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### Carson praises work to strengthen penalties for human trafficking

Concord, NH – Senator Sharon Carson (R-Londonderry) issued a statement following a press conference detailing the arrests of two men on human trafficking charges.

“I am proud of the ongoing work done by the Senate Judiciary Committee as well as the full House and Senate in order to establish new laws over the past few years that serve to increase the penalties for criminals engaging in the trafficking of all people in our state.”

“As legislators, it is our duty to protect and provide justice to our citizens and these new laws allow for greater prosecution of sex trafficking related crimes. We are encouraged to see that these new laws are effectively providing the framework to convict those engaging in human trafficking crimes, removing them from our streets and ensuring that they can no longer harm their victims. The legislation we passed in 2014, in addition to the most recent bill that became law, HB 1628, reinforces how human trafficking will not be tolerated by any means in New Hampshire.”

#### Background:

In 2016, HB 1628 AN ACT relative to human trafficking involving persons under 18 years of age became law, effective 1/1/17

In 2014, SB 317 AN ACT relative to trafficking in persons became law in New Hampshire.

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