Sexual Assault Facts

In Texas 1 in 5 women & 1 in 20 men have been sexually assaulted at some point in their lifetime.

Over 80% of Texans who were sexually assaulted DID NOT report to law enforcement.

Only 19% of the sexual assaults were committed by complete strangers, leaving over 80% of sexual assaults committed by someone known to the victim.

Who Are the Perpetrators?

Over 80% of sexual assaults are committed by someone known to the victim. 1

Most rapists remain undetected. 2

Studies also confirm the undetected rapist is a serial hunter and serial offender– not the misunderstood drunk guy. 2

Over 94% of rapists roam free with only 3% ever spending a day in jail. 3

Dynamics:

No one "asks" to be sexually assaulted, it is an act committed without consent (period).

Non-stranger rapes are the least likely to get reported and progress through the judicial process, yet account for a majority of the sexual assault occurrences in your community.

98% of non-stranger rapes do not involve a weapon. 4

The use of alcohol and drugs during non-stranger rape and brief encounter rape is very common. 5

Victims of non-stranger rape experience a high degree of inner struggle, shame and often blame themselves for the crime. 5

Non-stranger and brief encounter rape victims are more likely than other victims to be blamed and to have their entire past sexual histories scrutinized, and as a result feel re-victimized. 5

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4 Lisak, D., Miller, P.M. (2002) Repeat Rape and Multiple Offending Among Undetected Rapists. Violence and Victims (Vol.17 N.1) pp.73-84

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