

Human Trafficking Cases for May 2021

Cleveland man arrested on dozens of child pornography charges

April 30

A Cleveland man has been arrested on dozens of charges involving child pornography.

According to the report at the Rowan Sheriff's Office, deputies began investigating information from The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. The NCMEC filed four reports for investigation.

The NCMEC reported that a resident of Rowan County was giving advice on spanking techniques and possibly physically abusing small children. The NCMEC also reported that the user has images of nude male and female subjects that range in age from infant to preschool, and that some of them were involved in sexual acts.

[Read the full story here.](#)

Jacksonville Man Sentenced to 30 Years for Human Trafficking

May 7

A Jacksonville man was sentenced today to 360 months in prison for sex trafficking by force, fraud, or coercion. On September 24, 2020, Jesse Gabriel Marks pled guilty to the charges. The sentence also requires Marks to pay \$249,700 in restitution to multiple victims.

According to court documents and other information presented in court, Marks, 38, prostituted hundreds of women, including at least one minor, over nearly two decades. He used drugs, including heroin and methamphetamine, to keep them dependent on and prostituting for him. After meeting Marks, many victims either developed addictions or deepened their addictions, ruining their health and, in many cases, their lives. Marks physically and emotionally abused many of the victims. He also gave women drug cocktails without their full knowledge and, once they were unconscious or nearly unconscious, sexually assaulted them. He recorded many of those sexual assaults on video.

[Read the full press release here.](#)