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MISSING TEENS WITH A COMMON LINK BRINGS TWO ORGANIZATIONS TOGETHER TO HELP THE FAMILIES

National (U.S.A.) - The National Women's Coalition Against Violence & Exploitation (NWCAVE) and All We Want is Love organizations announced this week that they have joined in partnership in an effort to bring more attention to the much-needed issue of missing and exploited women and girls associated with some modeling websites that seem to be the common denominator in many of the cases.

This past week after being retained by the family of missing teen, **Raven Furlong** of Aurora, Colorado, NWCAVE launched a national media campaign in order to help find their client's missing daughter. Furlong's case had a common denominator of another case they have, **Kara Nichols**, 19, missing since October from Colorado Springs, CO; both girls have a profile on a site called modelmayhem.com.

NWCAVE tried to get the public and media to pay attention back in November after learning of other possible cases linked to the modeling site including the case of **Kayla Croft-Payne** missing from Washington State after she left for a photo shoot with a photographer from the same site as the other girls. It was not until this past week when another family needed the services of NWCAVE that reignited their quest for answers and investigation into what appears to be a connection with many cases across the United States.

"When you have a website that the Better Business Bureau rates with an 'F' in addition to numerous complaints, victims that lived to tell their stories and many missing women all with a profile on this same site, we believe a Federal Investigation is warranted," said **Michelle A. Bart**, President and Co-founder of NWCAVE. "We took these cases because the families felt hopeless and needed help being heard, we are praying someone report tips that can lead police to their daughters," said Bart.

Professional model **Jillian Mourning**, 25, says she learned firsthand the dangers of modeling websites when she was 19. Mourning connected with a "manager" on Model Mayhem and was sexually assaulted during a shoot in Arizona.

"He came into my room with three guys, and they [all] proceeded to rape me," said Mourning. "They took pictures of it, and would even show me pictures of things that I was doing, and videotaped the whole thing."

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Mourning says at 19 years old, she felt trapped. She said she was trafficked and forced to have sex with men for six months until her manager went to prison for an unrelated crime.

“As many as 2.8 million children run away each year in the United States. Within 48 hours of hitting the streets one-third of these children are lured or recruited into the underground world of prostitution and pornography,” said Mourning. Today, Mourning is the founder of All We Want Is Love organization.

“All of these girls are someone’s daughter, niece, sister, granddaughter and deserve to be looked for and their cases investigated no matter if they are a runaway or not. Most runaways in the 21st century are not running from anyone, they are running to someone. Being lured away, especially if underage, is a crime and we must intervene immediately once they go missing, waiting and constant delays result in cold cases and years of uncertainty, none of us want that,” said Bart.

To find out more about the NWCAVE cases visit – www.karanichols.org, www.ravenfurlong.org and www.KaylaCroftPayne.org.

About NWCAVE: The National Women’s Coalition Against Violence & Exploitation (NWCAVE) is a volunteer operated non-profit organization located in the pacific northwest of the United States of America. We continue working to inform, educate and prevent violence and exploitation against women and children nationally and internationally. Whether human trafficking, domestic violence, sexual assault, kidnapping/abduction, sexual violence, stalking, bullying, hate crimes and all other forms of violence and exploitation against women and children, NWCAVE strives to keep the public informed and educated on how we can live in a more civilized society free of violence. **www.NWCAVE.org**

About All We Want Is LOVE aims to fight the injustice of modern day slavery through education and liberation. We want to rid the response of “I didn’t know” to the question of modern day slavery, especially in the United States. Through community education programs and training, the community can better protect themselves from being victimized and has a responsibility to hold those responsible who victimize others. We strive to create a culture that does not criminalize victims and glorify predators. **www.allwewantislove.org**

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