MAD Data Findings:
Sexual Assault Cases of Police, Prosecutors, Forensic Examiners, and Victim Advocates

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MAD Project: Data Collection

Data collected on sexual assault cases over a period 18-24 months*
- Law enforcement
- Forensic examiners
- Community-based victim advocates
- System-based victim advocates
- Prosecutors

*The data collection period varied by agency.

Data Submitted by Each Discipline (Total = 9,398)
(Number of cases within each discipline)

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Victim Gender

Note: Unspecified cases are removed. Percentages are calculated based on the actual number of cases within each discipline, so they will sum to 100% within each discipline.
**Age of Suspect(s)**

Note: Unspecified cases are removed. Percentages are calculated based on number of suspects described within each age category for each discipline. Percentages will therefore sum to 100% within each discipline.

**Victim Age**

Note: Unspecified cases are removed. Percentages are calculated based on number of cases described within each age category. Percentages will therefore sum to 100% within each discipline.

**Suspect Drug/Alcohol Use**

Note: Percentages are calculated based on number of cases within each discipline. Percentages will therefore sum to 100% within each discipline.

**Relationship between Victim and Suspect**

Note: Unspecified cases are removed. Percentages are calculated based on the total number of relationships that are marked (more than one may apply in each case). Percentages add up to 100% within each discipline.
**PROS: Relationship**

- Stranger: 19%
- Non-Stranger: 36%
- Intimate Partner: 31%
- Brief Encounter: 14%

**CBA: Relationship**

- Stranger: 21%
- Non-Stranger: 43%
- Intimate Partner: 22%
- Brief Encounter: 14%

**Sexual Acts Involved in the Assault**

Note: Unspecified cases are removed. Raw numbers are presented, because more than one response may apply and a considerable percentage of cases were unspecified.

**POLICE: Sexual Acts**

- Oral copulation: 16%
- Other sexual act: 8%
- Penetration of vagina by penis: 55%
- Penetration of anus by penis: 9%
- Other penetration: 12%

**MED: Sexual Acts**

- Oral copulation: 18%
- Penetration of vagina by penis: 52%
- Penetration of anus by penis: 12%
- Other penetration: 9%
- Other sexual act: 9%

**PROS: Sexual Acts**

- Oral copulation: 16%
- Penetration of vagina by penis: 55%
- Penetration of anus by penis: 9%
- Other penetration: 12%
- Other sexual act: 8%
Completed vs. Attempted Sexual Assault

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<td>86.6%</td>
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Tactic Used to Commit Assault

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POLICE: Tactic Used

- Chemical Restraint: 19%
- Verbal Threat: 23%
- Weapons: 13%
- Physical Force/Restraint: 45%

MED: Tactic Used

- Chemical Restraint: 24%
- Verbal Threat: 17%
- Weapons: 16%
- Physical Force/Restraint: 43%

PROS: Tactic Used

- Chemical Restraint: 3%
- Verbal Threat: 23%
- Weapons: 17%
- Physical Force/Restraint: 57%

CBA: Tactic Used

- Professional Relationship: 1%
- Other Type: 2%
- Victim Incapacitated: 19%
- Force, Threat, Fear: 61%
- Victim Unconscious: 14%
- Victim Disability: 3%
Law Enforcement Variables

Total of 2,059 cases

POLICE: Type of Police Report
(Number of cases out of 2,059)

- Unspecified: 788 cases
- Informational Report: 400 cases
- Crime Report: 904 cases

POLICE: Identifying Information for Victim?
(Number of cases out of 2,059)

- Unspecified: 24 cases
- No, Anonymous Report: 38 cases
- Yes, Victim Identity Known: 2030 cases

POLICE: Did victim have a forensic exam?
Unspecified cases removed (n = 1,886 cases)

- No, victim refused: 13.4%
- No, due to timeline: 17.1%
- No, due to nature of SA: 15.3%
- Yes, forensic exam: 47.2%
- No, other reason(s): 6.9%

POLICE AND PROSECUTION:
Time Between Assault and Report
Note: Unspecified cases are excluded. Percentages are calculated based on number of cases within each discipline.

- Same day: 62.8%
- 24 to 96 hrs: 16.5%
- 5 to 6 days: 7.6%
- 1 to 4 weeks: 7.5%
- 1 to 12 months: 2.9%
- Years: 2.9%

POLICE AND PROSECUTION:
Suspect Criminal Record
Note: Percentages are calculated based on number of cases within each discipline.

- Prior investigation for sex offense (no arrest): 3.0%
- Prior arrest for sex offense (no conviction): 2.3%
- Prior conviction for sex offense: 8.1%
- Arrested or convicted for non-sex offense: 24.2%
POLICE: Length of Investigation
Unspecified cases removed (n = 1,872 cases)

- Days 29.5%
- Weeks 43.4%
- Months 26.8%
- Years 0.2%

POLICE: Investigative Steps Taken (Part 1)
(Percentage of 2,018 cases)

- DNA analysis from crime lab 12.8%
- Other crime scene evidence 18.6%
- Victim clothing collected 10.0%
- Evidence collected from suspect's body 19.6%
- Witness interview(s) 25.0%
- Suspect interview(s) 37.1%
- Follow-up victim interview 38.2%
- Preliminary victim interview 98.0%

POLICE: Investigative Steps Taken (Part 2)
(Percentage of 2,018 Cases)

- None of these steps 10.3%
- Suspect clothing collected 3.3%
- Toxicology analysis requested 2.6%
- Other forensic analysis requested 2.3%
- Preliminary victim interview 3.2%
- Follow-up victim interview 4.6%
- Witness interview(s) 7.0%
- Suspect interview(s) 9.2%
- Referral of the case for prosecution 10.0%
- Arrest(s) made 10.4%
- Signed release waiver 10.6%

POLICE: Number of Victim Interviews
Unspecified cases removed (n = 1,890 cases)

- 1 40.4%
- 2 46.7%
- 3 9.3%
- 4 or more 0.9%

POLICE: Number of Suspect Interviews
Unspecified cases removed (n = 1,744 cases)

- 1 39.0%
- 2 4.8%
- 3 0.5%
- 4 0.4%

POLICE: Number of Witness Interviews
Unspecified cases removed (n = 1,740 cases)

- 1 18.7%
- 2 6.3%
- 3 2.5%
- 4 2.4%
- 4 or more 0.9%
Medical Variables

Total of 2,517 cases

MEDICAL: Time between sexual assault and forensic medical examination (Unspecified cases removed; n = 2,396)

- 1-12 months: 0.2%
- 1-4 weeks: 0.5%
- 5-6 days: 1.2%
- 1-4 days: 41.2%
- Same day: 56.8%

MEDICAL: Reported to Law Enforcement?
(Unspecified cases removed (n = 2,181 cases))

- No report: 3.3%
- Yes, anonymous: 0.4%
- Yes with name: 96.4%

Injuries observed with naked eye

Did the forensic examiner observe any of the following types of injury using only the naked eye? That is, without the aid of a colposcope or staining dye of some kind? (please mark all that apply)

MEDICAL: Injury Observed with Naked Eye
(Number of 2,517 cases; more than one may apply)

- Genital injury: 34.9%
- Non-genital injury: 44.7%
- No injury observed with naked eye: 19.8%

Injuries observed with colposcope

Did the forensic examiner observe any of the following types of injury using the colposcope and/or staining dye, that were not observed with the naked eye? (i.e., injuries not already described in the previous question) (please mark all that apply)
MEDICAL: Injury Observed with Colposcope (Number of 2,517 cases; more than one may apply)

- Genital microtrauma: 23.3%
- Non-genital microtrauma: 5.7%
- No microtrauma observed: 15.6%

MEDICAL: Time Since Last Consensual Sex
Unspecified cases removed (n = 1,127 cases)

- More than 7 days: 7%
- Never: 11%
- Less than 1 day: 17%
- 1 to 3 days: 53%
- 4 to 7 days: 12%

MEDICAL: Exam Components (Part 1)
(Percentage of 2,517 cases)

- Collection of clothing: 28.3%
- Other trace evidence: 19.2%
- Unknown hair samples: 14.3%
- Snipped (hair standards): 19.5%
- Plucked (hair standards): 18.9%
- Collection of standard hair samples: 19.9%
- Comprehensive medical interview: 46.4%
- Medical care for injuries: 13.4%

MEDICAL: Exam Components (Part 2)
(Percentage of 2,517 cases)

- Nose blow into tissue: 0.2%
- Toluidine blue or other staining dye: 38.5%
- Colposcopic exam: 36.9%
- Photographs: 29.8%
- Pregnancy testing: 40.9%
- Fingernail scrappings: 13.5%
- Unwaxed dental floss: 13.5%
- Other swab: 33.7%
- Genital swab: 44.9%

MEDICAL: Exam Components (Part 3)
(Percentage of 2,517 cases)

- None of these: 25.5%
- HIV testing: 2.8%
- Urine sample for toxicology analysis: 18.9%
- Blood sample for DNA analysis: 32.5%
- Blood sample for toxicology analysis: 16.4%
- Emergency contraception: 10.0%
- Prophylactic treatment: 3.2%

Prosecution Variables
Total of 1,511 cases
PROSECUTION: Victim Participation
Unspecified cases removed (n = 709 cases)

- Not Participating: 14.7%
- Participating: 85.3%

PROSECUTION: Length of Case Processing
Unspecified cases removed (n = 962 cases)

- Days: 10.3%
- Weeks: 11.7%
- Months: 56.1%
- Years: 21.8%

PROSECUTION: Grand Jury Indictment
(Percentage of 236 cases with known information from communities with a Grand Jury System)

- Indictment, case not dismissed: 39.8%
- Indictment, case dismissed post-indictment: 16.5%
- No bill: 24.2%
- Case dismissed: 19.5%

PROSECUTION: Case Disposition
(Percentage of 1,127 cases with known information)

- Rejected: 33.2%
- Guilty plea: 33.2%
- Dismissed, not all charges dropped: 2.3%
- Dismissed, all charges dropped: 20.9%
- Trial, guilty: 5.9%
- Trial, not guilty: 2.0%
- Other: 2.6%

FINAL CHARGES: Cases with Guilty Plea or Verdict
(n = 321 with known information)

- Non-sex offense: 23.1%
- Lesser sex offense: 15.6%
- Felony SA Charge: 61.4%

FINAL CHARGES: Cases with Guilty Verdict at Trial
(n = 53 with known information)

- Non-sex offense: 8.0%
- Lesser sex offense: 6.0%
- Felony SA Charge: 86.0%
PROSECUTION: Sentencing
(Percentage of 531 cases with known information)

- Non-custodial/conditional: 19.6%
- Jail (one year or less): 26.6%
- Prison (3 or more years): 46.5%
- Prison (less than 3 years): 7.3%

PROSECUTION: Probation
(Percentage of 331 cases with known information)

- None: 58.9%
- Less than 3 years: 16.6%
- 3 to 10 years: 23.9%
- More than 10 years: 0.6%

PROSECUTION: Type of Evidence Used/Planned (Number of 1,511 cases)

- Victim testimony: 179
- DNA evidence: 24
- Toxicology evidence: 49
- Prior bad acts by defendant: 31
- Other: 58
- Eyewitness: 55

PROSECUTION: Expert Testimony Used or Planned (Number of 1,511 cases)

- Forensic science: 107
- Physiological response to drugs: 12
- Psychological response: 67
- General dynamics: 72
- Forensic exam: 149
- Other: 7

PROSECUTION: Sentencing Hearing Information (Number of 1,511 cases)

- Victim impact statement: 71
- Information on restitution: 10

Advocacy Variables
Total of 3,663 cases
ADVOCATES (CBA AND SBA):
Reason(s) victim compensation denied?
(Number of cases out of 4,369)

Victim uncooperative: 4
Victim involved in illegal activity: 0
Not reported to law enforcement: 28
Not reported in timeline: 9

ADVOCATES (CBA AND SBA):
Reason(s) for Victim Non-Participation
(Number of cases out of 4,369)

Fear of not being believed (missing for SBA): 79
Fear of being blamed (missing for SBA): 36
Fear of being arrested: 14
Fear of case not being prosecuted: 16
Fear of participating in CJS: 10
Fear of police/prosecutor mistreatment: 7
Fear of personal life disruption: 64
Fear of reaction by friends and family: 103
Fear of others finding out: 14
Trauma, emotional distress: 73
Unknown reasons: 26

A Closer Look:
Relationship Categories
Patterns of case characteristics and outcomes within law enforcement and prosecution

PROSECUTION CASE DISPOSITION:
Stranger Cases (n = 185 cases, no unspecified)

Rejected / Dismissed: 51
Guilty Plea / Verdict: 125
Not Guilty Verdict: 7
Other Case Outcome: 2

PROSECUTION CASE DISPOSITION:
Brief Encounters (n = 133 cases, no unspecified)

Rejected / Dismissed: 72
Guilty Plea / Verdict: 57
Not Guilty Verdict: 2
Other Case Outcome: 2

PROSECUTION CASE DISPOSITION:
Non-Strangers (n = 305 cases, no unspecified)

Rejected / Dismissed: 178
Guilty Plea / Verdict: 106
Not Guilty Verdict: 8
Other Case Outcome: 13
PROSECUTION CASE DISPOSITION:
Intimate Partners (n = 265 cases, no unspecified)

Final Charges: Stranger Cases
(no unspecified; n = 111 cases)

Final Charges: Brief Encounters
(no unspecified; n = 43 cases)

Final Charges: Nonstrangers
(no unspecified; n = 96 cases)

Final Charges: Intimate Partners
(no unspecified; n = 59 cases)