

New data reveals increase in Trafficking Victims in Northern Virginia Region

Human trafficking victims have increased by 468.3% since January 2021

RESTON, Va., Feb. 1, 2022. New data reveals that victims of human trafficking have increased dramatically in the Northern Virginia region this past year. In January 2021, 650 individuals were being sold online in a 50-mile radius from Reston, Va. In October 2021, that number had risen to 3,694 individuals.

Freedom Signal pulled data from the past years in 2019 through 2021. In 2019, there were 19,873 individuals listed online for sexual services in a 50-mile radius of Reston, Va. In 2020, that number rose to 92,883 and in 2021 the number rose to 121,783 individuals listed online for sale for sexual services.

“These numbers are shocking and paint a picture of the ongoing need to provide outreach and restorative services to survivors,” said Kay Duffield, Executive Director of Reset180. “Reset180 continues to serve the Northern Virginia community through preventing and disrupting local human trafficking while restoring lives. We continue to need financial partners and volunteers to help us continue the important and life-changing work that we do.”

January was National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, and as it comes to an end, Reset180 urges the community to continue raising awareness around this local, national and global issue. Reset180 exists to prevent and disrupt local human trafficking while restoring lives.

Reset180 has a trained Speakers Bureau that presents on Human Trafficking 101 at local events who educate on what local human trafficking looks like and how they can identify red flags of someone being trafficked. They have a core team of service providers and volunteers that provide and support survivors who break free of human trafficking.

Reset180 plans to build a shelter for survivors of human trafficking in 2022 - 2023 as safe shelter is the number one need of trafficked survivors locally and across the nation. Go to Reset180.com today to learn more, request a speaker to spread awareness in your community today, or partner with us to serve and support local human trafficking survivors.

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