



New Hampshire Human Trafficking Statistics

NEW HAMPSHIRE HUMAN TRAFFICKING FACTS AND RESOURCES

- ❖ New Hampshire is in the second to last tier of four for its lack of provisions and protections for victims of trafficking, its inadequately trained police force, and lack of investigative tools.
- ❖ New Hampshire only meets three parts of twelve within the ten categories required to adequately prevent and fight human trafficking according to the Polaris Project 2013 State Ratings.
- ❖ New Hampshire received a “D” grade for its laws protecting children from sex trafficking, in part because the state does not have the provisions for minor victims.
- ❖ In 2015, the state reported 12 cases; 47 calls were made to the National Human Trafficking Hotline

HUMAN TRAFFICKING NEWS FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE

Man to face sentencing in Portsmouth human trafficking case (Union Leader, January 5, 2016) - A Boston man could face up to eight to 20 years in prison later this month after pleading to human trafficking charges related to four young women that worked as prostitutes in Portsmouth. Frantzer Fleurimond, 28, of Mattapan waived indictment on a new human trafficking charge, and pleaded guilty to two other counts of trafficking in persons and a single count of sale of a controlled drug.

<http://www.unionleader.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20160106/NEWS03/160109597>

John Kasich pushes for human trafficking bill (Cincinnati.com, July 27, 2015) Kasich is in the running to become the GOP nominee for president. In a recent talk in New Hampshire, he talked about three different things he would focus on as president, one of them being human trafficking. He wants to unite Republicans and Democrats while pushing comprehensive bills addressing human trafficking – an issue that he says even plagues New Hampshire.

<http://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/politics/elections/2015/07/26/john-kasich-presidential-candidate-town-hall-meeting-new-hampshire/30716717/>

Massage parlor owner indicted for human trafficking (*The Eagle-Tribune*, June 28, 2013)

An Essex County grand jury indicted Lori Ann Barron, 50, of Salem, N.H., yesterday on three counts of human trafficking, maintaining a house of prostitution, deriving support from prostitution, witness intimidation, and videotaping unsuspecting nude persons, the office of District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett said. Barron is accused of operating a “day spa” for men in Lawrence in which she allegedly videotaped women performing sexual acts in order to prevent them from quitting their jobs and going to police.

<http://www.eagletribune.com/newhampshire/x1696412723/Massage-parlor-owner-indicted-for-human-trafficking>

State Grade D

*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 10 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. 10 of the 15 flash points are found in New Hampshire.

Tier 1 of 4 (Green)

*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 nominal laws to combat human trafficking and should take more steps to improve and implement its laws. New Hampshire meets 3 of the 10 categories of laws necessary to combat human trafficking.

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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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Sex trafficking out of the shadows in NH (*The Telegraph*, January 29, 2013)

When it comes to identifying the major issues facing state officials this year, it's a safe bet that human trafficking and the exploitation of young girls for sex isn't at the top of the list. Yet, there was Attorney General Michael Delaney presiding over a news conference this month, announcing the formation of a 33-member task force to combat human trafficking in the state. "New Hampshire citizens pay traffickers every weekend to exploit these women for personal satisfaction," Delaney said at the Jan. 17 press event, referring to online ads promoting sex with "very young" women. <http://www.nashuatelegraph.com/opinion/editorials/991849-465/sex-trafficking-out-of-the-shadows-in.html>

There is sex trafficking in NH, and we must fight it (New Hampshire Union Leader, January 19, 2013)

The crime of human trafficking is one of the most egregious human rights violations, and it is happening in our own New Hampshire communities. Its victims are domestic runaways being taken in by traffickers and forced to trade sex for a place to sleep. They are girls being baited into "the life" by a presumed boyfriend who later reveals himself as a pimp. They are individuals lured into this country with false promises of legitimate work, only to be forced into the sex industry on arrival. Much like a victim of domestic violence, human trafficking victims are trapped by fear, isolation and brutality at the hands of their traffickers and those who purchase them for sex. <http://www.unionleader.com/article/20130119/OPINION02/130129984/0/SEARCH>

Local human trafficking persists in Upper Valley (*The Dartmouth*, February 7, 2012)

Sex trafficking in the Upper Valley primarily victimizes vulnerable, female adolescents, says Abby Tassel, WISE assistant director and former College Sexual Abuse Awareness Program coordinator. Although exact numbers regarding instances of trafficking are "hard to know," Tassel said she has seen several cases while working at WISE, a designated support center for issues related to stalking and domestic and sexual violence. Tassel said one woman she worked with in Upper Valley had been trafficked as a girl, despite coming from a well-to-do family, and was sold by her parents to professors and other Upper Valley residents. Another woman Tassel worked with said her trafficker required her to make between \$500 and \$1,500 per day, Tassel said. "She was exhausted," Tassel said. "The level of violence is unimaginable. He knew where she lived and would come and make her go to work."

<http://thedartmouth.com/2012/02/07/news/trafficking>

New Hampshire man sentenced on child exploitation charges (Department of Homeland Security – ICE, February 25, 2011)

PITTSBURGH - Patrick Carney of Manchester, N.H., was sentenced Monday to 15 years in prison for his role in a child exploitation enterprise. The sentence is the result of an investigation conducted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). For several years leading up to 2009, the 67-year-old man, as part of an international group of child pornography collectors, used an otherwise legitimate social networking website to distribute thousands of sexually explicit images of children to each other. According to court documents, many of the images were of prepubescent, mostly male children, some as young as infants, being graphically sexually abused and sometimes sodomized, or subjected to bondage.

<http://www.ice.gov/news/releases/1102/110225pittsburgh.htm>

Suspect Sought In Child Prostitution Investigation (*WMUR*, Jan 20, 2011)

Earlier this month, police confirmed that in the fall, they arrested a teenager at a hotel. Sources told News 9 that the girl was 16 and was sold as a prostitute in a room at the hotel. Police said the girl was advertised and sold online through an adult section of a website. MacDonald said the investigation has spread far. "And we have reason at this point to believe that this incident is part of a larger network of prostitution and possibly human trafficking going through the New England area," he said. MacDonald said Portsmouth police were working with state and federal agencies to find the suspect.

<http://www.wmur.com/r/26563405/detail.html>