

Human Trafficking Survivor Lauren Steele Found: PSP

A woman who had been reported missing for more than a year has been found, Pennsylvania State Police announced on Wednesday, Jan. 28.



Lauren Steele

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Lauren Steele was 36 years old when she was reported missing after her last contact with family on Monday, Aug. 5, 2024, Pennsylvania State Police said.

On Jan. 28, 2026, Steele was located and is safe, State Police said. Additional details about where she was found or the circumstances surrounding her recovery were not released.

Steele had last been known to be living in a hotel in Carlisle, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, in August, according to investigators. She had moved to Pennsylvania within the past year after previously residing in New York and Virginia, state police said.

Investigators had previously said Steele may have traveled to Las Vegas, Nevada, but her whereabouts were unknown at the time.

According to a June report from [NewsNation](#), Steele is a survivor of human trafficking and had planned to travel to Las Vegas to attend a rehabilitation program related to her recovery. The report stated Steele was supposed to fly from Pennsylvania but was delayed and placed in a hotel, which is when her family last heard from her.

Family members told NewsNation that Steele contacted them from the hotel and said a man outside was going to help her get on a plane. They said they did not hear from her again.

Pennsylvania State Police thanked the public for sharing information and assisting in the search.

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