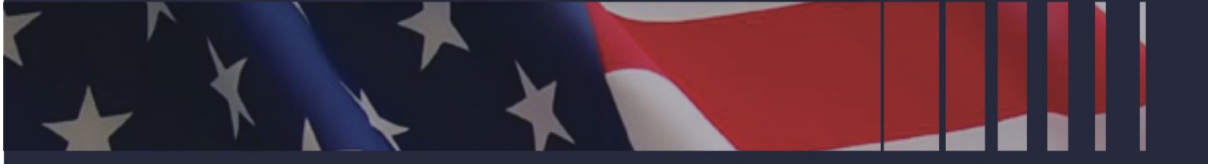


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Georgia State Facts

Criminalization of DMST

1. In 2005, the FBI named Atlanta as one of 14 cities in the nation with the highest rates of child sex trafficking.¹
2. A study commissioned by the Governor's Office for Children and Families found that more than 330 adolescent girls were prostituted in Georgia in May 2011.²
3. Georgia's human trafficking law carries heavy penalties and does not require the showing of force, fraud or coercion to prove cases of sex trafficking involving victims under the age of 18.

Criminal Provisions Addressing Demand

4. Georgia Attorney General Sam Olens 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.³
5. 7,200 men will buy sex with an adolescent female in a given month in Georgia. Most men who commercially sexually exploit adolescent females either don't know or are willing to ignore the possibility that they are having sex with an adolescent.⁴
6. Buyers of sex with minors could be prosecuted under several laws in Georgia and face serious penalties, however those convicted of pandering or domestic minor sex trafficking are not required to register as sex offenders.

Criminal Provisions for Traffickers

7. In August 2011, Demetrius Homer was sentenced to 20 years in federal prison for the sex trafficking of minors. He prostituted young girls on Backpage.com, using extreme violence and a taser gun to keep them from escaping.⁵

Protective Provisions for Child Victims

8. DMST victims may be considered "delinquent" under Georgia law and may not receive the necessary services and treatment.

1 <http://afnap.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/06/The-Schapiro-Group-Georgia-Demand-Study.pdf>

2 http://www.georgia.gov/vgn/images/portal/cit_1210/55/60/175291164CSEC%20Fact%20Sheet%20-May%202011%20Count.pdf

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

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5 <http://www.fbi.gov/atlanta/press-releases/2011/atlanta-man-sentenced-for-sex-trafficking-of-minors>