


Study: Craigslist Ads for Underage Girls

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ATLANTA (MyFOX ATLANTA) - There was a startling new report issued Tuesday about the number of underage girls sold for sex in Atlanta and allegedly on the popular website Craigslist.org.

A group called a Future Not a Past conducted a study on child prostitution in Georgia. The study found that nearly 200 adolescent girls were advertised for sex on Atlanta's Craigslist.org site this past February.

The ads typically begin with headlines like "New Hottie" and are usually accompanied by photographs of scantily clad girls in suggestive poses.

A Future Not a Past said the internet has become the new street corner for johns and the pimps trying to sell adolescents for sex.

Last year, Craigslist.org started requiring erotic services advertisers to submit a phone number and pay a fee to verify their identities.

A Future Not a Past says the new requirements caused the number of underage ads to drop, but only temporarily.

In Georgia, those convicted of soliciting sex or pimping a minor can be sentenced to up to 20 years in prison.