come face to face with the fact that that girl that they just gave \$1, or gave dollars to in a strip club is a trafficking victim and her trafficker is in the corner. And he is going to be walking out with trash bags full of \$1 bills, we have we have photo evidence of this of this

type of stuff happening at a pretty large scale, because the traffickers put it out on social media, because the risk is so low to them. And, and though that that customer that American male does not want to come face to face with the fact that that girl that they just visited that they thought was a prostitute is actually a trafficking victim. And the trafficker is two states away, but is holding that girl's baby hostage. And she's doing whatever she has to do in order to keep her baby safe. That's the reality of the men who are participating in the pornography and and commercial sex industries. And I get a lot of hate and heat for that. But that's what the data shows. It's very true. And every guy out there is like, oh, yeah, but not the prostitute I visit. She's not a trafficking, but it's the other ones are not not that stripper that I like. It's the other ones. Or, in the case of small town where I live, we have somebody who contacted his 18 year old son was in high school, and asked if he if his son knew any girls at his high school, who would want to jump out of a birthday cake at a party. The guy who said that is a predator would ask his own son to go find one of his friends to jump out of a cake at a birthday party. Now what the end because we run in some similar circles, I've heard his excuses. It's like, well, I changed that girl's life. Well, because she was from a lower socioeconomic area. Okay. Why didn't you hire her to mow your lawn? Why didn't you hire her to wash her car? Clean your house? Why didn't you actually give her some mentorship and and a job. Instead, you hired her to jump out of a cake at a birthday party that makes you a predator. And that is the thing that many American men do not want to come face to face with and I think that's why we have a lot of grasping on to these extremist, you know Adrenochrome ideologies, because they don't want to come face to faced with the fact that they're the problem, not not somebody who's drinking the blood of children?

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James Geering 1:35:07

Yeah, no, it makes perfect sense to me as well. I mean, every time you have, you know, try and have a common sense middle of the road conversation that requires every single one of us to look in the mirror, you know, am I being the best parent I can be? Can I be in the best firefighter or paramedic, I mean, all these things, you know, and you look at the addiction side, you know, someone who is found their way down the, you know, the heroin path, you are looking down your nose, and then you go home. And as you said, you drink a 612 pack of beer so you can get to sleep. That's that you're the same human being. Just one, like you said, one group of people said that one was an illicit drug, and the other one was fine. So it is it's that hypocrisy and seeing others within ourselves. And the answer is to look ourselves in the mirror, start being brave enough to change and then looking at other people in our community with compassion, rather than than hatred and disgust. And the moment we do that, I think we're really, you know, we are going to shift it and you know, when we are going to be part of the solution, rather than this horrible, toxic, hateful, divisive philosophy that I don't think most people subscribe to, but it's been allowed to permeate out on the screens. And so the more propaganda people get fed, the more angry they get, the more hypocritical they get, the less part of the solution they become dagli. Well, that was a good segue solutions. So we talked about a lot of problems. So I want to get to the app. But just before we do, because, again, you know, you and I spoke a long time ago, AI has now really come to the forefront, that the technology I'm sure that you're working with now is probably even more phenomenal than it was the last time that we spoke, talk to me about what deliver fun does to the law enforcement side first, you know, and let's dispel again, some of the myths between next gonna, you know, black is face out and go kick in DOORS versus what you're actually doing. And then we'll transition to the app that's going to help not only you know, my profession, but also the parents out there.



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Yeah, so it's a liver fund. And I think for people who don't understand the context, what James was referring to is, is my background, when he said, Blackout my face and go kick in some doors, I spent 11 years in military Special Ops, and then I spent a we'll just call on an undisclosed amount of time in a kinetic unit at the CIA. And so I've got 30 combat deployments under my belt, I understand kick in doors as well as anybody alive. And it's deliver fun, that is exactly what we don't do in the fight against human trafficking. Also understand tech and data very well. And it's very easy to watch as an example, a movie about, you know, the, the hunt for us, for Osama bin Laden and Seal Team Six and, you know, incredible warriors went in there and, you know, killed him on behalf of our country. And we owe them a debt of gratitude for doing so. But how did they know what door to kick? Who, for for a period of over a decade did the work to find that door. That's the heavy lifting in the counterterrorism fight. And that is also the heavy lifting in the fight against human trafficking. So what we do is we help law enforcement, first responders, industry, and now the public fight human trafficking by providing, essentially, we provide training, we provide data and technologies. And then we provide advice on what we call an equip, train and advise model, which is the same thing we did in the fight against terrorism. So for law enforcement, we will provide actual intelligence, actual target packages on human traffickers. And we embed with law enforcement and then they go action those human traffickers, we rarely leave our keyboards. When we do, it's to get on an airplane to go and bed and another law enforcement department and other law enforcement operation with law enforcement, because they're so underfunded. There's no incentive for industry to create the datasets and the technical tools that law enforcement needs in order to be able to fight human trafficking at the scale of the problem. So we create those thanks to the generosity of our donors. We are 100% donor funded, and we we create those data, that dataset and those technologies and then we work with both industry partners and law enforcement in order to get those in the hands of law enforcement officers so that they can find human traffickers, better, faster and cheaper. Because I can't solve the manpower issue for law enforcement. But what I can do is make it so that those law enforcement officers who do have the courage to go fight human trafficking are is there Shouldn't as possible with the time that they've got



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beautiful now that's law enforcement specifically, and we'll get to where people can find that in a minute, you developed an app, which I heard you talking about on the everyday warrior podcast. This is phenomenal. Like I've done some research for some dubious shit, when it came to something that was going on in my community that was able to fix using the internet to research. There's some other things I've done backgrounds on. So you know, it's not just your CIA, you know, operative agent, caseworker, but obviously, there's a whole gamut of other people that can use the internet, use technology, use your database, to make sure that people that interact with our children are not coming from the background that we've discussed today. So talk to me about the development of this app, and then where people can find it.



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So the app is really think of it as just a window into the data that we've been providing to law enforcement in industry for many years now. And, and what this does is it allows the individual

citizen, or, again, patrol officer, paramedic, CPS worker, and anybody in that arena, who comes into contact with children to actually be able to screen the, the communications data within that child's network. And I say communications data, because the what you put into the app, which you can just find on the App Store, or you just search deliver, find or H T so human trafficking safeguard, it's going to be easiest, if you just search to deliver find in the App Store, and there's the app, you download it, you subscribe, you're good to go. You can search a phone number and an email address to see if there is a connection to potential human trafficking activity. Now, if a number does not pop up positive in that app, it does not mean that that number is not associated with potential human trafficking activity. If it does pop positive, it does not mean that the person who has that number at the time is a human trafficker, and we got data that goes back, you know, decades. But it does mean that that number was associated with a commercial sex advertisement. And so that is where in the in the modern era, what happens with human traffickers is they advertise their victims online, just like any other business. And in order to communicate with their customers, they have to provide communications data, right, they have to provide a phone number or an email address. And we'll be expanding over the years and months really, into other types of communications, like social media, but for now, it's just phone numbers and email addresses. So let me give you an example. And this actually just happened, I had a friend who lived in East Coast, very, very nice neighborhood. He's a very successful attorney. And he downloaded the app. And there was a massage parlor in his small little East Coast town outside of a big city that he always was concerned about. And he ran that massage parlors phone number through our app, and he got a positive hit hundreds of commercial sex advertisements that are tied to that massage parlor. So then he was able to report that to law enforcement. And there's a report button within the app where you can hit the report button, and that tags that data for deliver funds for future use and for law enforcement future use. So then he was able to call his law enforcement department and say, Hey, in our town, we have this massage parlor. And I know because I use the deliver fund app that there's shady stuff going on in that massage parlor. And then his neighbors were all able to do the same thing. So law enforcement gets enough calls, and they're gonna go do something about it. And this has always been the problem. People end up with these gut hunches. I think that this person might be trafficked, right paramedic, goes through deliver funds, training for first responders, maybe went through our human trafficking one on one course, and now has a gut feeling that the patient in front of him might be a trafficking victim. Hey, what's your phone number, she gives him the phone number that she has, which is the phone that her trafficker gave her and runs it through our app, and it comes up positive on commercial sex advertisements. Okay, time to get the PD involved. Because the PD if she is a sex worker is going to get her the services she need, or at least that's what they should be doing. Not arresting her but getting her the services she needs. Because again, why is she a sex worker? Right? We got to think of context. But we're she's a trafficking victim, in which case they can get her the services she needs and go after the trafficker. So we've essentially provided this monitor In this app that gives anybody with the app a window into potential human trafficking data. Now all this data exists on the internet, right? This isn't data that we put in our system, we do have a law enforcement only system that's human curated data. But this is not that. This is all data that's out there on the internet, like you said, you had some suspicions on some various places, and you did the research. And you were able to find that out. But how long did that take? What we've done is we've taken all that data from those various sources, compiled it, duplicated it, and made it so that it's easy, quick and easy to search. So if we can get everybody to download the app, and become a sensor and the network that detects human trafficking, it's going to be really, really hard for the traffickers to hide. And the analogy I like to use is, imagine, imagine a forest at night, and you've got bad guys hiding in the forest. And there's good guys in there too. And you just use a really bright spotlight, right, one of the big search lights, and you shine it into the forest from the outside. Well, what

that does, is it illuminates some areas. But it also creates a lot of shadows, where the bad guys can move into shadow and hide. That is traditionally the way that we have fought human trafficking. What we are now doing with this app is giving every person in the forest every good guy in the forest, a flashlight. So now there's nowhere for these child predators and societal predators to hide.

 James Geering 1:46:44

It sounds amazing. It really does. And this is the thing, every single one of us being a small part of the solution. Before we hit record, one thing I just want to touch on, I'm going to some closing questions, we're gonna be mindful of your time, but just quickly, because I think it's an important part of this conversation to the Adrenochrome issue, you know, the film being released there. Anyone who has a social media account sees that sometimes they seem to be able to reach a lot of people and other times you post something like Oh, that's weird, that barely got to anyone. Talk to me about the kind of almost hypocritical element of an organization like deliver fun trying to use words that are absolutely pertaining to the thing you're trying to fix. But these algorithms and censorship are actually preventing you from getting the message out

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the problem here is like you said, it's the conspiracy theories around Audrina Chrome and and you know, zip ties on the car. That's it, that's a human trafficker marking your car and what was the other one it was a water bottle and the car like all these things are just absolute complete garbage and complete nonsense. And, and if you believe them, just either think critically or unfollow me. Because I just I just get sick of a complete lack of critical thinking. What it does is it means that the algorithms within Youtube and and you know, Instagram and wherever, start to see certain languages politicized. And then and then the algorithms will attribute that language in the future to political speech. And they may be a great example. Men's Journal, not exactly a controversial or political publication. They did an article on the work that we're doing at deliver fund and it said the headline was something like, you know, former CIA operative goes to war against human trafficking. It's something very innocuous, innocuous. They couldn't put any advertising money behind it. Because the algorithms denied that, because it said it was political speech. Now, since when did human trafficking become political speech? ads, and contrary to conspiracy theories, it's not people doing this, because there's no possible way that you that meta, or anybody can hire enough people to do this. It's algorithms. It's AI, that's learning from the context of what is being put by other people on the internet. So after this movie came out, the term human trafficking became very politically charged to the point that the algorithms started actually decreasing the ability the reach so it's actually hurt the movement significantly. And that's where again, all the crap that was being talked about with his Audrina, Chrome's stop and also if I can, I want to defend our our law enforcement Officers a little bit because you got an actor running around saying that three letter agencies are involved in child trafficking, and that there were agents that knew about this, but they were too afraid to come forward. Well, I'm sorry, when somebody, all they ever did was play pretend for a living. But these men and women in law enforcement are not cowards. And by saying that they're too afraid to come forward is calling them cowards. And that's just something I'm not going to stand for. And as a former CIA operative, saying that three letter agencies and then specifically saying that the CIA was involved in child trafficking is, quite frankly, just absolute

cowardice. And that actors welcome for his freedom, that he did nothing to provide. Most of the people in the CIA who are doing that kind of work at the highest levels, most of them are veterans. So so what you're you're pro veteran, and like veterans are good, unless they get recruited into CIA, and then suddenly they become bad. Like this is just complete, nonsensical. And to say that there's this like massive conspiracy theory is to say that the good men and women in law enforcement are burying their heads and turning a blind eye to child exploitation. That's to say that the men and women that are part of the military and the Special Operations community, which does a lot of work for the intelligence community, that those people are a bunch of cowards, and they are allowing child exploitation to continue. It's saying that the men and women in the FBI and HSI and all these places that are fighting Child Exploitation every single day, that they're not good at their jobs, or they're too afraid to speak up. And it's absolute garbage. And we as a society need to stop allowing people to say things like that, because it just it completely discredits the work of the people that are putting their lives on the line every single day. And it discredits the work of the men and women who have died fighting this war against child exploitation, which is way more than some actor ever did. And so we need to, again, not only hold our politicians accountable for this, but we also when when we have people in society, especially big names, who are saying this kind of garbage, we need to push back. And we need to defend our law enforcement officers that are keeping us safe every single day, we need to, you know, we need to defend our first responders that are responding to the problems that we have in our everyday life. And we need to defend our military and intelligence agencies and not allow other people who've never done anything except play pretend to discredit those who, you know, those who have died fighting a war against evil. And it's like, I just, I'm just not going to stand for it anymore. And that's why I made the, that Adrenochrome video was because I too, kept getting the text messages and the emails and, and I just, I just was sick of having to try to teach people to think so I put out a YouTube video. So now I can just send them a link. And we need to understand the harm that is done when we spread conspiracies, because what we're doing is we're just training the Internet, what to do, we're training the Internet to, to take those terms, and actually push them down under the clouds, where they can't, they can't really see the light of day that they need to see. So because somebody is out there saying a lot of false things about this Adrenochrome conspiracy theory. And because other people are sharing that we now cannot get the actual truth out there the actual truth as backed up by biochemistry and math, not something that somebody just said, Just trust me. It's, it's, it's out there, right? I mean, so so we need to think about our actions in society and say, Okay, if I share this thing on social media, am I going to be helping or hurting? If everybody would just take a half a second to ask themselves that question, and then act accordingly. We would have a much, much more peaceful society and a much less bifurcated society.

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James Geering 1:54:31

I think were a great example of exactly what you're talking about was the pandemic. And I said this from day one all the way through and when we still revisit it, because you know, there was so many lessons that were discarded, but the no matter whether you subscribe to the very pro Vax philosophy, anti Vax, whatever it is, there was a truth in the nucleus that is, it's a opportunistic virus. And if there's someone is a healthy human being And I'm not just talking about to look out from the outside, but physiologically, then they're going to get a little bit and then they're going to be fine. And then they're going to move on. But if you have diabetes, if you are hyper, you know, hypertensive and all these things that obviously obesity related diseases were a huge part, you know, pulmonary issues, there is going to be a much you know, graver diagnosis, and possibly it's going to be terminal for you. So the only truth of those two

years was we need to reduce everyone's stress. And we need to work from day one. And making sure that when we come out the other end that we have put things in place to make the United States of America, an environment that forges health, that starts declining the obesity epidemic that we asked. And when we came out, nothing had been done the physical education in schools, the same shitty food, the same, you know, fast food and soda machines was still in our schools, nothing had changed, because you got so sucked into the clickbait bullshit, that you were distracted from the actual things that you could do to make this country better. And that's how I see that I mean, even mental health, you can't use the word suicide on social media, well, how the fuck you supposed to talk about suicide. So this, I agree with you 1,000%, we have to get away from those two extremes, gun back into the middle, roll up our sleeves, and each and every one of us be part of the solution, rather than some keyboard warrior, putting out, you know, just toxic shit and actually Compounding the problem rather than being part of the solution.



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And we need to stop being so arrogant is to think that we know what is best for somebody else. Everybody's got different medical issues. So I'm a great example. I do not talk about whether or not I got vaccinated or not because quite frankly, that's personal medical information. And it's nobody else's business.



James Geering 1:56:55

I never told anyone if I had a tetanus shot before, either.



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Yeah, we need to we need to, we need to stop normalizing talking about our, you know, personal medical issues that we don't necessarily want to, you know, want to talk about or like, like anybody, like it matters to anybody else. And so I'm a great example. So to say that a vaccine is or is not good for me. And there are lots of people who would say, Hey, Nick, you should get vaccinated. And there are lots of people say, Nick, you shouldn't get vaccinated? Really? How can you say that? So I've traumatic brain injury from a, from the service in the military and at the CIA? How's that vaccine going to affect my traumatic brain injury? How is it not going to affect my traumatic brain injury? What is it going to do to the other drugs that I'm taking? Are there any contraindications, right, that's why we have personal doctors so that we can have conversations with our personal doctor who can inform us and we can make a decision that we feel is best for us. So that goes all the way back to the beginning of this conversation, we're talking about the, you know, prohibition of, of certain substances, just that are working for people, but somebody who doesn't have to deal with those issues, says, Well, I don't believe that they're actually working for somebody, therefore, I'm going to pass policy and law to make it so that you can't use those or that's not good for my pocketbook in my portfolio. So I'm not going to allow those things to go through. You have to you have to continue to buy drugs from the people who are good for my, you know, my personal wealth building, all the way down to when we talk about child exploitation and human trafficking. Actually, holding those politicians accountable, and not putting the onus on the first responders as if, you know, they, they aren't paying as much attention to this because they don't want to.

J James Geering 1:59:01

I couldn't agree more. Well, speaking of the first responder professionals, we talked about the app being on the app store from September 1, which is when this will be out. But also you have you know, so much available to you know, the for the police, fire paramedic, all and as I said, doctors and nurses, you have classes, I remember Greg Jackson talking about doing the ones that where he is in Albuquerque. So talk to me about whatever, you know, all the courses that are on that site, and then where can people find that site so they can access not only education, but as you're talking about the resources if it's a law enforcement agency, so they can have this incredible support from deliver fun to help them pinpoint the people that they need to be they need to be kicking the doors in.

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Sure. So first is everybody just needs to download and subscribe to the app. That's really the first step. Even even the even a law enforcement detective if they don't have any other way of screening phone numbers, that that's, that's what they should use, and running phone numbers and email addresses through it. if again, if only half the population did that it would be extremely difficult for, for human traffickers and child predators to hide anywhere. The second is for first responders, we have a series of, of courses that are coming out everything from human trafficking one on one to human trafficking specific to first responders, those courses are, are all going to be available through the deliverer funded.org website. And that's deliver as in deliver a package fund.org. And regardless of who you are, you're an industry partner, you're a soccer mom, you're a first responder, your everything is there at deliver fund.org And you can find the resource that works best for you. If you are a professional, and you can, and you need a continuing education credit. And there was an opportunity to educate you on the human trafficking side and you don't see a course, from the deliverer funds site that actually works for you. Please sign up for our email, because we actually will distribute this stuff through newsletters, we put it on social media as well. But sign up for emails, and you'll you'll get that direct to your inbox. And then also a good way to just stay on top of the resources that we're making available to you is to is to follow us on social media. So for me, it's at the dot NIC dot McKinley on Instagram, and just at the Nick McKinley on everything else. And and then at deliver fund on all of the platforms. And we use those social media platforms along with our newsletters to keep people informed. Now, if you're a law enforcement first responder or something like that we have very specific newsletters that we will send out to you. That is information that we don't make available to the general public. So please contact us get signed up. And we'll make sure that you you get what you need to be successful in this fight.

J James Geering 2:02:12

When the film came out, obviously there was a lot of discussion about this topic. My perspective was, Is this going to gain a foothold? Are people going to be part of the solution? Or is it going to be there until the next shiny object comes along and then off, they go again. So if people are listening, and they want to donate, they want to support deliver fund and all the incredible work you're doing? How can they go about that?



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The best way to do that is deliver fund.org forward slash donate or just go to deliver fun.org and click that donate button in the upper right hand corner. The reason why we're able to provide this training and data to law enforcement for free, the reason why you'll see the app as a subscription, it's \$1.99 a month or I think it's something like \$18 for if you want to pay for the whole year up front, which is extremely cheap. When you consider the data you get access to and the complexity of the technology. Why are we able to make it so cheap so that it's affordable to everybody? Well, it's because it's highly supplemented by donors. And I think when you talk about donation, a lot of people think that you need to be a Mackenzie Bezos, or you need to be, you know, a Bill Gates or somebody with all of these resources. Never underestimate the power of the widow's mite. If you remember that story from the Bible. You know, a mite was actually a coin. And, and, you know, \$5 a month is awesome people can do and that's extremely helpful. And we have other people who can do \$5,000 a month and that's obviously very helpful as well. But if we collectively are everybody working together to fight human trafficking, and you know, using the app, actually taking the training so that we know what we know that what we're talking about, and we can think critically and distill conspiracy theory from, from actual fact and truth, and we are all contributing to the fight, then we're gonna have a lot better society for our children.



James Geering 2:04:19

I couldn't agree more. Well, Nick, I want to thank you again, we've been chatting for two hours this time, and it's been an incredible conversation. Thank you for what you've been doing. As you talked about before, you've been doing this for over a decade now. So you know, this isn't just a hot topic at the moment. You know, you and I spoke years before and now we're revisiting to firstly see where you are, and also just, you know, get people back in the middle of the row where they themselves can be part of the solution. So I want to thank you for the work that you're doing and deliver fun and I want to thank you again for coming on the behind the show podcast today.



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Hey, thanks for having me, James. Appreciate the work that you do.