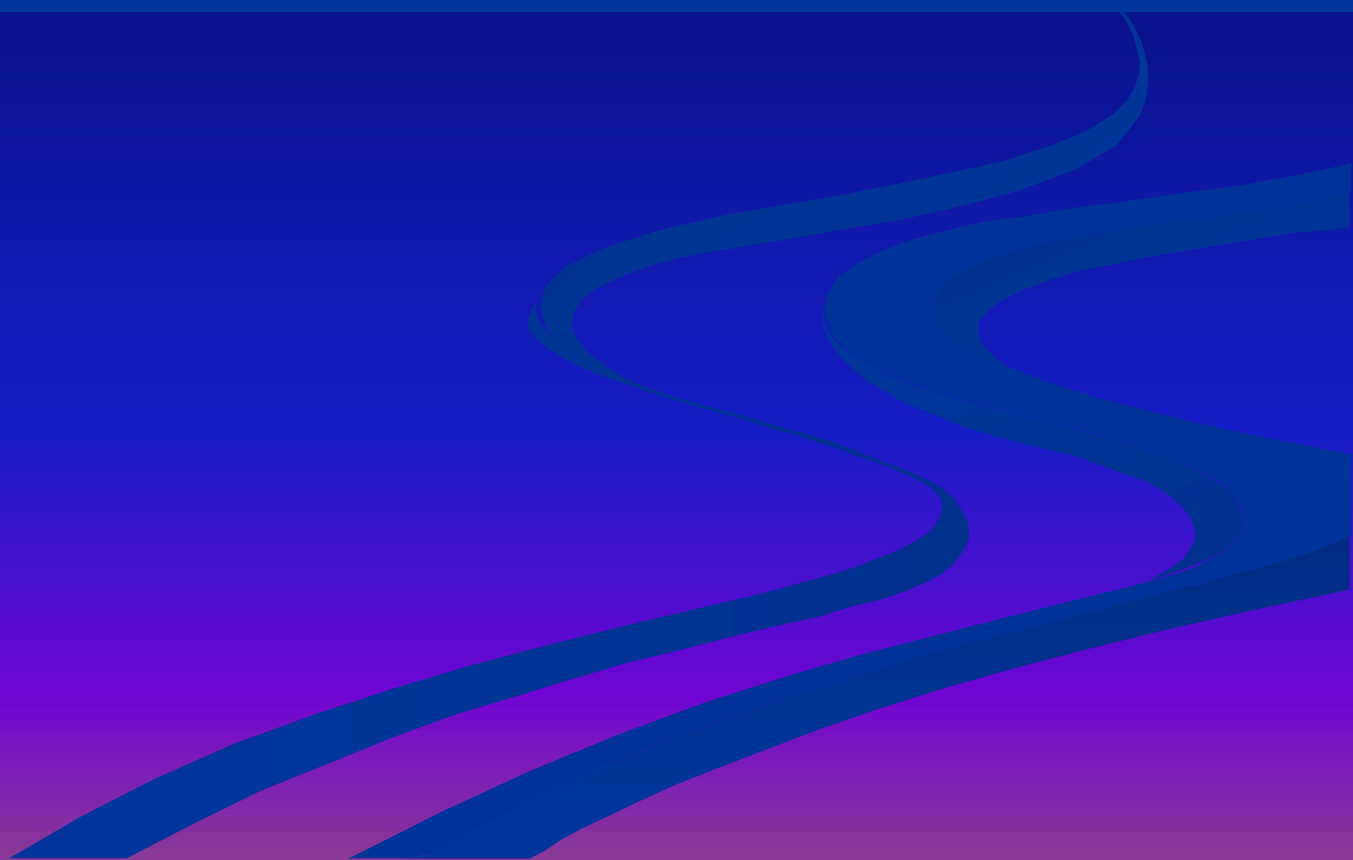


Acquaintance Rape



"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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Navy Study

- Newly enlisted men
- Sample = 1146
- 13% admitted attempted or completed rape
(McWhorter et al., 2009)

Navy Study

- 92% were acquaintances
- Majority of those who targeted strangers also targeted acquaintances
- Serial perpetrators committed 95% of rapes

(McWhorter et al., 2009)

Navy Study

- 29% of 13% admitted one sexual assault
- 71% were serial rapists

(McWhorter et al., 2009)

Myths of Acquaintance Rape

- College students
- Both were drunk
- Dismissed as impulsive; guilty regrets, the fault of both party,
- Not “real” rape

Missing the Boat

Most date rapes are committed by serial date rapists

Not impulsive

Not the fault of both parties

Date rapes are “smart” rapes

College Rape

- 4 studies with combined sample of 1882
- 120 (6.4%) men self-reported sexual assault or rape
- 76 of the 120 (63.3%) reported multiple sexual assaults

(Lisak, 2002)

College Rape

- Serial rapists averaged 5.8 rapes
- Admitted to other acts of interpersonal violence, e.g., child sexual abuse & assault
- Admitted to 1045 acts of interpersonal violence, including rape
- More often used intoxication than force

(Lisak, 2002)

- 120 men committed 483 rapes
- 76 of the 120 committed 439 of the 483
- 91% of rapes committed by serial rapists

(Lisak, 2002)

DNA Testing on Rape Kits

87%

Had prior and subsequent arrests for serious crimes

20% +

Linked to more than one undetected sexual assault in sample.

(Lovell et al. 2020)

Progression John

“From my first case in 1989 to my last case in 1999, . . . from where I started things were progressing . . . I was getting braver and braver—no that’s the wrong word, I was getting stupider and stupider. Do something and see I didn’t get caught. And progress a little further.”

Elements of Rape

- Malice

- Rage

- Control

- Grievance Thinking

Malice - Owen

“I wanted to hurt women sexually
Women didn't mean anything to me but
sexual gratification. They were so 'easy'
that by raping them, I let them know that
they could have their lives ripped up by an
unknown.”

Malice - Joe

Raped 12-year-old niece while staying in her house – stabbed her father multiple times when he came to rescue her.

“I don’t give a fuck how it has affected the victim. They’re just as guilty as I am. That was just a thing that came to a head. That girl was walking around in her little shorts. Sooner or later something happened.”

Harry

Three Known Victims

Blamed Victims

“I seen the effects of what rape would do to someone when my sister was hurt. It seemed like at that time that that was the worse way to hurt a female. It seemed like if you wanted to hurt a female that was the best way to do it .”

Control & Malice

Marcus

“That element and the element of tying, binding were prevalent in all my offenses. That was something that stands out . . . I believe I wanted to be in total control ,and I wanted to humiliate my victim.”

Rage

Joseph

Released 1989

6 Undetected Victims Before Caught Again

Talked a Woman in a Bar into Going to a
Car with Him

Attacked Her

Rage Joseph

“There’s blood everywhere. She’s frantic, crying, and I continued to ignore the situation and only thinking of my own sexual gratification blaming her. I wouldn’t have done that if she had only finished what she had started. That’s what I was telling myself.”

Leroy Anger

“On a scale of 1 to 10 anger, say it’s a ten, that’s when I get all tense and I have tunnel vision. I can’t hear, I’m hearing buzzing. When I get to that point . . . It’s usually 10 minutes because I recognize it. I know what’s happening to me . . . It hasn’t always been true. Back in my offending days I wouldn’t even think about it; I would snap.”

Joseph

“At this point in the car I had become angry because that felt better and being in control and powerful rather than powerless with rejection. That’s what fueled my arousal. And I’m blaming my victim the whole time. That’s when I started to strangle her into submission. She had scratched me on my face because she couldn’t breathe . . . That had infuriated me to where I started to bang her head against the window, and I repeatedly punched her in the face.”

Joseph

“At the time my distortion that sex meant intimacy and love so I go in to these encounters with unrealistic expectations. Then I would become aroused with the control piece.”

Staff Predator

Q. “Does she care about you?”

A. “She does. She does. She does. She thought she could control me bringing me things. But I own her. ‘I have information about you. I’m going to use it if you ever try to have control over me. She used to have control over me. Now I have control over her.’”

Thought Sex was Controlling or Being Controlled- Kevin

A. This arousal thing – now that I realize there is something I need to focus on now. Yes there is an arousal piece. I do want the power and control.

Q. Do you get a high from power and control?

A. Yes. It felt better to have that power and control and not have the power and control . . . Then I would blame my victim.

Kevin

“I am aroused by the fact that I’m in control.”

Control & Malice

Justin

“I think that I was looking for control. I was looking for a way to cope. I was thinking that if I’m feeling bad, I’ll make other people hurt.”

Grievance Thinking

Justin

“For me it’s dwelling on the situation. I’ll dwell on it and then I’ll stuff it. Then somebody else says something, and I’ll dwell on it and stuff it. Until it gets to the point where there’s no more room to stuff it.”

Leroy Grievance Thinking

“If I was offended by someone I would run that video in my head, and every time it went by I would add to the magnitude of the offending in my mind until I was ready to explode.”

Rape as Release Leroy

Had picked Two Victims Who Testified Against
Him

Claims It Was the Wrong House

Q. "You got in there and you knew it wasn't the right person?"

A. I knew right away. That's what makes it so weird I needed to do that. I needed a release valve."

Leroy

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Obsession with Sex Leroy

“I think somewhere along the line I got an extra gene. It was a dominant thought in my head throughout the day. It was what I was thinking about all the time. It was pretty strong.”