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# Judge Frog:

# Comprehensive Human Trafficking Data Search and Analysis

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USA v. Wei et al

USA v. Zavala et al

USA v. Farguharson

**STEP** 

### Problem

- The issue of human trafficking has sparked interest from the government, academicians, non-government organizations, and the private sector
- With today's available resources on human trafficking it is difficult to examine:
  - How interconnected is organized crime with human trafficking in the United States
  - What types of organized crime groups engage in human trafficking
  - The possibility to prevent individuals from engaging in organized crime, and specifically human trafficking

## Solution

Our project addresses the issues stated in the problem by:

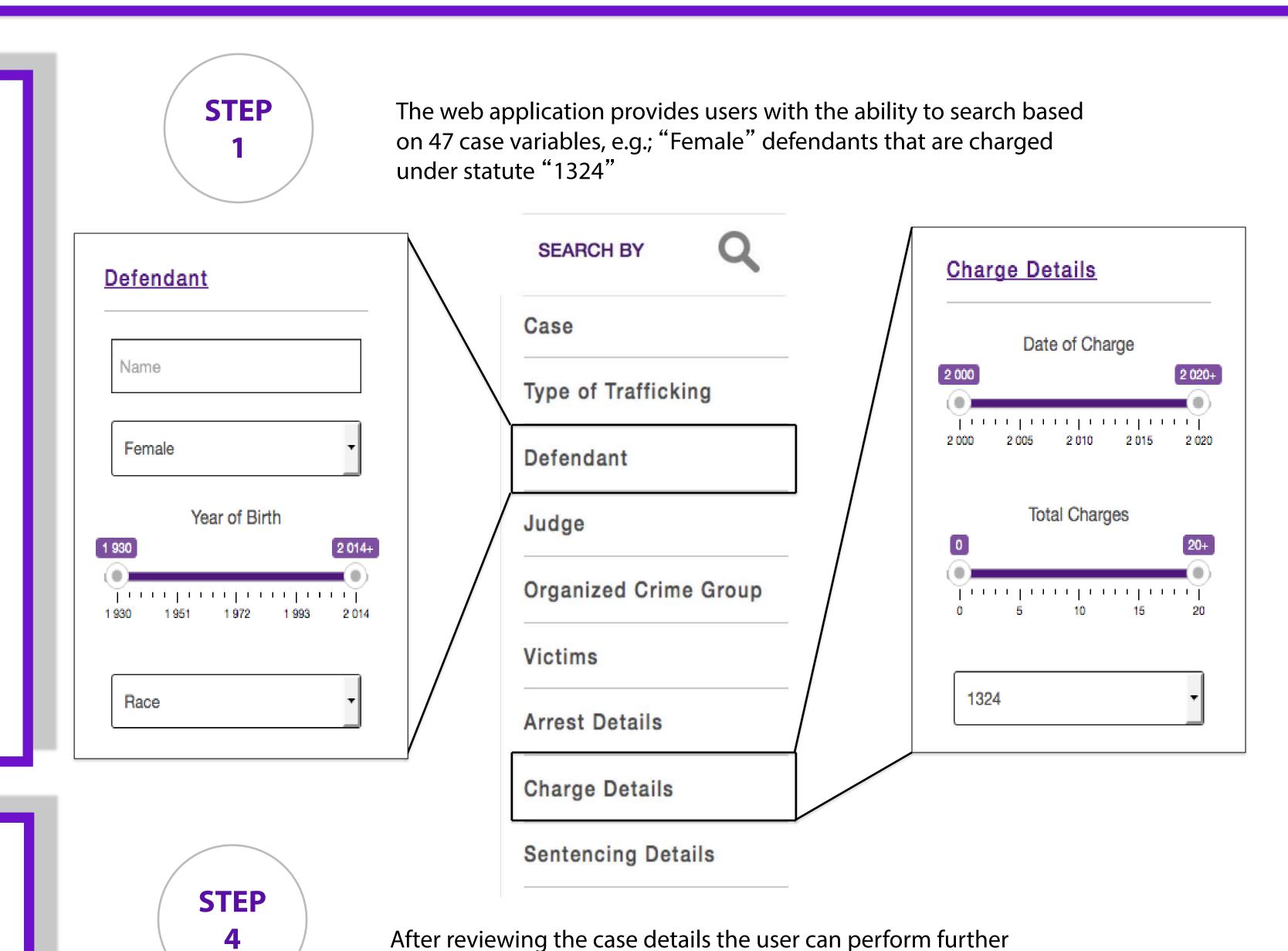
- Creating a comprehensive database to store information on federal human trafficking cases
- Developing tools for administrators to maintain the database
- Developing interface for administrators to maintain users
- Providing a robust search function allowing users to query and filter the database
- Displaying dynamically generated graphs that allow analyses to be performed on these cases

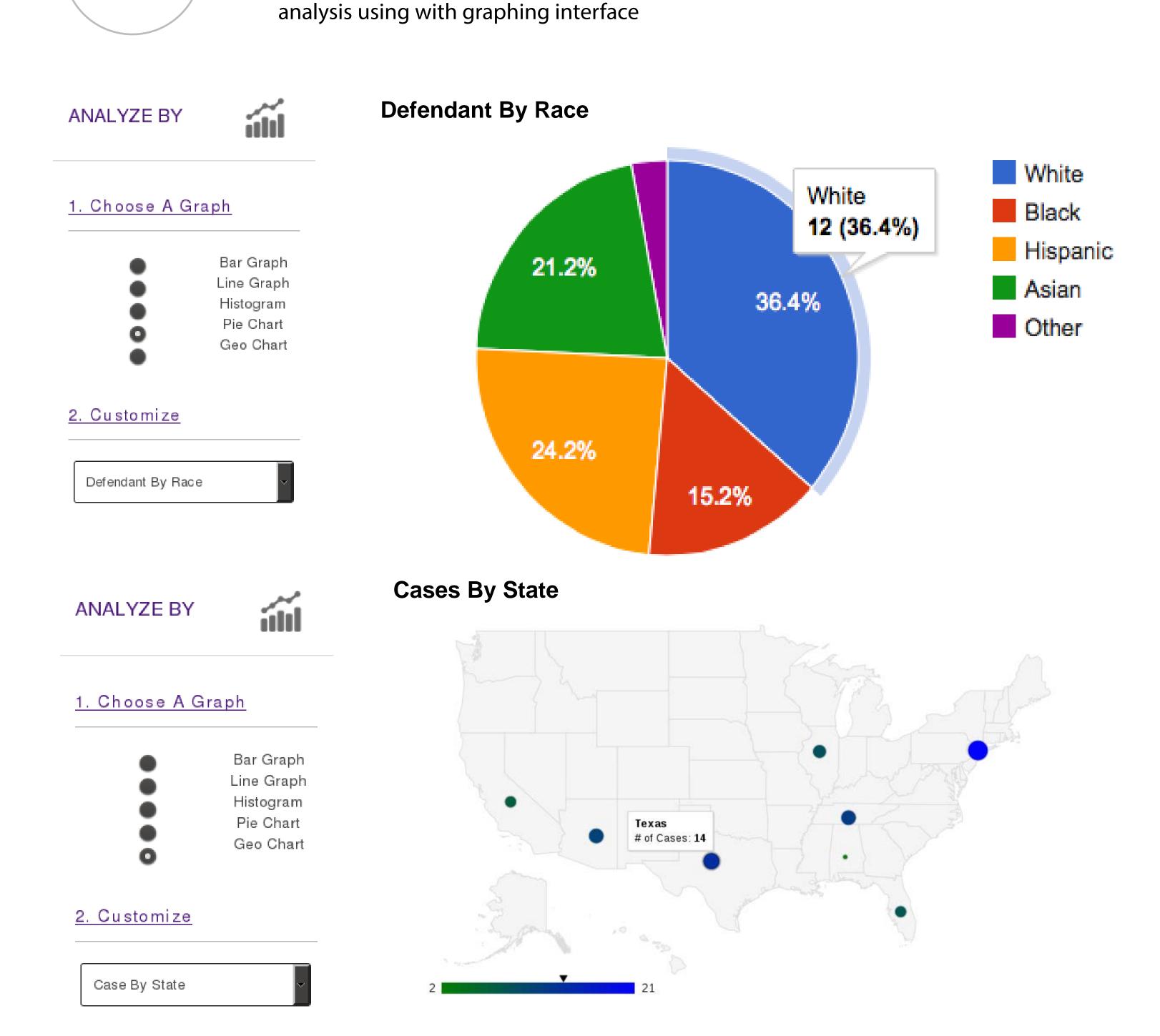
# Database Structure

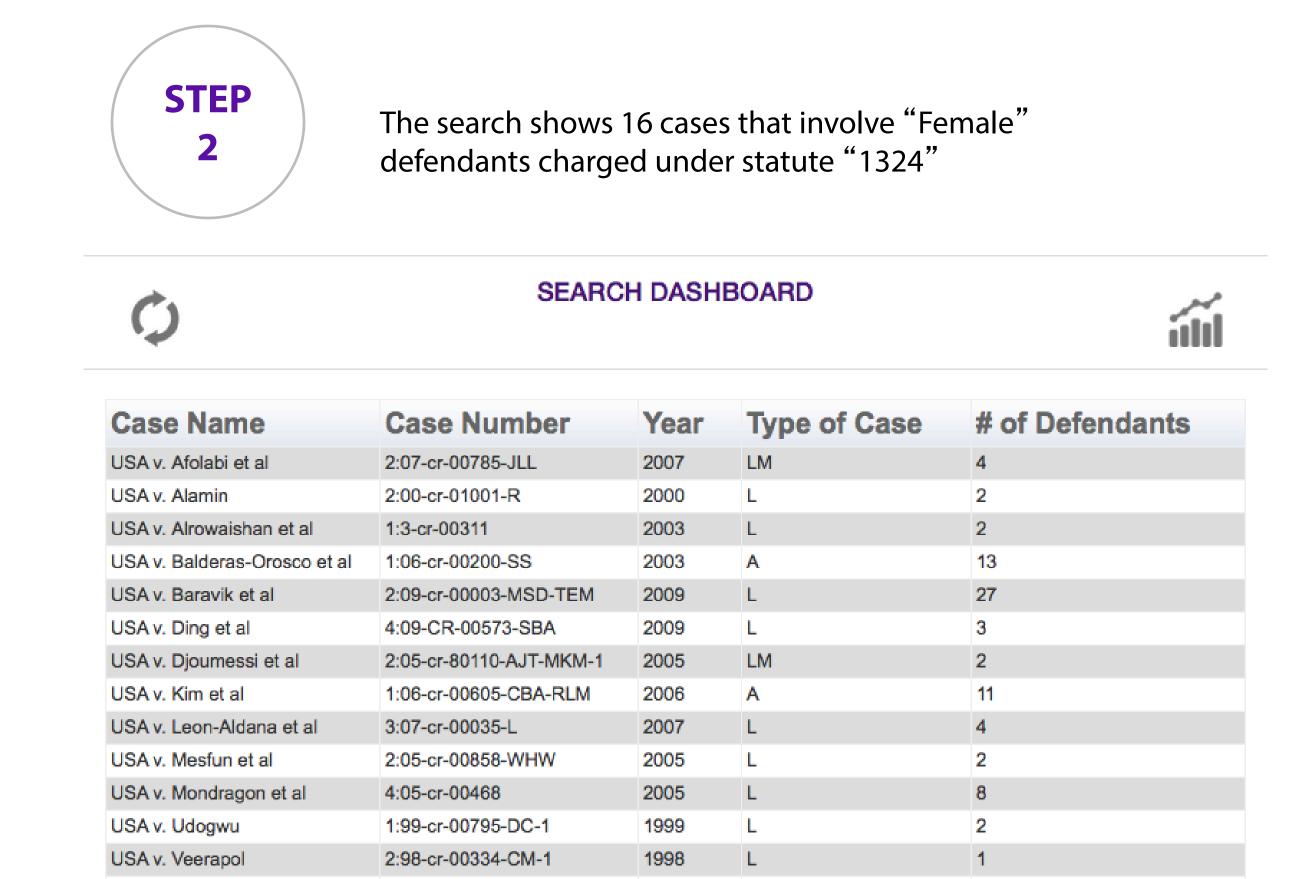
- Comprehensive database developed with MySQL
- Stores case information consisting of judge, federal district location, defendant, and victims information
- Each defendant contains information regarding their arrest, charges, sentencing and organized crime involvement
- Database contains multiple tables allowing assistants to insert cases and receive administrator approval before appending new information to the working dataset

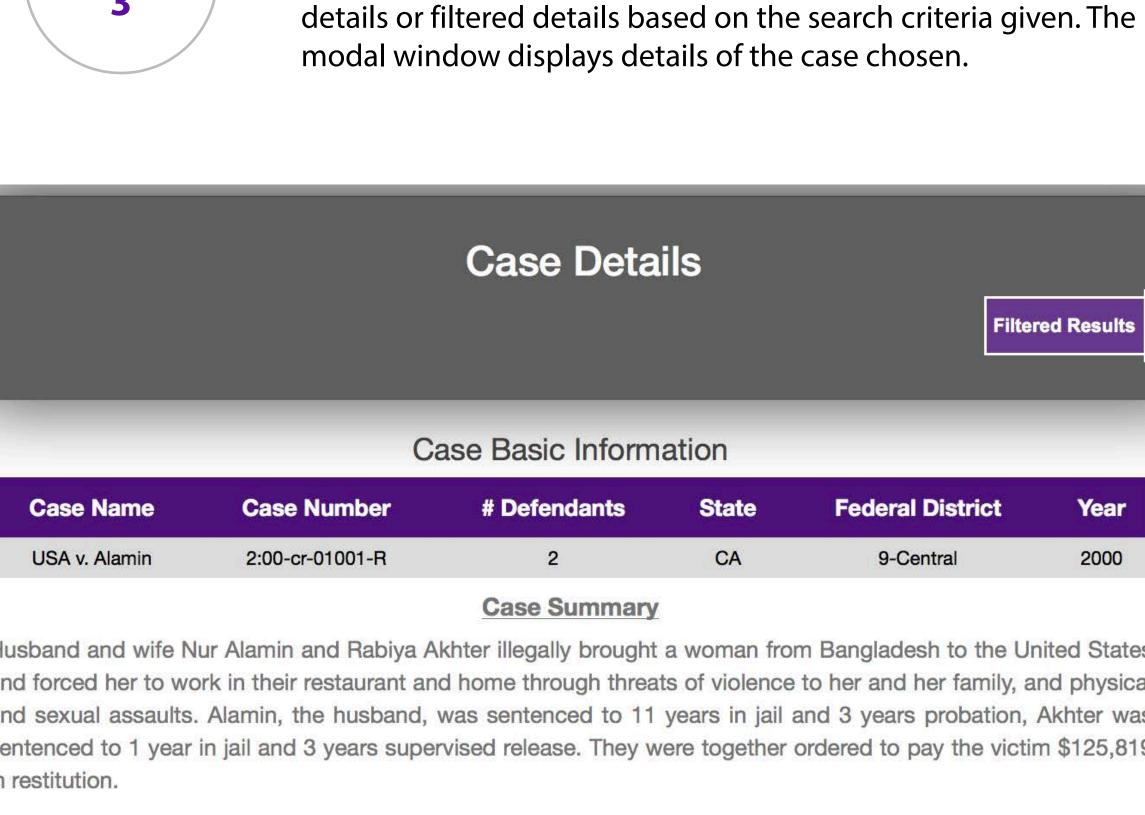
# **Web Application**

- Provides a user friendly web interface for the user to search thousands of human trafficking cases
- Interfaces with MySQL database to search, analyze, and maintain a working dataset
- Will allow public access at no cost









The user can choose any of the 16 selected cases and review all

# and forced her to work in their restaurant and home through threats of violence to her and her family, and physical assaults. Alamin, the husband, was sentenced to 11 years in jail and 3 years probation, Akhter was sentenced to 1 year in jail and 3 years supervised release. They were together ordered to pay the victim \$125,819 **Defendant Information** Gender Year of Birth Race Charge Information

Search Panel

- Allows user to search the database for thousands of cases and their individual defendants
- Search by 47 different case specific variables and view applicable results in table
- Select row in results table to display detailed case information

## **Analyze Panel**

- Allows user to visualize specified data from all or selected cases
- Choose from 5 types of graphs and select the independent and dependent variables to dynamically generate an interactive graph

## **Admin Panel**

- User permissions:
  - Admin: allowed full to admin panel
- Research Assistant (RA): allowed access to create and edit
- Case entry is performed via single-case insertion or administrator batch upload
- Allows administrators to review a case after case has been inserted or edited
- Case editing and deletion performed solely by admins

# **Results and Conclusions**

- Successfully developed a highly efficient interface for searching and analyzing human trafficking cases
- Provided ability for admins to maintain dataset to add to project longevity
- Experienced real world interactions with clients and working with clients' requirements

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