

Mississippi AGO Participates in One of the Largest Multistate Human Trafficking Operations to Date



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Lynn Fitch

(Biloxi, Mississippi) Today, Attorney General Lynn Fitch announced that her Human Trafficking Task Force led Mississippi's participation in a national human trafficking operation that spanned 30 states and included over 250 law enforcement agencies. In Mississippi, the operation in Biloxi led to four arrests and the recovery of three victims.

"My office is committed to taking criminals who traffic people off our streets and equally committed to setting victims on the road to recovery," **said Attorney General Fitch**. "Developing partnerships with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies both within Mississippi and across the country is a priority for the Mississippi Attorney General's Office, and we are proud to be a part of a network of dedicated law enforcement agencies working to end human trafficking."

Operation Coast to Coast was started in 2024 as an initiative of [Human Trafficking Training Center](#) (HTTC) in an effort to spur a nationwide response to human trafficking. During this operation, conducted April 23, 2026, Mississippi Attorney General's Office investigators and prosecutors worked with federal, state, and local law enforcement partners to make arrests and recover victims. Nationally, this operation resulted in 59 arrests and the recovery of 166 victims, including 12 minors. In Mississippi, the following agencies participated:

- Biloxi Police Department
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
- Harrison County Sheriff's Office
- Homeland Security Investigations (HSI)
- Mississippi Bureau of Investigations (MBI)
- Mississippi Gaming Commission

In addition to law enforcement partners, the Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence provided services and treatment to the victims that were recovered during this operation.

Attorney General Fitch's office has trained 588 law enforcement officers from across the state. The Attorney General's human trafficking team has now led 63 multi-jurisdictional operations that have led to the rescue of 390 victims and 204 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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