

Adolescent Offenders with Sexual Behavior Problems

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“Behavior of the victim during or following an assault that, on the surface, does not make sense, runs counter to common sense, or is unexpected.”

The Justice Gap

Rape Stats

12.7% to 24% of US women raped or attempted rape

(Kilpatrick et al., 2007, Kilpatrick et al., 1992. Russell, 2000, Walter et al., 2013)

Reporting Sexual Assault

5 Country Study

US, Canada, England, Wales, Australia

Reporting rates from 6% to 32%

32% Outlier

Average 14%

(Daly & Bouhours, 2010)

The Justice Gap

- 14% of sexual assaults reported
- 30% *of those* went to prosecution
- 20% of 14% adjudicated in court
- 12.5 of 14% convicted of any offense
- 6.5% of 14% convicted of original charge

(Daly & Bouhours, 2010)

Of All Sexual Assaults Reported & Not Reported

Reported and not reported

Convicted of any offense 2%

Convicted of original charge 1%

Rate of False Reports

2 to 10%

(Kelly et al., 2005, Lisak et al., 2010, Lovett & Kelly, 2009,)

Lovett & Kelly, 2009

Researchers 3%

Police 10%

98% ?

Revealed abuse to anyone as children

10 Retrospective Studies

1/3 revealed abuse

Cases reported to authorities

10% - 18%

(London et al., 2005)

This counselor questions why student waited
over 1 month to disclose. Also, mom reports
that student's relationship w/ step-dad has
been amicable. ~~mom reports~~ ^{Step}dad

~~mom reports that student is~~
~~not disclosing information~~
~~that~~

"Real" Rape and "Simple" Rape

“Real” Rape

- Stranger
- Violent
- Injuries
- Forceful resistance
- Victim defines self as raped

“Real” Rape

Reporting

Faster, help-seeking, interest in law enforcement

Community

Supportive of victim, decrease in blaming

“Real” Rape

Offender

Clearly defined, held accountable, typically limited contact with/influence over the victim

Victim

No contact with offender, sees self as victim

"Simple" Rape

- Assailant an acquaintance
- No weapons
- No significant injuries
- His place or hers

Most Common Rape

- Assailant an acquaintance
- No weapons
- No significant injuries
- His place or hers

- "It really becomes a balancing act for the investigators. Some of them were Tinder, some of them were hookup sites, some of them were actually coworkers," Rose told DNA info. "It's not a trend that we're too worried about because out of 13 [rapes and attempted rapes reported], only two were true stranger rapes. ... If there's a true stranger rape, a random guy picks up a stranger off the street, those are the troubling ones. That person has, like, no moral standards."

(NY City Police Captain Pete Rose, Washington Post, 1.10.17)

"They're not total-abomination rapes where strangers are being dragged off the streets,"
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What Did Boston Do?

- People ran to victims
- Residents went back to work
- Injured got back to their lives
- City got back to a normal life
- Had another marathon

Boston Strong

- When victims of a terrorist attack go about a normal life, we call it

Boston Strong

- When sexual assault victims go about a normal life, we say

It didn't happen.

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Victim Counterintuitive Behaviors

- Not fighting or resisting during the assault
- Not yelling when others in the vicinity
- Not escaping when had opportunity
- Continuing with the evening - movies
- Having sex, sleeping after the assault
- Texting, calling, dating the perpetrator

Pretend Normal

- Acting “normal”
 - Going to school
 - Playing sports
 - Shopping, partying, going to work
 - No overt display of distress, trauma, assault
 - Hiding assault – make-up over bruises
 - Acting “as if” nothing happened

What happens if you fall down in public?

First thought: Not making a scene

Problem is

- There is no one reaction to sexual assault.
- There are a variety of reactions – some of whom are counterintuitive.

- The problem is not victim behavior.
- The problem is that the “audience” has faulty expectations.

All rapes aren't violent stranger rapes

But

The reactions we expect:

Occur in violent stranger rapes

Faulty Expectations

- Retrospective view
 - Clear it was a sexual assault
- At the time
 - Where was the line crossed?
 - Was it crossed?
 - What is happening? Is it OK? Why is it happening?
 - Is this my fault?

Victims believe myths, too!

Women who say they have had intercourse through force or the threat of force

½ think they were raped

(Bonner & Parrot, 1997; Koss, 1985)



Alec Cook



Getting Acquainted

- Skitched onto her bike
- Exchanged info
- Studied together
- Much in common - both psychology majors

Incident

- Went to her work place (fast food)
- Waited for her/Had dinner together
- Studied together library – she test in AM
- Invited to his apartment
- “I don’t want a fuck buddy.”

Cook began penetrating her vagina with his penis and “started choking me” by “clenching my neck.” She stated her “vision started to go.” Cook then pushed her face into the pillow “so I couldn’t breathe.” Leah shouted, “You have to stop, I’m going to pass out” into the pillow. Cook let go of her neck and grabbed her hair.

He forcefully pulled her head up and back with the handful of hair and continued to have intercourse with her while he held her hair. Afterwards, Cook flipped Leah onto her back and, while continuing vaginal intercourse, commenced slapping Leah in the face.

She stated he would “yank me everywhere he wanted,” and that he was “very forceful and sudden.” She stated he “yanked her into every imaginable position, including with her on top of him, him on top of her, and with her on her hands and knees. He would not speak when he changed positions but would just grab her forcefully and move her.



- **15 Counts**

- **5 Women**

- **Sexual Assault**

- **Strangulation**

- **False Imprisonment**