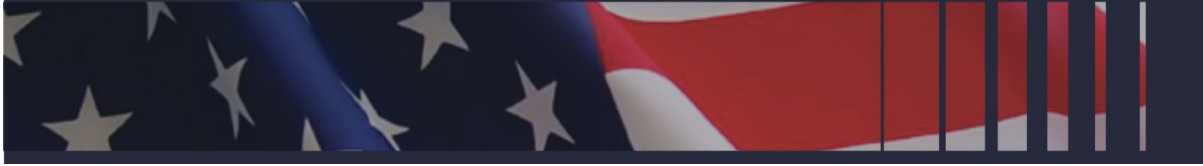


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Maryland State Facts

Criminalization of DMST

1. Maryland's sex trafficking law defines a minor under the age of 18 used in commercial sex as a human trafficking victim without regard to use of force, fraud or coercion.

Criminal Provisions Addressing Demand

1. Maryland Attorney General Douglas Gansler 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.¹
2. The state sex trafficking statute does not appear to apply to buyers; however, buyers may be prosecuted under the sexual solicitation of a minor law, punishable by up to 10 years imprisonment and a possible fine up to \$25,000.

Criminal Provisions for Traffickers

2. The sentence for a conviction for sex trafficking is up to 25 years imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$15,000.
3. Federal prosecutions have led to significant convictions. Duane Mason of Frederick, Maryland was sentenced to 10 years in prison, followed by 10 years of supervised release on federal charges for sex trafficking of a minor. James Davis had recruited the female to work for him as a prostitute; Davis pleaded guilty to distributing narcotics to a minor and faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison.²
4. Derwin Samuel Smith of Glen Burnie was sentenced to 121 months in prison followed by 20 years of supervised release under federal charges for prostituting a 12 year old girl. The Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force recovered the girl who was reported missing after she called relatives from a motel room.³

Protective Provisions for Child Victims

5. Domestic minor sex trafficking victims in Maryland may be prosecuted for prostitution and face possible barriers to treatment and crime victims' compensation to fund their recovery.

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

² http://www.justice.gov/usao/md/Public-Affairs/press_releases/press08/FrederickManSentencedto10YearsinPrisonforSexTraffickingofaMinor.html

³ http://www.justice.gov/usao/md/Public-Affairs/press_releases/press08/GlenBurnieManSentencedtoover10YearsinPrisonforTransportingaMinortoEngageinProstitution.html