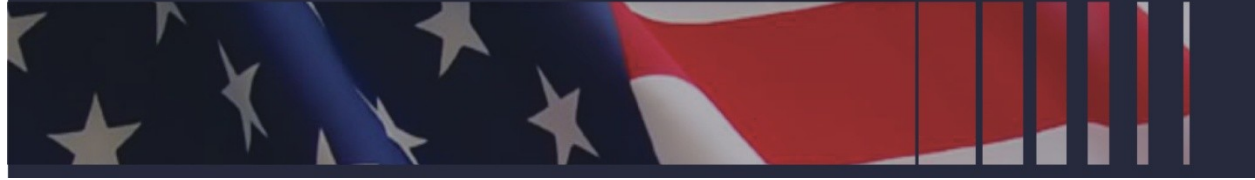


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Connecticut State Facts

Criminalization of DMST

1. Twenty seven Connecticut youth were identified as domestic minor sex trafficking victims between April 2008 and May 2010 by the Connecticut Department of Children and Families.¹

Criminal Provisions Addressing Demand

2. Connecticut Attorney General George Jepsen 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.²
3. Limited options exist to prosecute buyers. The state human trafficking law does not apply to buyers and CSEC laws do not include the crime of buying sex with a minor. Buyers face just one year maximum in jail for patronizing a prostitute and 1–5 years for enticing a minor by computer to engage in sexual conduct

Criminal Provisions for Traffickers

4. A trafficker convicted under that state sex trafficking law faces up to 20 years imprisonment and a possible fine of up to \$15,000, asset forfeiture and victim restitution. A trafficker may also be prosecuted for promoting prostitution in the first degree when he or she knowingly advances or profits from prostitution of a minor under 18.
5. Traffickers are required to register as a sex offender if convicted of a commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) crime but not if convicted of trafficking, and a conviction for trafficking does not constitute grounds for termination of parental rights leaving children at potential risk from sex traffickers.
6. A federal sex trafficking prosecution led to the June 2011 sentencing of Jarell Sanderson to more than 25 years and Hassanah Delia was sentenced to 9 years in prison for forcing two 14-year-old runaways from foster care to work at the Days Inn on Brainard Road in Hartford and at the Madison Motor Inn in East Hartford, advertising commercial sex acts with the teens on the Internet.³

¹ <http://www.ctkidslink.org/publications/jj11safeharbor.pdf>.

² <http://www.tn.gov/attorneygeneral/cases/backpage/backpageletter.pdf>

³ http://articles.courant.com/2011-06-24/community/hc-human-trafficking-minors-sentenced20110624_1_prostitutes-federal-court-drink-so-much-alcohol ; <http://www.justice.gov/usao/ct/Press2011/20110121.html>.

Protective Provisions for Child Victims

7. In 2010, Connecticut amended the prostitution law to apply only to persons over 16 and created a presumption that 16 and 17-year-olds were coerced into commercial sex.