



From Georgia Attorney General Sam Olens:

Today, adults and children are being bought and sold for sex in the United States. This is not isolated to any geographical location, race, or socioeconomic class, nor is this a new problem. Sex trafficking has existed in our country for generations, and it is time to take necessary steps to protect victims from buyers who purchase sex illegally and traffickers who sell people for sex. It is also time to hold these perpetrators accountable for their heinous crimes.

For these reasons, my office created the nationwide 'Not Buying It' initiative. The goal for the initiative is to create a forum for all 50 states to collaborate and develop strategies that finally put an end to sex trafficking in our country.

Thank you for your commitment to eradicating modern day slavery. Please do not hesitate to reach out to my office or the

NOT BUYING IT STATES

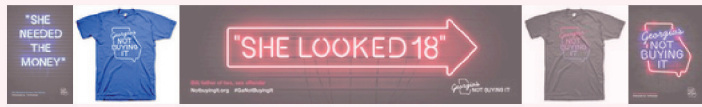


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SEE WHAT GEORGIA IS DOING



Today, adults and children are being bought and sold for sex in the United States. This is not isolated to any geographical location, race, or socioeconomic class, nor is this a new problem. Sex trafficking has existed in our country for generations and it is time to take necessary steps that protect victims from men who purchase sex illegally and traffickers who sell people for sex. This is why Georgia's Attorney General, Sam Olens, created the nationwide 'Not Buying It' initiative. The goal for this initiative is to encourage all 50 states to get involved in the 'Not Buying It' initiative so, together, in partnership with law enforcement, we can:

- Aggressively pursue and prosecute those who purchase sex illegally,
- Promote training for mandated reporters so they can effectively recognize, report and support victims of sex trafficking, and
- Incentivize businesses and civic organizations to engage in the fight to end sex trafficking.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOUR COMMUNITY?

- It is crucial to public safety that law enforcement is appropriately trained to recognize perpetrators of sex trafficking in your community.
- Law enforcement trained to recognize and refer services to sex trafficking victims can effectively reduce crime in your community.
- Children in your community are more adequately protected when public school teachers and other mandatory reporters are trained to recognize and report potential child victims of sex trafficking.
- Businesses in your community can play a major role in decreasing sex trafficking incidences by reducing or eliminating occurrences that take place on their premises and among their employees and customers.

GEORGIA'S NOT BUYING IT CITIES

City of Brookhaven

City of Auburn

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DeKalb County

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IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS, CALL NOW

1-888-3737-888

National Human Trafficking Hotline

1-888-602-5378

Arizona Hotline

SEE WHAT ARIZONA IS DOING



What is CSEC?

- Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children
- Also called Child Sex Trafficking and Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking (DMST)
- Definition
 - Sexual abuse of a child accompanied by remuneration in cash or in kind to the child or a third person or persons.

What Is “Child Sex Trafficking”

- GA’s anti-trafficking law, O.C.G.A. 16-5-46, applies to anyone who buys or sells another person for sex in GA.
- Covers same activity as pimping & pandering statutes
- Interstate or international travel is not required
- A child sex trafficking victim is simply:
 - **A child who has received food, drugs, money or shelter in exchange for sex.**

CSEC Cases Present Unique Challenges:

- Victims
 - Don't view themselves as victims
 - Often dependent on pimp and reluctant to testify
 - Don't trust law enforcement
 - Lots of "baggage" as result of their abuse
- Lack of witnesses
- Physical evidence hard to come by
- Damaging misconceptions about CSEC victims that affect judges and juries
 - **CSEC victims are commonly viewed as complicit in the crime. Prosecutors need to educate jury, judge and each other about realities of CSEC and dispel CSEC myths.**



CSEC in the U.S.

- At least **100,000 to 300,000** youth are at risk for commercial sexual exploitation annually in the U.S. (Estes and Wiener, 2001)
- 1.7 million children run away each year in the U.S. (The National Incidence Studies of Missing, Abducted, Runaway, and Thrownaway Children, 2002)
- The average age of entry into the commercial sex industry in the U.S. is **12-14 years old**. (US Dept. of Justice, Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, 2011)
- Once a child enters “the life” she has a 7 year life expectancy.

The Truth About CSEC

1. Victims don't "choose" prostitution.
2. Victims are young & vulnerable kids.
 - Average age of entry is 12-14 years old
 - Overwhelming number are runaways
 - **70-90% have been sexually abused**
 - Most come from troubled homes
 - Abuse, neglect, parental crime & addiction
 - Truancy and school problems are common
3. Boys and transgender youth are also victimized but vast majority of victims that come to the court's attention are girls.

RESEARCH ON CSEC BOYS AND GIRLS

DEMOGRAPHICS

A study done in NYC showed that of 249 youth were 48% female, 45% male, and 8% transgender.

-Curtis, R., Terry, K., Dank, M., Dombrowski, K., & Khan, B. 2008. The Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children in New York City, Volume One, The CSEC Population in New York City: Size, Characteristics, and Needs. New York: Center for Court Innovation and John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Average age of entry 11 to 13 years old, whereas the average age of entry for girls is 12-14

-ECPAT USA, And Boys Too Study (2013)

Boys have a higher rate of drug use than girls.

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ENTRY

Boys enter the sex trade in order to meet their basic needs, including for money, shelter, food, drugs, clothing and transportation.

-Estes, R. J, & Weiner N. A. (2001). The Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children In the U. S., Canada and Mexico. PA: University of Pennsylvania School of Social Work, Center for the Study of Youth Policy.

(Girls are more likely than boys to enter because someone they love got them involved in the sex trade)

Boys appear to be largely recruited by friends and peers and do not commonly have “pimps.” Whereas, 75% of female victims tend to be under the control of a pimp.

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INJURIES

Common to girls as well, the literature finds boys and young men to have high rates of previous physical and sexual abuse and a lack of family support, leaving them vulnerable and at high risk for exploitation.

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DEMAND

The majority of buyers are men, mostly white and middle or upper class, professional and married, although some are women. In addition to the ways girls are trafficked, boys are also bought and sold in male-specific venues, such as gay bars, and male transit areas, including truck stops and conventions as well as on Internet sites such as rentboy.com and the male escort section of backpage.com.

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