



South Dakota Human Trafficking Statistics

SOUTH DAKOTA HUMAN TRAFFICKING FACTS AND RESOURCES

- ❖ South Dakota is the bottom state in the country due to its lack of state laws addressing sex trafficking.
- ❖ South Dakota also lacks laws addressing demand for commercial sex and those providing protection for trafficking victims.
- ❖ In 2015: The state reported 15 cases; 64 calls were made to the NHTRC Hotline.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING NEWS FROM SOUTH DAKOTA

First Ever SD Shelter For Female Victims Of Human Trafficking Opening (KCCR AM 1240, December 15, 2015) - An abandoned motel in central South Dakota will become the first ever shelter strictly for female victims of Human Trafficking. A 14-bed shelter for trafficked women in central South Dakota will soon open after the first of the year. The Pathfinder Center will be run by Wiconi Wawokiya, a non-profit group on the Crow Creek reservation that helps abused children and victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Lisa Heth, the group's executive director, says even though the public knows more about trafficking, there's still resistance to having victims as neighbors.

<http://www.todayskccr.com/blog/first-ever-sd-shelter-for-female-victims-of-human-trafficking-opening-in-chamberlain/>

'Catching awful lot of them': Feds nab sex traffickers in South Dakota (Fox News, November 15, 2015) - It was an anonymous two-story house with an outdoor side staircase, nothing that looked ominous to Kevin Koliner when he passed by going to and from work. On one evening stroll, the federal prosecutor heard loud noises but figured it was just a party. Later, he'd discover the ugly truth. In a squalid second-floor apartment, just blocks from the U.S. attorney's office, Mohammed Sharif Alaboudi ran a violent sex trafficking ring, preying on young, troubled women. The case of Alaboudi, now serving four life terms, offers a glimpse into how the feds are waging an aggressive campaign to root out the illicit sex trade lurking in this seemingly unlikely locale: a low-crime state dotted with sleepy hamlets.

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2015/11/15/catching-awful-lot-them-feds-nab-sex-traffickers-in-south-dakota.html#>

Man prostituted girlfriend for years, police say (Argus Leader, July 17, 2015)

A routine medical call earlier this week led police to a human trafficking investigation and arrest. Michael Lee Dickey, 35, of Sioux Falls was arrested. He faces charges of first-degree human trafficking, two counts domestic aggravated assault, and domestic simple assault. When officers arrived on scene, the woman was visibly upset and saying her boyfriend had threatened her, that he was controlling her, taking her belongings and not letting her leave the house unless he was with her. Dickey had forced this woman to have sex more than 100 times. The victim said Dickey injected her with narcotics two to three times per day, "keeping her high to maintain control" over her.

<http://www.argusleader.com/story/news/2015/07/17/sioux-falls-man-arrested-human-trafficking-charge/30295389/>

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 South Dakota.

Tier 3 of 4 (Orange)

*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 4 indicates the state has not made minimal efforts to enact basic legal framework to combat human trafficking and should take more steps to improve and implement its laws. South Dakota meets 2 of the 10 categories of laws necessary to combat human trafficking.

www.warinternational.org - 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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South Dakota tries to crush shadowy sex trade (*Argus Leader*, June 9, 2013)

Jessica didn't set out to become a prostitute — but by the time she had turned a trick, it felt like her only choice. She thought she had found a new life after an abusive childhood and marriage. She was with a man who had given her a car and had helped her get into a house. She felt safe, and quit her two jobs, confident he would take care of her and her children. Instead, Jessica found herself caught in a web of drug addiction, abuse and sex for hire.

Trapped by intimidation, fear and addiction, she spent almost a year in the sex trade before finding a way out. "It wasn't a random situation," she said. "It was a set-up situation, and I didn't realize it until it was too late."

<http://www.argusleader.com/article/20130609/NEWS/306090032/South-Dakota-tries-crush-shadowy-sex-trade>

Sioux Falls Man Guilty of Sex Trafficking (FBI Press Release, May 15, 2013)

United States Attorney Brendan V. Johnson announced that Tajahn Clinton, age 35, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, appeared before U.S. District Judge Karen E. Schreier on May 15, 2013, and, pursuant to a plea agreement, pled guilty to count two of the fourth superseding indictment that charged Clinton with sex trafficking by force, fraud, or coercion. The charge carries a mandatory minimum prison sentence of 15 years and a maximum of life.

<http://www.fbi.gov/minneapolis/press-releases/2013/sioux-falls-man-guilty-of-sex-trafficking>

Sioux Falls Man Convicted in Child Sex Trafficking Case (FBI Press Release, April 5, 2013)

United States Attorney Brendan V. Johnson announced that a Sioux Falls, South Dakota man has been found guilty on two counts of sex trafficking of a child. Emmanuel William Nyuon, age 34, was convicted by a federal jury for sex trafficking of a child by force, fraud, or coercion and conspiracy to engage in sex trafficking of a child. "Many South Dakotans are shocked to learn that human trafficking and child prostitution exists within our borders, but the victims are here, often hiding in plain sight. We will continue working with victim advocates and law enforcement agencies to aggressively pursue these criminals who prey upon vulnerable children," said U.S. Attorney Johnson.

<http://www.fbi.gov/minneapolis/press-releases/2013/sioux-falls-man-convicted-in-child-sex-trafficking-case>

South Dakota's Dirty Little Secret: Human Trafficking (Keloland, April 4, 2013)

It's South Dakota's dirty little secret. We're talking about human trafficking.

Most people have no idea it's a serious problem in our state. A recent Augustana College graduate wanted to find out for herself how bad it is and went undercover. Sturgis is known for its motorcycle rally, but a Sioux Falls woman says it's also a place where people are preying on the vulnerable. Men and women are *forced to engage in prostitution and work in areas they shouldn't be. "We are one of the worst states in the entire United States for human trafficking," Hannah Miller said.

<http://www.keloland.com/newsdetail.cfm/south-dakotas-dirty-little-secret-human-trafficking/?id=146150>

Confronting sex trafficking in South Dakota (*Native Sun News*, March 15, 2013)

Johnson said that the problem in SD has mostly been in Sioux Falls, and that state and local law enforcement have been working together. "We haven't seen much in the Black Hills, but as long as you see advertising online for escorts, you will eventually have human trafficking here in Rapid City. It will happen. We all have to be vigilant." At the conference, presenters Nicole Matthews and Guadalupe Lopez of the Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition gave an in-depth look at the issues leading women into prostitution, exploring how especially vulnerable Native women facing homelessness, violence and poverty can be. Yet, much of the conference also centered on the responsibility of the men involved in prostitution, not simply the women as has been true in the past.

<http://www.indianz.com/News/2013/008909.asp>

Chicago man found guilty of multiple sex trafficking charges in South Dakota (ICE News Release, February 11, 2013)

Carl Campbell, 37, was found guilty on five separate counts including: one count of sex trafficking by force, fraud or coercion; one count of interstate transportation for prostitution; one count of obstruction of sex trafficking enforcement; and, two counts of sex trafficking a child. The verdicts followed a weeklong federal jury trial in Sioux Falls. "Few crimes strike at our community the way sex trafficking does," said Michael Feinberg, special agent in charge of HSI St. Paul, which oversees South Dakota. "The sexual exploitation of children and young adults for financial gain demonstrates the extreme greed and depravity of sex traffickers. Our HSI special agents relentlessly pursue sexual predators to rescue their victims."

<http://www.ice.gov/news/releases/1302/130211siouxfalls.htm>