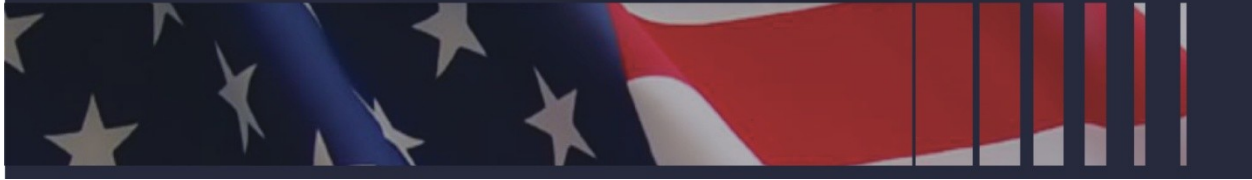


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## Alaska State Facts

### **Criminalization of DMST**

1. Under the Alaska human trafficking law, movement across the state line is an element of the crime, leaving Alaskan residents vulnerable to victimization within their own state.
2. United States Senator Lisa Murkowski recently called attention to the epidemic of domestic violence, sexual assault and sex trafficking among Alaska Natives at a hearing with the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.<sup>1</sup> One-third of the women arrested in 2010 for prostitution were Alaskan Natives.<sup>2</sup>

### **Criminal Provisions Addressing Demand**

3. Alaska Attorney General John J. Burns was one of 51 Attorneys General who signed a letter to Backpage.com calling on the company to disclose its efforts to identify and delete advertisements that facilitate sex trafficking, specifically of minors.<sup>3</sup>

### **Criminal Provisions for Traffickers**

4. In 2008, Don Webster was sentenced to 30 years in prison for two counts of sex trafficking of a minor and nine counts of sex trafficking of adults in Alaska's first human trafficking prosecution. Prosecutors estimated he made \$3.6 million exploiting women and girls.<sup>4</sup>
5. In 2009, Sabil Mumin Mujahid, Sidney Lamar Greene, Keyana "Koko" Marshall, and Rand Hooks, all of Anchorage, Alaska, were indicted in a sex trafficking case that involved 20 women and girls.<sup>5</sup>
6. Convicted perpetrators of domestic minor sex trafficking are not required to register as sex offenders.

### **Protective Provisions for Child Victims**

7. Child sex trafficking victims may be prevented from accessing crime victims' compensation as crimes of human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of children are not included as offenses for which Alaska's Violent Crimes Compensation Board may order compensation.
8. Covenant House in Anchorage serves approximately 3,000 teenagers per year. They estimate that 30% of the teens they make contact with have been sexually exploited.<sup>6</sup>

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1 [http://www.sitnews.us/0711News/071411/071411\\_light.html](http://www.sitnews.us/0711News/071411/071411_light.html)

2 [http://www.newsminer.com/view/full\\_story/10522982/article-Sex-traffickers-targeting-Alaska-Native-girls?](http://www.newsminer.com/view/full_story/10522982/article-Sex-traffickers-targeting-Alaska-Native-girls?)

3 <http://www.tn.gov/attorneygeneral/cases/backpage/backpageletter.pdf>

4 <http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/2008/August/08-crm-729.html>

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