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ODPS Honors OU Students for Contributing to a Safer Ohio

(Athens) - Today, Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS) Director Born honored Ohio University students, Kaorin Marshall and Katherine Morua with the "I Contribute" award for their dedication and hard work to combat human trafficking in Ohio – and around the world.

"I applaud Miss Marshall and Miss Morua for their efforts in raising awareness about human trafficking," said ODPS Director John Born. "Awareness of this issue in our community is key in our fight to help trafficked and exploited children, women and men in our state."

Marshall and Morua hosted a human traffic awareness event on the Ohio University campus last April where they stood outside for 10 hours and informed passers-by of the realities of human trafficking. Through their event, named Stand4Freedom, they collected more than 200 signatures petitioning a change in laws for the treatment of human trafficking victims.

The "I Contribute" award is a component of the Department's main *A Safer Ohio* initiative, and allows citizens to nominate an individual or an agency for the positive impact they are making in their community as it relates to public safety. To nominate someone for the "I Contribute" award, please visit the ODPS Web site <http://publicsafety.ohio.gov/>

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