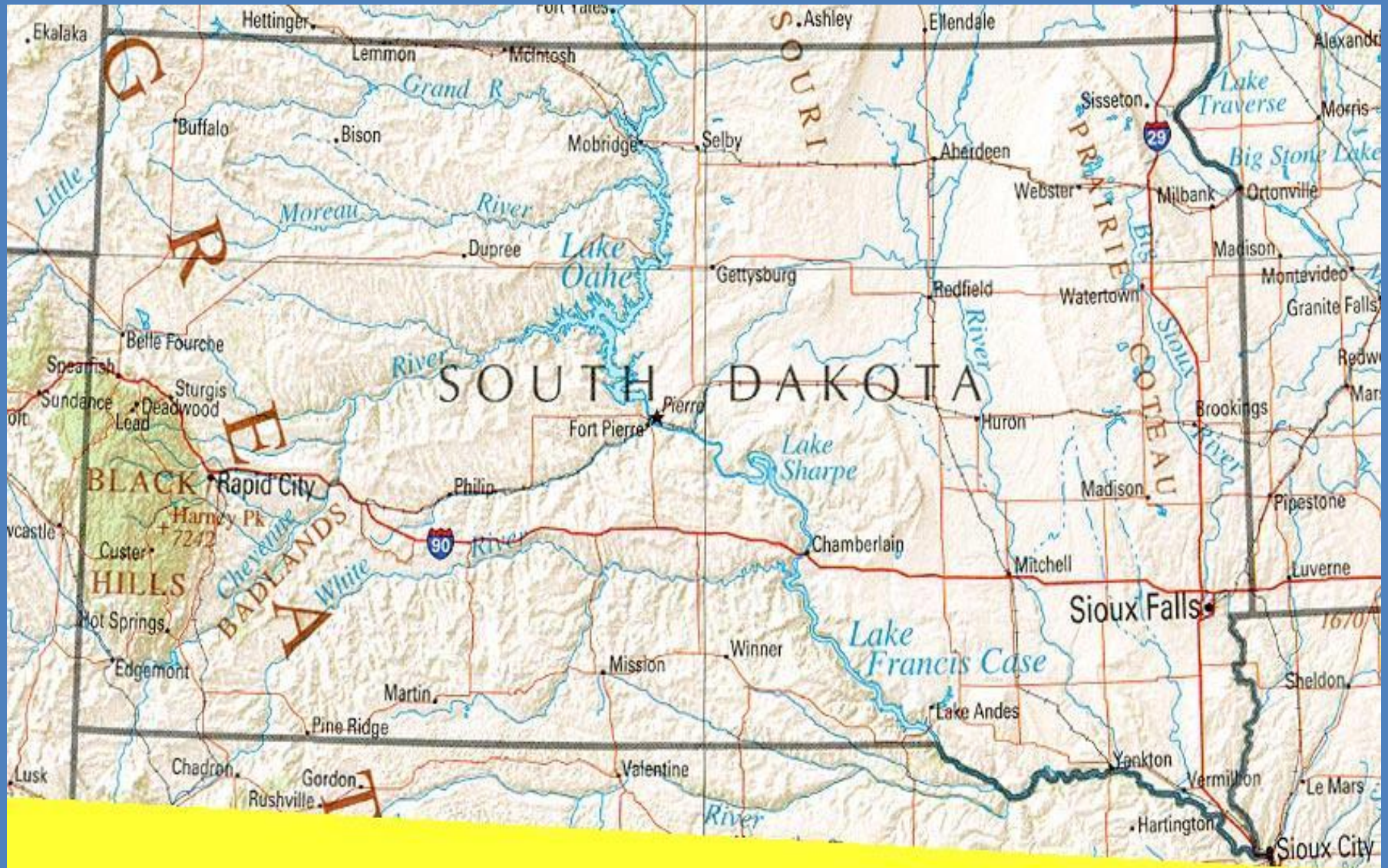


Is it happening here?



How Was the Case Investigated?



- Surveillance
- Police reports
- Subpoenaed phone records
- Search warrants of homes, car, email accounts
- Interviews, interviews, interviews
- Electronic records
- Public record searches
- Wired confidential informant

Vulnerable Victims

- Sexual abuse
- Rape victims
- Substance abuse
- Chronic runaways
- Previous history of prostitution
- Severe poverty
- Emotional/mental instability
- Dropout/truancy concerns at school

Victims' Concerns

- Embarrassment
- Reputation
- Criminal Charges
- Retribution

Keeping Track of Victims: Solutions

- Maintain constant communication
- Visiting witnesses in person when phone communications failed
- Making these friendships the highest priority
- Using whatever means of communication victims desired
- Building trust means being there for them when no one else is (court appearances, mental hospitals, residential placements, school visits, JDC facilities)

Maintaining Confidentiality

- Referring to victims anonymously in court filings
- Interviewers use strict discretion about disclosing sensitive information about other victims
- Vigilance about only using contacts approved by victims
- Making special arrangements to assure privacy when attending public proceedings
- Directly address anonymity concerns with press

Thompson's Charges

- Sex trafficking by force, fraud, or coercion
- Sex trafficking of children
- Interstate prostitution
- Child pornography production, distribution, and possession
- Use of a firearm in a crime of violence
- Solicitation to murder federal witnesses
- Obstruction of sex trafficking investigation
- Identity theft