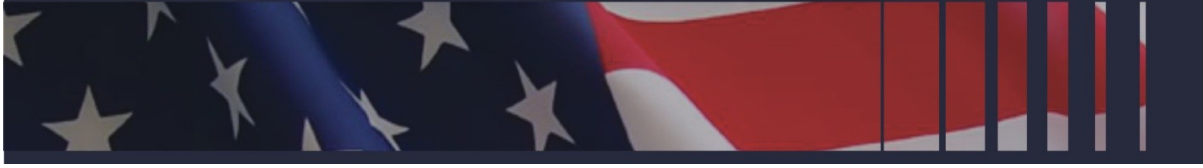


# PROTECTED INNOCENCE INITIATIVE

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## Michigan facts

### Criminalization of DMST

1. Michigan law criminalizes the sex trafficking of children under 18 without regard to use of force, fraud or coercion in the commission of the crime.

### Criminal Provisions Addressing Demand

2. Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette 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>1</sup>
3. The actions of buyers of commercial sex with minors are not included in the crime of sex trafficking and no commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) law makes it a crime to purchase sex acts with a minor specifically.
4. Michigan's general prostitution law, which includes soliciting and patronizing prostitution, does not distinguish between purchasing commercial sex acts with an adult versus a minor, leaving minors vulnerable to arrest.

### Criminal Provisions for Traffickers

5. In 2011, Sedrick Mitchell of Detroit was charged on multiple counts related to human trafficking and pandering of underage girls. Mitchell held a 14 and 15-year-old captive, forcing them into prostitution and collecting their earnings. He is the first person to be charged under Michigan's human trafficking law.<sup>2</sup>
6. The Schapiro Group reported that in Michigan 159 underage girls were domestically sex trafficked in August 2010, a 36 percent increase from February of the same year.<sup>3</sup>
7. In 2008, a father and daughter from Arenac County were charged in state court with criminal sexual conduct for running a prostitution ring in their home that exploited minor girls.<sup>4</sup>
8. In March 2010, Angela Blackwell was charged with pandering after trading sex with her 10 year old granddaughter to 67 year old Johnnie Griffin in exchange for cocaine.<sup>5</sup>
9. Following a long federal investigation, Fabriel "Face" Delaney of Kalamazoo was arrested in July 2011 outside a Chicago hotel after he transported three teens, including two minors ages 16 and 17, from Michigan to Illinois to sell them for sex at what he thought was a bachelor party.<sup>6</sup>

### Protective Provisions for Child Victims

10. The sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation laws do not prohibit a defense based on consent, leaving the victim with the burden of proving a lack of consent.

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

2 <http://www.clickondetroit.com/news/1st-Charges-Filed-Under-Michigan-s-New-Human-Trafficking-Law/-/1719418/1789184/-/t6hsqvz/-/index.html>

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6 <http://www.fbi.gov/chicago/press-releases/2011/michigan-man-charged-with-federal-sex-trafficking-of-a-minor>.