Crimes & Communities
The Many Impacts of Fracking in North Dakota
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a force to end human sexual exploitation
The Buffalo Commons

- 1987 – Deborah and Frank Popper
- Chronicled history of the Great Plains
- Believed homestead and railroad settlement polices promoted too much settlement
- Argued that maintenance of current populations would require depletion of natural resources and subsidization of agriculture
The Buffalo Commons

- Reinforced image of the area west of the Missouri River as an “Empty Quarter”
  - Lack of population
  - Marginal economy
  - Vast, dry, treeless distances
2010 Census data

• 672,591 residents
  – 8,248 African American
  – 36,948 American Indian and Alaska Native
  – 7032 Asian
  – 334 Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander
  – 10,893 Two or more races
ND Population

• 36 of 53 counties are designated as “frontier”
  – Less than 6 people per square mile.
  – Williston is centered in the most remote area of the state, less than an hour from MT
History of ND population
2014 Census Estimates

• 739,482 residents
  – 89.6% white
  – 1.8% African American
  – 5.4% American Indian or Alaska Native
  – 1.2% Asian
  – .1% Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
  – 1.9% Two or more races

• 9.7 persons per square mile
“Man rush”

- Added 100,000 workers since 2009
- Unemployment rate of 2.6% in 2014
- 12% population growth over the past 5 years
  - Highest in US
  - Men account for 2/3 of the growth
- Williston and Watford City have officially doubled
  - Williston locals say they think the population was closer to 60,000 at the end of last year.
- Others estimate there will be 200,000 people in the region
Historical “Man rushes”

• Colorado silver rush
  – 1870 to 1880
  – Population quintupled
  – 448% increase in number of men

• Alaskan oil rush
  – 1970 to 1980
  – 46% increase in female population
  – 31% increase in male population
The North Dakota “Boom”

![Graph showing the increase in oil production in North Dakota from 1951 to 2011. The graph indicates a significant spike in production around 2008, with the source credited to the North Dakota Department of Mineral Resources and Montana Board of Oil & Gas Conservation.](image-url)
The Bakken

• Bakken Formation
  – Occupies 200,000 square miles of the Williston Basin
  – 2008 – USGS estimated the amount of recoverable oil using existing technology at 3.0 to 4.3 million barrels
    • Updated estimate in 2013 to 7.4 billion barrels
The Bakken

- Use of hydraulic fracturing, or “fracking” cause a production boom going back to early 2000’s
- “break even” price of oil estimated at $40/barrel
- Majority of the Bakken oil production has occurred in ND, but also extends into Montana, Saskatchewan and Manitoba
The Bakken
Economic Impact

• North Dakota ranked 38th in per capita GDP in 2001, now has per capita GDP that is 29% higher than national average
• By 2012, income from oil royalties was reportedly paying local landowners income ranging from $50,000 to $100,000 per month
• UND Center for Innovation estimated that the boom was creating 2,000 millionaires per year
• Average income in Mountrail County more than doubled since start of boom.
• ND government acquired a billion dollar budget surplus
Economic Impact
Economic Impact

NORTH DAKOTA'S OIL AND GAS ECONOMY

AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE ($) [ANNUAL DATA]
TOTAL, ALL INDUSTRIES

- Non Oil and Gas Counties
- Balance of Oil and Gas Counties
- Core Oil and Gas Counties

Year: 2004 to 2014
Wage: $0 to $1,800
Economic Impact

• North Dakota’s June 2015 unemployment rate was 3.2 percent. The unemployment rate for the four core oil and gas producing counties was 2.4 percent while the unemployment rate for the thirteen balance oil and gas producing counties was 3.5 percent.
Economic Impact

• There were 19,173 online job openings in North Dakota in July 2015.

• The rate of active resumés per job opening ranged from 0.4 in non oil and gas producing counties to 0.7 in the balance of oil and gas producing counties.
  – A rate less than 1 indicates more job openings than local active resumés.

• US Dep’t of Commerce estimate per-capita personal income in Williston over $115,000
U. S. Census Bureau Commuter Data

Net Job Inflow (+) or Outflow (-)

Year | Net Job Inflow (+) or Outflow (-)
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2006 | 15,000
2007 | 15,000
2008 | 15,000
2009 | 15,000
2010 | 15,000
2011 | 30,000
2012 | 35,000

Legend: Net Job Inflow (+) or Outflow (-)
Experiencing the Bakken

• BOOM
  – iEmpathize
  – Came to ND in summer of 2013, embedded as a truck driver
“Oilfield Trash”

• Prof. Tim Pippert conducted interviews with over 80 Bakken resident between 2012 and 2014

• Counted 47 different license plates during research in remote Bakken region

• Respondents identified three main impacts of boom:
  – Felt less safe
  – Created a housing crisis (highest rent in the nation)
    • 700 sq. ft. apartment = $2300/month
  – Residents knew “who to blame” for the problems
“Have you been to Walmart?”

- Walmart was continually referenced as characteristic of what had “gone wrong” with Williston.
- Sherri Arnold abduction and murder solidified a sense of fear among long term residents.
Who is to blame?

- Residents in the study consistently placed blame on the oilfield workers.
- Not directed at economic and policy leaders who had set tone for breakneck pace of development.
- Pervasive perception that newcomers do not respect the land or the long-time residents.
Crime

- Overall, violent crime (murder, aggravated assault, forcible rape, and robbery) increased by 125% between 2005 and 2013, according to the state's Uniform Crime Reports.
- In Williston, calls to the police went from 4,163 in 2006 to 15,954 in 2011.
- In nearby Watford City, from 41 to 3,938 in that same time frame.
- FBI announced it would open a new permanent office in Williston.
- Personal, property and society offenses, increases statewide:
  - 9.6% from 2010 to 2011
  - 10.8% from 2011 to 2012
  - 3.1% from 2012 to 2013
  - 6.8% from 2013 to 2014
Crimes Against Society

• Drug/narcotics, prostitution, weapons, gambling, pornography/obscenity, increases:
  – 2010 to 2011: 26.2%
  – 2011 to 2012: 16.9%
  – 2012 to 2013: 9.8%
  – 2013 to 2014: 23.1%
Impact on law enforcement

North Dakota's oil boom no boon to cops struggling to keep up

"It's not Mayberry anymore," U.S. Attorney Tim Purdon says of the Wild West mentality taking over the Bakken oil fields. The region is overrun with organized drug operations.

sex trafficking and scammers.

WATFORD CITY, N.D. — Police chief Art Walgren knew how much the oil boom had changed this once-sleepy town when he spotted something that would have been unheard of not long ago: license plates from Sinaloa, Mexico, home to one of the world's most violent drug cartels.

The hectic pace tends to burn out officers and it's hard to recruit and retain new ones, he adds. Among the reasons: the high cost of living ($80,000 homes before the boom can now sell for $200,000), the remoteness of the city and a perception of North Dakota as a barren place.

Other towns say their officers are sometimes oil fields.

In Dickinson, nearly 70 miles southeast, a highly visible four-person team patrols the bars on random Friday and Saturday nights to head off brawls that have become increasingly common. Police reported calls were up nearly 45 percent from 2009 to 2014, when there were more than 27,000.

Here in Watford City, the police force has multiplied from just four, including the chief, in 2010 to 19 sworn officers serving a population that could grow to 15,000 by 2017, a nearly tenfold increase since the last census. Even more dramatic: In 2006, there were just 41 calls for service, according to the university study. Last year, there were 7,414.
Volume of Court filings

NC Judicial District

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North Central Judicial District

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Prostitution-related offenses

• Prostitution:
  – 2010: 0
  – 2011: 15
  – 2012: 30
  – 2013: 33

• Assisting/Promoting:
  – 2010: 9
  – 2011: 16
  – 2012: 19
  – 2013: 38
Demand

North Dakota
Misdemeanor Prostitution
ARRESTS

Police and prosecutors say the number of prostitution arrests would be higher if agencies were more actively enforcing the law. Many western North Dakota agencies say they don’t have enough resources to devote to significant enforcement of a Class B misdemeanor.

*Complete 2014 data is not available. Figure includes cases filed through the end of November.

Sources: North Dakota Attorney General, N.D. State Supreme Court

Troy Becker / Forum News Service
Demand

In Minnesota, some first-time prostitution offenders are court-ordered to attend a program known as the John School, offered by Breaking Free. In 2013-14, the program had 155 men attend, most arrested in the Twin Cities area. Here are the demographics of those men:

**Race**
- 67% White
- 18% Hispanic/Latino
- 10% African American
- 3% Native American
- 2% Asian American/Pacific Islander (other than Hmong/Loatian)
- 1% African immigrant
- 1% Categories of Hmong/Loatian, multiracial and no answer

**Marital Status**
- 52% Married
- 39% Single
- 5% Divorced
- 1% Separated
- 2% No answer
- <1% Committed relationship

**Age**
- 40-49: 29%
- 30-39: 28%
- 20-29: 18%
- 50-59: 5%
- 70-79: 6%
- Under 20: 8%
- <1%

**Other Data**
- 66% had children
- 49% had children who are girls
- 72% attended some college or completed college degrees
- 12% had not completed high school
- 55% had not used drugs or alcohol in the previous three months
- 94% had not visited a strip club in the previous three months
- 81% No previous criminal history
- 61% had paid for sex before
- 43% said their families view prostitution as negative/bad

Source: Breaking Free

Troy Becker / Forum News Service
BOOM
The Watford City police have arrested nearly a dozen women for prostitution in the past year.

“We’ve been arresting a lot of prostitutes, but we wanted to get to the other side of the coin. The men are also engaged in a crime,” Herfindahl said.

He said people may think the women are “college girls,” but, “These aren’t that. They have a criminal history and there’s drugs.”
Demand

Detectives posed as someone selling a 14-year-old girl on classified websites and arrested interested buyers. One weekend in Williston, police arrested three men; two weeks later, they arrested 11 in Dickinson, a town of roughly 25,000 located about two hours away.
North Dakota Demand

- John’s stings taking place in ND
- Statewide
  - Minot
  - Bismarck
  - Grand Forks
  - Dickinson
  - Williston
- Demand is thriving in ND communities
- Operations terminate early –
  - Why?
Morsette Case – summer 2012
Response

• USAO cites uncovering amount of demand as inciting an office-wide focus on human trafficking

• Brings in Ramsey Co attorney and advocates from MN
Service providers

- Began reporting to state coalition that they are seeing increasing numbers of commercially exploited women turning up at their programs
- Consistently at or near capacity
- Williston's battered-women shelter reported a 300 percent increase in victims between 2009 and 2011.
- Seeing increased levels of violence, indicative of new drug shipments arriving in town
- Pervasive drug use – predominantly meth and heroin
Service Providers

2009-2013 SHELTER FACTS

The growth of communities in North Dakota has an impact on sexual assault and domestic violence work, from shelters to client load.

Abused Adult Resource Center Bismarck

**Shelter**
- In 2009 there were 239 victims sheltered at a cost of $11,472. By 2013 that number jumped to 327 which almost doubled the cost at $19,620.

**Children**
- In 2009 there were 112 children sheltered and in 2013 that number grew to 142.

**Meals**
- In 2009 there were 24,466 meals provided and in 2013 that number increased to 26,000.

Women’s Action Resource Center Beulah

**Shelter**
- In 2009 there were 37 victims sheltered at a cost of $5,587. In 2013 that number was up to 57 with the cost at $9,348.

**Children**
- In 2009 there were 18 children sheltered and in 2013 there were 15.

**Meals**
- In 2009 there were 303 meals provided and in 2013 there were 223.
The growth of communities in North Dakota has an impact on sexual assault and domestic violence work, from shelters to client load.

### Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center Dickinson

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### Domestic Violence Crisis Center Minot

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Service Providers

2009-2013 SHELTER FACTS

The growth of communities in North Dakota has an impact on sexual assault and domestic violence work, from shelters to client load.

YWCA Fargo

Shelter
In 2009 there were 1,414 victims sheltered at a cost of $35,350. In 2013 there were 1,339* sheltered at the cost of $49,543.

Children
In 2009 there were 701 children sheltered and in 2013 there were 674.

Meals
In 2009 there were 22,619 meals provided and in 2013 this increased to 31,025.

*While the number decreased during this time frame, the average length of stay increased by 10 days.

Family Crisis Shelter Williston

Shelter
In 2009, there were 71 victims sheltered at a cost of $1,420. By 2013 that number had doubled to 142 with the cost at $4,260.

Children
In 2009 there were 32 children sheltered and in 2013 that number increased to 50.

Meals
In 2009 there were 882 meals provided and by 2013 this number had more than tripled to 3,672.
Indicators

• Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault advocates reported:
  – a 16-year-old sold by her mother for drug money,
  – a young woman with "property of" and a man's name tattooed across her chest.
  – Women using the shelters to recruit others to work for their pimps.

• A Sergeant from Minneapolis began monitoring Backpage ads, finding that 70% of the ads had been placed in a different state within the last week.
Native populations

- Reports in 2010 and 2011 of a boyfriend or friend telling women and girls, “Let’s go to North Dakota over the weekend and make some money.”
  Suzann Koepplinger, former Director, MIWRC
- “Because of poverty and high rates of mobility with Native people, it’s not unusual for them to go up to White Earth for a party and then say, ‘Let’s just buzz over to North Dakota and see a friend of mine,’ and then she’s gang-raped over there,”
- Since 2010, Indian girls in Minnesota have reported to service providers that family members or friends have tried to talk them into going to North Dakota
- Girls go missing and then show up in the North Dakota child protection system, or are picked up by law enforcement in Williston, Minot
BOOM
Need for a Coordinated Response

• Scattered response, happening across large, rural area

• Lack of capacity

• Concern identified first within non-profit sector, began laying ground work for coordinated response.
State Coalition formed

• Formed in summer 2014
• FUSE – a Force to End Human Sexual Exploitation – is the statewide anti-trafficking coalition in North Dakota. FUSE is a space for advocates, direct service providers, law enforcement, and allied partners who are seeking to develop and implement a coordinated, comprehensive response to the sex trafficking crisis in North Dakota.
ND Human Trafficking Task Force

• USDOJ funded task force lead by North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation, the US Attorney’s Office for North Dakota, and CAWS – the statewide domestic violence/sexual assault coalition
• Tasked with proactive law enforcement investigations and provision of comprehensive services to victims of labor and sex trafficking
• Direct Services staff
North Dakota Human Trafficking Task Force

- $1.5M Federal Funds, $500K match funds
- 3 year grant period
- Director, 3 “navigators”, 1 BCI tech
- Work with local LE affiliates and service providers in ND
- Grant funds to local service providers to provide comprehensive services
- Statewide 24/7 crisis response
- Data collection
- Training/TA
ND Human Trafficking Task Force

- 3 Navigators Cover entire all of ND
- Are available as a supportive resource if/when trafficking or suspected trafficking victims are identified; will provide supportive case management (some direct case management) and help connect with services
  - Navigator will provide referral and supportive case management services, education and community outreach, and development of, or training and technical assistance for, local multi-disciplinary teams in their region
- Develop and coordinate MDT meetings
  - MDT’s meeting in 9 communities
    - Developing 2 additional communities
  - Encouraging emergency protocol, case debriefing
State funding

• Distributed $1.25 M in funds for victim services
  – Grants were made to different NGO’s across the state to provide comprehensive services and support advocacy position
Navigators

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Human Trafficking Services in North Dakota

Regional Navigators Contact Information
Regional Navigators are part of the North Dakota Human Trafficking Task Force and are responsible for connecting suspected or confirmed victims of trafficking to services and support, and for providing training and technical assistance on human trafficking to their region.

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Northeast/Southeast Region
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Please contact the appropriate Regional Navigator, referencing the services map above, if you or someone you know needs support or referrals to service providers in your area.

Map Key:
- In-home case management
- Literacy education/job training
- Shelter/housing/advisory
- Life skills training
- Medical care
- Employment assistance
- Emergency intake assessment
- Mental health treatment
- Emergency case management
- Transportation assistance
- 219 refuses referral
- Legal services
- MSEOR certification services
- Law enforcement
- Services for adults over 22
- Services for youth under 22
- Services for youth under 18
- Services for youth & adults
- Case management
- Referral locations

Southwest/Central Region
- Emergency intake/assessment
- In-home intake/assessment
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NORTH DAKOTA HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE - RAPID INDICATOR GUIDE

In North Dakota, a person is a victim of human trafficking if 1) an adult is compelled by a third party to participate in commercial sex through deception or coercion, 2) a minor is made available by a third party for the purpose of engaging in commercial sexual activity, or 3) if someone knowingly uses coercion to compel an individual to provide labor or services. NDCC §§ 12.1-41-03(1), 04(1)(a). A minor CANNOT legally consent to commercial sex or prostitution, so any disclosed or apparent participation in commercial sex or prostitution by a minor is a HIGH RISK INDICATOR OF TRAFFICKING.

This guide offers some signs to look and listen for that indicate a person may be a victim of trafficking, or is at risk of being trafficked. INCLUDING THIS GUIDE IN A PERSON’S FILE WITH PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION COULD EXPOSE THEM TO CRIMINAL LIABILITY. A person suspected of being trafficked should be provided a more comprehensive screening and/or a referral for specialized services.

INDICATORS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING:

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<td>Is the person involved (or do you suspect involvement) in providing</td>
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<td>commercial sex acts in exchange for money, drugs, food, shelter or</td>
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<td>Has the person been homeless or unable to identify his/her</td>
<td>Has the person currently in the company of adults, peers or a significant</td>
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<td>permanent residence or current location, and is this</td>
<td>other in an unusual or controlling circumstance? (speaking for them,</td>
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<td>constantly present, etc.)</td>
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<td>obtain? Does the person have tattoos that show ownership and/or that</td>
<td>Are they without a convincing</td>
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<td>he/she does not have an explanation for? (e.g., daddy’s girl, property</td>
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<td>Is someone other than the person or the person’s parent or</td>
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<td>guardian in control of his or her identification, money, passport, or</td>
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<td>minor have a history of 3 or more runaways or AWOLS in the last year,</td>
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<td>or a history of extended absence/truancy from school or any permanent</td>
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<td>Has the person been asked to work in exchange for services/housing/</td>
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<td>Has the person received no paycheck for their work or only been paid</td>
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<td>Do you have any other reason to believe the person may be a</td>
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<td>trafficking victim (sex or labor)? (i.e., information obtained in</td>
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REFERRAL INSTRUCTIONS:
The more indicators that are present, the greater the risk or likelihood of trafficking. If the indicators above are present, please make the appropriate referral, based on the following instructions:

If you believe the person is in imminent danger contact your local law enforcement or dial 911

- If the person is a **minor** and **child abuse or neglect is suspected**, contact your county social services agency.
- If the person is a **minor** and **human trafficking is suspected**, contact 1) your county social services agency, and 2) the appropriate regional Navigator, based on the attached services map.
- If the person is an **adult** and **human trafficking is suspected**, contact the appropriate regional Navigator, based on the attached services map.

For Training and Technical Assistance in using this guide, contact the North Dakota Human Trafficking Task Force at 701-934-5593 or at christina@projectfuse.org
Youthworks host home Program

- 2 year demonstration grant – HHS/ACF/FYSB
- Recruitment, licensing, training and support of human trafficking specific host homes across North Dakota
- Provide a stable and supportive environment for youth at high risk of human trafficking
- Placement lengths vary from a few days to several weeks
- Dedicated intensive case management and community organizing around victim centered services
Youthworks host home locations

• Licensed:
  – Stanley
  – Minot
  – Devils Lake
  – West Fargo

• Under Development:
  – Moorhead
  – Grand Forks
  – Williston
Initial Data

Backpage Ads
April 29  May 3, 2015

733 ads posted statewide in 5 days

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<td>369</td>
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<td>Grand Forks</td>
<td>27</td>
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<td>Bismarck</td>
<td>105</td>
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<td>Minot (includes Bakken cities)</td>
<td>232</td>
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At least 150 victims served in 2014
### New data – Western ND

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<td>Number of youth placed in STCAC</td>
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<td>Number of youth placed in host homes:</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>Number of adults in housing:</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>Number of young adults in TLP housing:</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td>Days of shelter provided:</td>
<td>310</td>
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<td>Number of safe/appropriate exits:</td>
<td>5</td>
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#### Case management:
- Youth: 4
- Adult: 2

#### Info & Referral Contact:
- Youth: 7
- Adult: 11
New Data: Western ND

- Youth receiving direct services
  - 7
  - 6
  - 19
  - 12

- ND resident victims receiving services or referrals: 19
- Out of state victims receiving services or referrals: 12
New Data – Eastern ND

- Number of youth placed in STCAC: 9
- Number of youth placed in host homes: 1
- Number of young adults in TLP housing: 0
- Number of adults in housing: Covered in YWCA data
- Days of shelter provided: 158
- Number of safe/appropriate exits: 21
- Case management: Youth: 6, Adult: 14
- Info & Referral Contact: Youth: 2, Adult: 7
New Data – Eastern ND

- Youth receiving direct services: 15
- Adults receiving direct services: 15
- ND resident victims receiving services or referrals: 18
- Out of state victims receiving services or referrals: 9
Age when arrested: 31  
Residence: Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
Offense Date: 2014  
Jurisdiction: U.S. District Court  
Conviction: Coercion and enticement  
Sentence: Sentencing set for March
Age when arrested: 27
Residence: Fargo, North Dakota
Offense Date: November 2010
Jurisdiction: Grand Forks County
Conviction: Promoting prostitution
Sentence: 5 years with 2 years, 6 months suspended
Supervised release or probation: 5 years
Age when arrested: 22
Residence: Grand Forks, North Dakota
Offense Date: November 2010
Jurisdiction: Grand Forks County
Conviction: Criminal facilitation. Co-defendant of Travis Johnson and Joshua Harry.
Sentence: 30 days in jail, 2 years suspended
Supervised release or probation: 2 years
Age when arrested: 29
Residence: Grand Forks, North Dakota
Offense Date: November 2010
Jurisdiction: Grand Forks County
Conviction: Corruption or solicitation of minors
Sentence: 5 years, 18 months suspended
Supervised release or probation: 5 years
Residence: Festus, Missouri
Offense Date: February 2014
Jurisdiction: Burleigh County
Conviction: Facilitating prostitution
Sentence: 50 days jail with 2 years, 315 days suspended
Supervised release or probation: 2 years
Age when arrested: 22
Residence: New Town, North Dakota
Offense Date: September 2009
Jurisdiction: ND U.S. District Court
Conviction: Sex trafficking by force or coercion in addition to several other sexual abuse charges and other offenses
Sentence: 45 years
Supervised release or probation: Lifetime supervised release
Residence: Jamestown, North Dakota
Offense Date: May 2012
Jurisdiction: Cass County
Conviction: Human trafficking, luring minors by computer, use of a minor in sexual performance
Sentence: 8 years, 5 years suspended
Supervised release or probation: 5 years
Additional Prosecutions

- Other recent cases:
  - Rasheda Ross (Milwaukee)  felony Human Trafficking  Williams County, charges pending
  - Charles Norton, Rasheed Abdul Rahim, felony Human Trafficking  Williams County, charges pending
  - Shakira McClinton (Milwaukee)  felony Human Trafficking  Ward County, charges pending
  - Kevin Fleming, Tayari Meadows (Las Vegas)  felony Human Trafficking of a minor  Ward County, charges pending
  - Trina Nguyen (CA) and Loc Tran (CA)  US District Court  Sentenced in August to 4 yrs, 2 mos and 2 years, respectively
  - Keith Graves  Human trafficking  US District Court  charges pending
  - Prince Jones and Eyeesha Hinton  Human trafficking of a minor  Clay County, MN  Sentenced to 18 years and 4 years, respectively
  - Willie Navy  felony human trafficking  Clay county, MN/US District Court  entered Plea agreement
  - Steven Ezeofor (Las Vegas)  felony human trafficking  Burleigh County
Moving forward

• Continuing to engage new actors
  – Hospitality
  – Oil
• Developing John’s School curriculum
• Continuing to develop public policy agenda
• Rolling out web trainings Continuing collaborations with NDDHS, USAO, AG