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*Legal Shifts In Relation to
Human Trafficking in Atlantic
County*

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Who cares?

Human Trafficking can't be defined by a specific geological area. It can occur anywhere and to anyone. Which is why I focused on human trafficking in Atlantic County, NJ.

METHODS

- 1. The Human trafficking statute in New Jersey was updated in 2013
- 2. Compare the new statute with the previous one (2005 vs. 2013)
- 3. Look at the changes that were made
 - 1. Specifically the financier provision
 - 2. The updates in regards to minors
- 4. Look at Human Trafficking Cases before and after the implementation of the new statute

RESULTS

- There was a ton of overlap in what areas of the statute defendants were charged with
- The updated statute addresses more people who can be charged with human trafficking

THE IMPACT OF STATUTE
SHIFTS

Cases Tried After 2013

Tahir
Gregory
2017

- 2C:13-8A(2)(1ST)
- 2. 2C:34-1B(2)(3RD)
- 3. 2C:13-8A(2)(1ST)
- 4. 2C:34-1B(2)(3RD)

Quincy
Spriggs
2017

- 2C:13-8A(1)(A)(1ST)
- 2. 2C:34-1B(5)(3RD)

Brandon
Rose
2015

- 2C:34-1B(1ST) /
2C:13-2B(3RD)
- 2. 2C:24-4A(3RD)
- 3. 2C:34-1B(1ST)
- 4. 2C:24-4A(3RD)

Case Tried Before 2013

Malik Canty
2009

- 2C:13-8 (2005 statute;
financier provision
did not exist; so
charged under
2C:13-8(a)

Similarities

- All of these cases with the exception of Brandon Rose were found guilty of human trafficking
- In each case there was evidence of **force, fraud, and coercion (2C:13-8A)**
- All of these cases ended up being charged with multiple counts of the crimes
- Mandatory sentence of 20 to life must serve 20

Why This Matters

- The definition of human trafficking is always being updated

2005 and 2013

- Relatively new legal topic (2000) so it is subject to change

Conclusion

- Human Trafficking does not just happen in random places
- It can happen anywhere
- The understanding of it is also always changing

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