

AG Fitch Announces Completion of Human Trafficking Operation

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Lynn Fitch

(Oxford, Mississippi) Today, Attorney General Lynn Fitch announced the completion of Operation Fins Up, a 2-day operation conducted in Oxford, Mississippi led by her Human Trafficking Task Force. The operation resulted in seven arrests. As a result of this operation, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) placed an Immigration Detainer on one of the subjects pending release from state charges. In addition, five human trafficking victims were recovered.

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During Operation Fins Up, which was conducted September 24 and 25, Mississippi Attorney General’s Office investigators and prosecutors worked with federal, state, and local law enforcement partners to make the arrests and recover the victims. Kevin Malone, President Trump’s Senior Advisor on Human Trafficking at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, observed the operation, including victim advocacy services.

The following agencies participated:

- Alcoholic Beverage Control
- Homeland Security Investigations
- Lafayette County Sheriff’s Office
- Lafayette Metro Narcotics Task Force
- Oxford Police Department
- Skull Games
- United States Marshals Task Force
- University of Mississippi Police Department

In addition to law enforcement partners, Transformation Gardens and Oxford Police Department Victim Advocates provided services and treatment to the

victims that were recovered during this operation.

Since launching [Be the Solution](#), Attorney General Fitch's office has trained over 550 officers from across the state. The Attorney General's human trafficking team has led 60 multi-jurisdictional operations that have led to the rescue of 375 victims and 178 arrests, as well as countless leads in the effort to disrupt and stop trafficking operations in Mississippi.

Law enforcement agencies interested in learning more about or participating in the AGO Human Trafficking Task Force, Fentanyl Strike Force, Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, or Cyber Fraud Task Force, should contact the Attorney General's Office Director of Strategic Law Enforcement Partnerships, Paul Holley, at paul.holley@ago.ms.gov.

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