



## Washington D.C. Human Trafficking Statistics

### WASHINGTON D.C. HUMAN TRAFFICKING FACTS AND RESOURCES

- ❖ Minors are still subject to arrest and punishment for prostitution in D.C. despite their status as sex trafficking victims under the sex trafficking law.
- ❖ Video: 'The DC Track: Sex Slavery in the Shadow of the White House' Polaris Project's Executive Director Brad Myles talks about sex slavery in Washington D.C. Directed and produced by 3 Generations.
- ❖ Quote: "Washington D.C. stands to become the human trafficking capitol of America, as well as the political one"– Amanda Kloer
- ❖ According to The Polaris Project, there are 77 massage parlors in the region believed to be selling trafficked women. The Polaris Project's D.C. arm has already prosecuted 35 traffickers and rescued over 70 victims.
- ❖ "The FBI has identifies the Washington, D.C., area as one of the 14 major sex trafficking centers in the US", says Louise Shelly, a professor and director of the Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption Center at George Mason University.
- ❖ In 2015: D.C. reported 67 cases; 298 calls were made to the NHTRC Hotline.

### HUMAN TRAFFICKING NEWS FROM WASHINGTON D.C.

Homeland Security Implements Human Trafficking Training (AFRO, January 30, 2016) - President Barack Obama on the last day of 2015 declared the month of January to be National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month 2016 and urged all Americans to take the necessary steps to end all forms of slavery. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security took the president's advice when on Jan. 27 it announced training for federal law enforcement officials to help them become better aware of the signs of human trafficking during the performance of their duties.

<http://www.afro.com/homeland-security-implements-human-trafficking/>

Mayor Bowser Announces Expanded Anti-Human Trafficking Initiatives (DC.gov, Executive Office of the Mayor, January 11, 2016) - In recognition of Human Trafficking Awareness Day, Mayor Muriel Bowser and Maria Odom of the US Department of Homeland Security's Blue Campaign today announced a new partnership to increase efforts to combat human trafficking, as well as new anti-trafficking initiatives by the District of Columbia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). The partnership with the Blue Campaign – which works with law enforcement, government, non-governmental and private organizations to prevent human trafficking – will include a public awareness campaign and workplace posters to help the public identify and report suspected trafficking.

<http://mayor.dc.gov/release/mayor-bowser-announces-expanded-anti-human-trafficking-initiatives>

10 Reasons to Defund Planned Parenthood: Part 1 – How this issue relates to modern day slavery (Christian Post, July 29, 2015) - This article lists 10 very crucial parts of human trafficking that are being facilitated by Planned Parenthood. The 10: Planned Parenthood is illegally trafficking human body parts, they are openly political, they aid pimps and sex traffickers, they fail to screen for coercion and cover up sexual abuse of minors, and they support sex-selective abortions.

<http://www.christianpost.com/news/10-reasons-to-defund-planned-parenthood-part-1-142066/>

#### State Grade C

\*Shared Hope Report Cards grade each state on 6 key principles which set a national standard of protection against domestic minor sex trafficking. Graded from A-F: 'A' being most protected, 'F' being least protected.

#### Flash Points 15 out of 15

\*Trafficking is a complex issue influenced by several underlying factors, such as transportation, entertainment, or tourism. Each state is assessed based on the 15 major factors that contribute to trafficking. These determine the influences present in each state that increase residents' risk of being trafficked. 12 out of 15 flash points are found in Washington DC.

#### Tier 2 of 4

\*Polaris Project rates all 50 states on a 4 tier scale based on 10 categories of laws which are critical to a basic legal framework that combats human trafficking, punishes traffickers and supports survivors. Tier 1 meets the most categories while tier 4 meets the least. Tier 2 indicates the state has made numerous laws to combat human trafficking and should take more steps to improve and implement its laws. Washington DC meets 6 of the 10 categories of laws necessary to combat human trafficking.

[www.warinternational.org](http://www.warinternational.org) - [info@warinternational.org](mailto:info@warinternational.org) - 616-855-0796

Trafficking Tip Line: 1.877.END.SLAVERY

National Trafficking Hotline 1.888.373.7888

U.S. Dept. of Justice Trafficking and Workers' Exploitation Hotline 1.888.428.7581

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Our Take on the 2015 Trafficking in Persons Report by IJM (International Justice Mission, July 9, 2015) - The Report has historically been the gold standard for the truth about trafficking and slavery and promoting the cause of freedom in 188 countries around the world. Unfortunately, this year the Report upgrades one country, Malaysia, undeservedly. The graduation of Malaysia from its former status as Tier 3 – a failing grade – to Tier 2 Watch List reflects the White House's desire to include Malaysia in its Transpacific Partnership trade agreement.

<http://freedomcommons.ijm.org/news/update-our-take-2015-trafficking-persons-report%E2%80%94released-today>

Prostitution sting: Police arrest 30 men in Northwest D.C. Crackdown (Washington Post, July 21, 2015) - D.C. police say they have arrested 30 men in connection with prostitution in Northwest Washington as part of a program to cut down on the crime. Since January, 2015, D.C. police have conducted several stings at hotels in response to concerns from area business owners, church pastors and residents who said they still saw prostitutes near the city's red-light district.

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/crime/thirty-men-in-dc-charged-with-soliciting-prostitutes/2015/07/21/a14c092a-2f9b-11e5-8f36-18d1d501920d\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/crime/thirty-men-in-dc-charged-with-soliciting-prostitutes/2015/07/21/a14c092a-2f9b-11e5-8f36-18d1d501920d_story.html)

Human trafficking alleged at DC-area Saudi diplomatic compound (CBS News, May 2, 2013)

After a tip to a telephone hotline, agents from the State Department spoke to two Filipino women employed in a compound owned by the Saudi military in McLean, Va., just across the Potomac River from Washington. The women told agents they are household workers brought to the U.S. legally, but they complained they've never been allowed to leave the compound and said they felt like indentured servants.

[http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-505263\\_162-57582491/human-trafficking-alleged-at-d.c.-area-saudi-diplomatic-compound/](http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-505263_162-57582491/human-trafficking-alleged-at-d.c.-area-saudi-diplomatic-compound/)

Washington DC Man Sentenced to More Than 12 Years in Prison for Transporting a Minor to Engage in Prostitution (FBI Press Release, April 15, 2013)

Chief U.S. District Judge Deborah K. Chasanow sentenced Dante Law, a/k/a Prepaid, age 30, of Washington, D.C., today to 150 months in prison, followed by 10 years of supervised release, for conspiracy to transport a minor to engage in prostitution. Chief Judge Chasanow also ordered that upon his release from prison, Law must register as a sex offender in the place where he resides, where he is an employee, and where he is a student.

<http://www.fbi.gov/baltimore/press-releases/2013/washington-d.c.-man-sentenced-to-more-than-12-years-in-prison-for-transporting-a-minor-to-engage-in-prostitution>

Prevent Your child From Being a Victim of Sex Trafficking, On The Rise Locally (WUSA 9, February 19, 2013)

She said it was just like any friendship. "By the time he started pushing for me to run away, it sounded like a good idea." He promised to take her to a dance club. Instead, he took her to a motel in Atlantic City. "There was a woman in the motel room, she was very, very pretty, he kind of handed me over to her and said get her ready," she said.

<http://www.wusa9.com/rss/article/244281/158/Sex-Trafficking-On-The-Rise-In-DC-MD-VA>

Increase in Teen Sex Trafficking in DC Area (WUSA 9, October 11, 2012)

If you think human trafficking is something that happens only in other countries, think again. It's happening to girls as young as 12 years old right here in our area.

FAIR Girls is a non-profit organization that helps victims of human trafficking to survive. Asia Graves of Northwest DC works for the organization, speaking out in high schools and telling her story. At age 16, she was bought, beaten, raped, choked and sold again. She's 24 today, a college student, an advocate and a true inspiration. But her path wasn't easy. This college student, and now-women's right advocate has scars you can see, and many you can't. She says her hell started when she ran from her drug-addled mom and alcoholic dad, "The support I found was from young men as well as men who were actually pimps who told me they loved me. They were the father figure that I never had," she said.

<http://www.wusa9.com/news/article/224995/158/Increase-in-Teen-Sex-Trafficking-in-DC-Area>