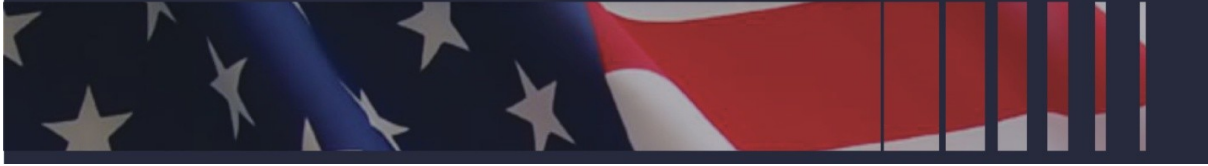


# PROTECTED INNOCENCE INITIATIVE

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## Illinois state facts

### **Criminalization of DMST**

1. The Illinois trafficking in persons law includes sex trafficking of minors and does not require proof that force, fraud, or coercion was used to cause minors to engage in commercial sex acts.

### **Criminal Provisions Addressing Demand**

2. Illinois Attorney General Luther Lisa Madigan on the company to disclose its efforts to identify and delete advertisements that facilitate sex trafficking, specifically of minors.<sup>1</sup>
3. The human trafficking law could be applied to buyers who “obtain” a minor for commercial sex, however existing gaps in legislation would not require the buyer to register as a sex offender for sex trafficking or solicitation of a sexual act.

### **Criminal Provisions for Traffickers**

4. Ten people were arrested in August 2011 by Cook County authorities, charged with involuntary sexual servitude of a minor and human trafficking under the state laws. The prostitution ring involved girls as young as 12 in forced prostitution on the streets of Chicago.<sup>2</sup>
5. In February 2011, twin 18-year-old brothers, Tyrelle and Myrelle Lockett, were sentenced to four years in prison on state charges of human trafficking after an undercover sting revealed they forced young women, including at least one minor, to perform sex for money.<sup>3</sup>
6. In December 2010, a Hammond pimp was sentenced to life in federal prison after being convicted of running a violent prostitution ring that recruited teenage girls by advertising as a modeling agency at the River Oaks Mall.<sup>4</sup>

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

7. Minors arrested for prostitution offenses are immune from prosecution and immediately diverted into protective custody pursuant to the Illinois Safe Children Act.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.tn.gov/attorneygeneral/cases/backpage/backpageletter.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.suntimes.com/7252384-417/9-arrested-for-sex-trafficking-ring-involving-girls-as-young-as-12.html>

<sup>3</sup> [http://articles.chicagobreakingnews.com/2011-02-09/news/28533362\\_1\\_tyrelle-and-myrelle-lockett-twin-brothers-trafficking](http://articles.chicagobreakingnews.com/2011-02-09/news/28533362_1_tyrelle-and-myrelle-lockett-twin-brothers-trafficking)

<sup>4</sup> <http://chicago.cbslocal.com/2010/12/07/hammond-man-gets-life-for-pimping-violence/>