



Maryland Human Trafficking Statistics

MARYLAND HUMAN TRAFFICKING FACTS AND RESOURCES

- ❖ Maryland has many laws combatting domestic sex trafficking and demand; however, minors are not statutorily immune from prosecution for prostitution and may face barriers to treatment and victims' compensation to fund their recovery.
- ❖ Maryland is still lacking law enforcement training and adequate victim protection programs and assistance, including safe harbor laws and access to civil remedy
- ❖ Maryland accounted for the 11th highest number of calls to the human trafficking hotline in 2012, with 46 potential victims referenced because of these calls.
- ❖ In 2015: the state reported 118 human trafficking cases; 454 calls were made to the NHTRC Hotline.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING NEWS FROM MARYLAND

Human trafficking growing on the Eastern Shore (WMDT, January 31, 2016) - SALISBURY, Md. - Human trafficking nationally is on the rise according to the national human trafficking resource center. Here on the Eastern Shore we aren't excluded, just last summer a human trafficking ring spanning into Delaware that was run out the America's Best Value Inn in Salisbury was brought to justice. "I think the Bridell case exposed what was under the surface bubbling and I think people, well we're trying to make the public more aware," said Wicomico County Senior assistant State's Attorney Kristen Shultz. Shultz prosecuted Cornelius Bridell and his four co - conspirators for their roles in a human trafficking operation. The solution, at least in Maryland, may in part lie in legislation proposed in the state house this month. House bill 219, which would make human trafficking felony rather than a misdemeanor, and House Bill 292, which would require police to be trained to look for and treat human trafficking crimes.

<http://www.wmdt.com/news/more-local-news/Human-trafficking-growing-on-the-Eastern-Shore/37730974>

Behind the scenes as police attempt to rescue young prostitutes (WJLA, November 24, 2015) - COLUMBIA, Md. (ABC7) — 7 On Your Side Fighting Back exclusive with Maryland State Police as they search for children in countless escort ads. There is a small but dedicated unit within Maryland State Police who, every week, hit the internet in the search for missing children. Troopers with the department's Child Recovery Unit joined by FBI agents and local police officers surf through a minute by minute explosion of internet ads for escort services.

<http://wjla.com/features/7-on-your-side/behind-the-scenes-as-police-attempt-to-rescue-young-prostitutes>

Human Trafficking Uncovered by Truck Stop Call: Police (Columbia Patch, November 18, 2015) - Three people have been charged with human trafficking and prostitution after a two-month investigation. Over the weekend, a witness at the TA Truck Stop in Jessup called police to report suspected prostitution. Detectives arrived and identified a woman whom they recognized from an "X-Factor" ad on backpage.com.

<http://patch.com/maryland/columbia/human-trafficking-uncovered-truck-stop-call-police-0>

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 11 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. 11 of the 15 flash points are found in Maryland.

Tier 2 of 4 (Yellow)

*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. Maryland meets 7 of the 10 categories of laws necessary to combat human trafficking.

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Update: Man on trial for human trafficking in Salisbury (WMDT 47, July 14, 2015) – Cornelius Briddell was back in court for his trial on July 13. Briddell is accused of being the leader of a prostitution ring operating out of Salisbury in the fall of 2014. He's charged with dozens of counts related to dealing in human trafficking, assault, and kidnapping – just to name a few. He was an elder at his church. Two women testified that Briddell held them against their will and were forced to have sex with paying customers. The women said they later managed to escape and that there were other victims aside from themselves.

<http://www.wmdt.com/news/more-local-news/update-man-on-trial-for-human-trafficking-in-salisbury/34158386>

Three Baltimore strip clubs raided in human trafficking case (WBALTV 11, June 26, 2015) – Three strip clubs in Baltimore were raided in connection with a human trafficking case. The FBI said the raids are part of a joint investigation involving federal agents, Baltimore police and the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office. Officials would not say what exactly led them to conduct the raids, what evidence they found or if any arrests were made. The bartender of one of the clubs said that she was aware that sex trafficking is happening in that area. Detectives confiscated drugs, money and ammunition in previous raids of the same clubs.

<http://www.wbalTV.com/news/3-baltimore-strip-clubs-raided-in-human-trafficking-case/33786122>

Maryland Man Convicted in Violent Sex Trafficking Conspiracy

(US Department of Justice, March 20, 2014) – A federal jury convicted Jean Claude Roy, aka Dredd the Don and Dreddy, age 31, of Germantown, Md., late yesterday of conspiracy to commit sex trafficking by force, fraud or coercion, three counts of interstate transportation for prostitution and witness and evidence tampering. "This defendant preyed on vulnerable young women and exploited them for prostitution," said Acting Assistant Attorney General Samuels. "The Civil Rights Division is committed to seeking justice on behalf of victims of human trafficking."

<http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/2014/March/14-crt-293.html>

Women on mission against human trafficking (SoMdNews, June 19, 2013) - Members of the group Women on a Mission at Southern Calvert Baptist Church will host a workshop on human trafficking to raise awareness and educate the public about the issue. The target age group for the event, Evans said, is 11 and older "because they're snatching girls as young as 11." The program, Evans said, also will include the definition and scope of human trafficking in Maryland, how to identify and report someone who is trafficking, and how to get involved. Evans said there will be a special breakout session for teens on how to prevent victimization and that she hopes to be able to provide a legislative summary about human trafficking. Evans said this type of workshop is important for people to attend because human trafficking is prevalent in Maryland "because we sit on the I-95 corridor," and "it's all around us."

<http://www.somdnews.com/article/20130619/NEWS/130619115/1055/women-on-mission-against-human-trafficking&template=southernMaryland>

Maryland man indicted for attempted sex trafficking and interstate transportation for prostitution (ICE News Release, May 15, 2013) - Jean Claude Roy, aka Dredd the Don and Dreddy, 30, faces a minimum mandatory sentence of 15 years in prison and a maximum of life in prison for each of three counts on sex trafficking and a maximum of 10 years in prison for each of three counts of interstate transportation for prostitution. An initial appearance has not yet been scheduled in U.S. District Court in Greenbelt. Roy is currently in state custody on related charges.

<http://www.ice.gov/news/releases/1305/130515greenbelt.htm>

I-Team: Sex trafficking growing in U.S., Maryland (WBALTV, May 14, 2013) - Shamere McKenzie was a junior track athlete at St. John's College in New York when she said she found herself in desperate need of money for tuition. What she thought was just an exotic dancing job quickly became something else at the violent hands of Corey Davis, who authorities said led a three-state sex-trafficking ring involving at least 20 women and girls. She said she was beaten and forced to sell herself with a quota of \$500 a night. "If you multiply \$500 by 365, you get about \$188,000. I saw none of it," McKenzie said.

<http://www.wbalTV.com/news/maryland/i-team/iteam-sex-trafficking-growing-in-us-maryland/-/10640252/20124954/-/item/1/-/ha2lf6/-/index.html>

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