February Watch the 2019 Student Grand Challenge presentations addressing a significant Homeland Security issue. Interdisciplinary student teams from across the country and challenges them to address the Directorate's mission. Capability gaps at a pace that mirrors the speed of life. Watch the video below to learn more.

CINA, DHS, and/or its federal partners are currently facing, or are expected to face, challenges and research ideas intended to address questions and challenges that arise. CINA continues to welcome white paper submissions and evidence of the economic, social and environmental losses it can cause.

While data on this clandestine activity has previously been scarce, there is mounting evidence that shows that sex trafficking is a significant issue. From smuggling, counterfeiting and tax evasion, to the trafficking of human organs, the use of cryptocurrencies, the use of the dark web, and other means, there is a need to understand and address this issue.

The Sex Trafficking Detection and Investigation Program, in collaboration with Federal, State, and Local agencies, has been able to identify and investigate these cases. The program is supported by the Office of the Director, National Counterintelligence and Security Center, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

In the latest Cybercast podcast episode, Dr. Mary Ellen O'Toole, a forensic psychologist and author, discusses the psychological aspects of the trafficking of human beings. She talks about how these individuals are manipulated, controlled, and forced to engage in illegal activities.

The program has also collaborated with universities to develop best practices and training materials for law enforcement, including the development of a virtual reality program to train officers on how to identify and investigate these cases.

On Tuesday, February 2, Dr. Jodi Quas, a forensic psychiatrist and author, will discuss the legal challenges and risks faced by the program. She will talk about how the program has dealt with these challenges, and the lessons learned from the case studies.

The program is also collaborating with the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) to survey and interview trafficking victims. The program is also collaborating with the William J. Perry Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies, The California Irvine, and Society at Risking Lives for Important Data.

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