Human Trafficking and Cryptocurrencies, P Warrack
7th Feb, 2017
Indicators – (types of Financial Transactions)

- **Online advertising and promotional services** (e.g. escort services, massage services, relationship services, related peer-to-peer online booking services): frequent payments in multiples of small amounts (e.g. $3, $12, $24) in relatively short timelines and inconsistent with expected activity, (FINTRAC Operational Alert, Dec 15th, 2016)

- July, 2015 VISA/MasterCard refuse payment for Backpage Ads – payment switched to Bitcoins

- “They, (Backpage ads) are essentially enabling pimps to do their work,” said Det.-Sgt. Nunzia Tramontozzi, (Toronto Human Trafficking Unit)……almost 98.99 per cent of all the people that we deal with, all the pimps use Backpage.com to advertise for the girls that they’re running” Diana Mehta / The Canadian Press, JANUARY 12, 2017 10:18 AM

- So how do you pay for ads using Bitcoins? – It’s easy!
Find a Bitcoin ATM

- Bitcoin ATM in Etobicoke: 24/7 Rexdale Blvd & 427 - III excellent privacy. 247Bitcoin.ca - 19 (Etobicoke, Ontario)
- Bitcoin ATM in Mississauga: 24/7 hours II - BUY & SELL bitcoin at machine - 19 (Mississauga)
- Open 24-7 - Bitcoin ATM in Brampton - excellent privacy. tobitcoin.ca - 19 (Brampton)
- Open 24-7 - Bitcoin ATM in Toronto - excellent privacy. Steeles & Weston! tobitcoin.ca - 19 (5455 Steeles Ave W, Toronto)
- Bitcoin ATM in Richmond Hill - Yonge & Elgin - IIII excellent privacy. tobitcoin.ca - 19 (York Region)
- Open 24-7 - Bitcoin ATM in Toronto - Yonge & Eglinton II - 19 (Toronto, Ontario)
- Sun. Jan. 29
  - Bitcoin ATM D/T TORONTOIII Yonge St & Front - excellent privacy - 19 (30 Yonge Street, Toronto)
  - Bitcoin ATM in EtobicokeIII - Kipling & Eglinton - excellent privacy. tobitcoin.ca - 19 (City of Toronto)
Pay in Cash – No Questions Asked

USBITCOIN FOR BACKPAGE ADVERTISING

** Remember, Bitcoin is the most anonymous form of receiving and sending payment. Unlike a traditional credit card your name and info is NOT required!! When you buy from our ATMs, we have no idea who you are or what you do with your money, ever.

The first thing you need to do is to make sure you have a wallet installed on your smartphone. Having a wallet on your smartphone is the best way to control the Bitcoins you purchase, as well as a way for you yourself to be able to confirm payment to your BackPage account.

Pick a wallet here: http://tobitcoin.ca/bitcoin-resources/
Install, setup, watch quick video here: http://tobitcoin.ca/setting-up-a-bitcoin-wallet-on-android/
* install the wallet before you goto the atm. Give it time to sync with the network. Being on WiFi or data is key.

Now if you have a BackPage account already setup, login. In our example we will be renewing our ad. Goto BackPage manage my account. Click Manage Ad (see & click image below)
Other Methods of Payment
Backpage Credits

PLEASE NOTE!! All gift cards (like the ones you get at a gas station/pharmacy etc) MUST be registered for online use; on the back of the card is a website, or a phone number, and easy instructions to register the card. When checking out you have to enter the correct billing info you used to register the card!
Indicators

In conjunction with other strong indicators of human trafficking / sexual slavery:

- Remittances to known Bitcoin exchanges, *frequent*, and in relatively small amounts, ($2/3/6/12 etc.)

- Purchase of gift cards, prepaid credit cards, iTunes cards etc.

- Remittances to sites such as Backpage credits, Paxful etc.

- Remittances to persons connected to LocalBitcoins in frequent and small amounts....
Local Bitcoins – Intelligence Rich