

Compensation granted in the amount of 6.500 euro, but not realized

Two Albanian residents aged 17 and 19 were victims of sexual exploitation and forced labor by an elderly woman in the Republic of Northern Macedonia. The juvenile victim arrived in Macedonia with her mother and stepfather six months before the crime took place, while the other victim came with a friend from Kosovo. Both victims were repeatedly persuaded to stay in the perpetrator's home and were promised legal work with good earnings. When they started working, the perpetrator forced them to work as waitresses for long hours without pay. They also worked as escort clients and then offered sexual services. They were forced to provide sexual services to various men in a range of hotels and bars. In a police raid on a nightclub, the girls were discovered and taken to the Trafficking Victims Center, where they received the necessary psychosocial assistance and legal protection from La Strada - Open Gate. The criminal proceedings lasted from 2012 to 2016 and the offender was sentenced to 6 years in prison. One of the victims, through her legal representative, claimed compensation of 400,000.00 denars (€ 6,500). The other victim, who was underage during the crime, did not seek compensation.