



## Delaware Human Trafficking Statistics

### DELAWARE HUMAN TRAFFICKING FACTS AND RESOURCES

- ❖ Critical investigative tools for law enforcement to combat the growth of internet crimes against children are not provided by Delaware law.
- ❖ Delaware presently lacks specialized training for law officials, appropriate victim emergency response and aftercare, and access to damages for victims.
- ❖ In 2015: the state reported 5 cases of human trafficking; 28 calls were made to the NHTRC Hotline.

### HUMAN TRAFFICKING NEWS FROM DELAWARE

Salisbury conference to examine human trafficking (Delaware 105.9, January 29, 2016)

A conference in Salisbury this weekend will examine the issue of human trafficking: who are likely targets, who is most vulnerable, how do predators trap their victims, and what can be done about it.

The session at Salisbury University Saturday is sponsored by the Eastern Shore Human Trafficking Task Force, the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention, the City of Salisbury and Aglow Mid-Atlantic.

<http://www.delaware1059.com/story.php?id=21868>

Former forced prostitute is charged in human trafficking case (Philly.Com, July 21, 2015)

Michael D. Watts, 43, was accused of laundering money and operating an interstate prostitution ring in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and Delaware from an office on Delaware Avenue in Philadelphia at the time, and according to the complaint, required his women to work six days a week, from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., and to bring in \$3,000 to \$3,500 per week.

[http://www.philly.com/philly/news/new\\_jersey/20150721\\_Former\\_forced\\_prostitute\\_is\\_charged\\_in\\_human-trafficking\\_case.html](http://www.philly.com/philly/news/new_jersey/20150721_Former_forced_prostitute_is_charged_in_human-trafficking_case.html)

Pennsylvania man arrested in Delaware for traveling to have sex with minor (ICE News Release, June 24, 2013)

Michael J. Barndt, 39, of Sellersville, Pa., was arrested and charged Wednesday with attempted enticement and coercion of a minor and attempted transfer of obscene matter to a minor. The charges stem from his alleged communications and travel from Pennsylvania to Delaware to engage in sex acts with an individual whom Barndt believed to be a 14-year-old girl. According to the complaint, on or about June 7, Barndt posted an online personal ad on Craigslist titled, "Real Teen Fantasy," wherein Barndt expressed interest in a teenaged fantasy liaison. An undercover HSI agent posing as a 14-year-old girl responded to the ad.

<http://www.ice.gov/news/releases/1306/130624wilmington.htm>

#### State Grade

**B**

\*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 Delaware.

#### 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. Delaware meets 4 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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Biden Calls on Congress to Provide Critical Funding to Combat Human Trafficking (news.delaware.gov, November 2, 2012)

Attorney General Beau Biden and 45 of his colleagues have asked Congress to continue fighting human trafficking and modern-day slavery by passing the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (TVPRA) by the end of the year. In a letter signed by attorneys general from 46 American states and territories, Biden and his colleagues said reauthorizing the TVPRA is essential to adequately fund programs that help curtail the human trafficking industry and provide the resources necessary to rehabilitate survivors.

<http://news.delaware.gov/2012/11/02/biden-calls-on-congress-to-provide-critical-funding-to-combat-human-trafficking/>

South Jersey Man Indicted in Delaware on Sex Trafficking and Child Pornography Charges (US Attorney's Office, Feb. 17, 2012)

A federal grand jury has returned an indictment charging Usef Reynolds, age 20, of Mays Landing, New Jersey, with sex trafficking and child pornography offenses relating to a 15-year-old female whom Reynolds met on Facebook in late 2011. On January 17, 2012, the minor decided to run away from home and begin working as a prostitute for Reynolds. Reynolds drove the minor and a 20-year old prostitute who was working for him from South Jersey to a Newark, Delaware hotel. Reynolds photographed the minor and the other female in lingerie and posted their images in advertisements for prostitution on a website.

<http://www.fbi.gov/baltimore/press-releases/2012/south-jersey-man-indicted-in-delaware-on-sex-trafficking-and-child-pornography-charges>

Delaware man pleads guilty to production and transportation of child pornography (ICE News Release, September 12, 2011) WILMINGTON, Del. – A Delaware man pleaded guilty in federal court to production and transportation of child pornography. The guilty plea is the result of an investigation by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). Leonard Wasylyk, 49, of Wilmington, was arrested in Dec. 2010 following an undercover ICE HSI investigation. An undercover ICE HSI agent identified Wasylyk during an online undercover investigation into a private peer-to-peer network being used to trade images of child pornography. After downloading computer files containing child pornography from Wasylyk's home computer, the agents arrested Wasylyk and executed a search warrant at his North Wilmington, Del., residence. ICE HSI agents recovered a computer from Wasylyk's bedroom that contained more than 60,000 images of child pornography. The forensic analysis also revealed that Wasylyk distributed the sexually explicit images of the child that he produced to other child sex offenders while bragging about having molested the boy.

<http://www.ice.gov/news/releases/1109/110912wilmington2.htm>

Delaware child predator sentenced to 30 years in federal prison (ICE News Release, February 4, 2010)

WILMINGTON, DEL. - Delaware man and repeat offender Thomas S. Pendleton, age 66, received maximum sentence on Feb. 3, in the Delaware District Court for his conviction for a sexual related crime against children. Pendleton was sentenced to the statutory maximum of 30 years in prison and a lifetime of supervised release for violating the "Prosecutorial Remedies and Other Tools to end the Exploitation of Children Today Act of 2003" (PROTECT Act). The PROTECT Act makes it a crime for U.S. citizens to travel abroad and commit illicit sexual acts with minors. Pendleton was also sentenced today to a concurrent term of 10 years in prison for failing to register as a sex offender in violation of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006. After a three-day jury trial in September 2009, the federal jury found Pendleton guilty of violating the PROTECT Act. Evidence developed by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and introduced at trial established that Pendleton traveled from Philadelphia to Germany in November 2005, where he found his victim.

<http://www.ice.gov/news/releases/1002/100204wilmington.htm>

United States v. Troy Footman (Human Trafficking Law Project Database, 2000)

Troy Footman ran a prostitution ring that included three minors, "S.O." (age 17), "A.M." (age 16) and "J-3" (age 14). Footman recruited S.O. from a courtroom by telling her that she would need to earn money through prostitution in order to regain custody of her infant daughter. Beginning in the summer of 1996, the young women were transported from Lowell, Massachusetts to New Castle, Delaware, where they engaged in prostitution at truck stops, giving their earnings to Footman. When one of the minors attempted to leave Footman, Footman responded by brutally beating and raping her.

<http://www.law.umich.edu/CLINICAL/HUTRAFFICCASES/Pages/CaseDisp.aspx?caseID=302>