

# ***Criminal Investigation,***

Seventh Edition

Chapter Eleven

Sex-Related Offenses

# *Typology of Rape*

- In interviews with 133 convicted sex offenders the following was found:
  1. Power rape – sexuality used in the service of power.
  2. Anger rape – sexuality used in the service of anger.
  3. There were sex was the dominant issue.

# *Interview Procedures and Investigative Questions*

- The attitude of the investigator/officer is critical in interviewing the victim and the offender. If the investigator is uncomfortable with asking sexual questions this will impact the nature of the interview.
- For the victim it may be valuable to start with an overview interview and seek detailed information at future interviews.

# *Interview Procedures and Investigative Questions*

- It is unclear if the interviewer should be of the same gender of the victim. Some suggest that asking the victim if they have a preference would be helpful. Having one interviewer of each gender start the interview might be helpful and later determining which interviewer seems to gain the most information might be one approach.

# *Interview Procedures and Investigative Questions*

- Type and sequence of sexual acts during assault – it is critical to learn as much detail as possible. The order and type of acts may assist in establishing motive, M.O., and other information.
- Verbal activity of suspect – the statements made by the offender may assist in similar ways as to the sequence. Additionally, statements may assist with profiling attempts.

# *Interview Procedures and Investigative Questions*

- Sudden change in offenders attitude – changes in attitude may assist the with the investigation. The suspect may change from anger, to contrite, physically abuse to apologetic and others. In one case a victim reported that when she stopped fighting the offender, the offender seemed to lose interest.

# *Interview Procedures and Investigative Questions*

- Offenders may steal items of value or limited value during the crime. It is important to learn of any thefts. The offender may steal items as souvenirs of the crime.

# *Why Victims Don't Report Sex Crimes*

- There is a considerable reluctance to report the crime of sexual assault. The reluctance is possibly based on:
  - Blame by others.
  - Sense of responsibility for crime.
  - Concern for treatment by justice system.
  - Lack of belief that the individual will be apprehended.
  - Fear of reprisal by offender.

# *Why Some Victims Falsely Report Crimes*

- Some individuals report false crimes. The reasons are many and individual.
  - Some individuals report such crimes to get even with others.
  - Attention.
  - Having had willing sexual contact and now fearful of pregnancy or other issues.
  - Cover for other acts.

## *The Victim and Physical Evidence*

- Semen and hair – semen and sperm are not the same thing, semen is the fluid that carries the sperm. DNA analysis is conducted on the sperm. Individuals who have had a vasectomy may not ejaculate sperm. Hospitals should be asked to comb the area of the victim where the offender had contact for hair from the offender.

# *The Victim and Physical Evidence*

- Investigators need to take caution to gather the following evidence:
  1. Fingernail scrapings.
  2. Victim and suspect clothing.
  3. Samples of soil and vegetation at the scene.
  4. Mark items properly.
  5. Obtain saliva and blood samples.
  6. Remove obvious, visible hair and package it properly.
  7. Obtain hair samples from the victim and suspect.

# *Sexual Assault Examination*

Sex assault examination kits should include:

- A large envelope containing all forms and items needed for the collection of evidence.
- Sexual-assault victim examination consent forms.
- Blood vials used for collecting blood, paper bags, dacron-tipped swab, holder for glass slide, etc.
- Tissue paper for collecting hair samples, envelopes, etc.
- Note: condoms may leave trace evidence.

## ***Auto-Erotic Deaths***

Some individuals gain sexual satisfaction through partial asphyxiation in cases of death investigation that seem to involve asphyxiation and sexual acts watch for this type of accidental death.

***The End***