

# Winston-Salem Police Department Crime Prevention Unit



# What you Need to Know About Sexual Assault and Acquaintance Rape

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# Acquaintance Rape

- Takes place between 2 people that know each other and 1 of them FORCES the other to have vaginal intercourse.
- Commonly referred to as “date rape”, “social rape”, “silent rape”, and “cocktail rape”
- The rapist can be anyone you are acquainted with: a classmate, a co-worker, your boss, your date, an ex-boyfriend/girlfriend, a neighbor, or past friend

# Acquaintance Rape Cont.

- The rapist does not look any different than anyone else
- They possess charismatic personalities and present themselves as being very polite
- They do not carry a NEON SIGN that says, "I'm a Rapist"

# Statistics for Reported Rapes in Winston-Salem for 2007

- One rape occurs every 3.0 days
- In 2007, 122 rapes were reported
- Of those 122, 97 were cleared
- February was the most frequent month for rapes to be reported
- December is the least frequent month
- The victim's home was the most frequent location
- Most frequent time of occurrence 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

# Victim Profile

## ■ RACE

- 56 black females
- 65 white females
- 1 Unknown females

## ■ AGE

- 0-20yrs old (58)
- 21-40yrs old (43)
- 41-50yrs old (16)
- 50+ yrs old (5)

# Suspect Profile

## ■ RACE

- 44 black males
- 27 white males
- 11 Hispanic males
- 19 Unknown males

## ■ AGE

- 0-20yrs old (22)
- 21-40yrs old (33)
- 41-50yrs old (13)
- 50+yrs old (3)

# Victim Relationship to Offender

- Acquaintance (43)
- Boyfriend/Girlfriend (10)
- Child (1)
- Ex-Spouse (1)
- Friend (6)
- Other Family Member (1)
- Otherwise Known (10)
- Parent (1)
- Sibling (2)
- Spouse (3)
- Stranger (31)
- Unknown Relationship (13)



# Types of Weapons Used in Assaults

- Firearm (7)
- Knife (3)
- Other Weapon (48)
- Physical Force (64)

# What Women Should Know

- Women have the right to:
  - Dress as you please
  - Decide not to have sexual relations at anytime
  - Be treated with respect at all times
- Your actions can lead to misunderstandings
- Date Rape is socially considered a victim-precipitated crime

# Other Things Women Should Know

- Protect yourself in advance by not going home with someone you just met
- If you visit a nightclub, go with friends and leave with them
- Don't have blind dates, unless you double-date
- Be cautious and suspicious

# What Women Should Do

- Talk openly and honestly about your sexual expectation, wishes, and intentions
- Assert yourself by standing up for your rights
- Take an equal role in your relationship with men
- Reject sexual stereotypes that define women as passive, weak, and irrational

# What Men Should Know

- You do **NOT** have the right to pressure or force a woman to have sex **EVEN IF**:
  - You bought her dinner
  - You have a history of sexual relations with her
  - She agrees to have sex with you and then changes her mind
  - You perceive her attire as provocative
  - You met her at a bar or picked her up elsewhere

# Is He a Good Guy or Bad?

## ■ What to look for:

- Hostility towards women as a group
- Does he view women as “sex objects”?
- Domineering personality...tries to make all the decisions
- Acts overly nice
- Seems fake in his desire to please you

# What Can Lead to Date Rape?

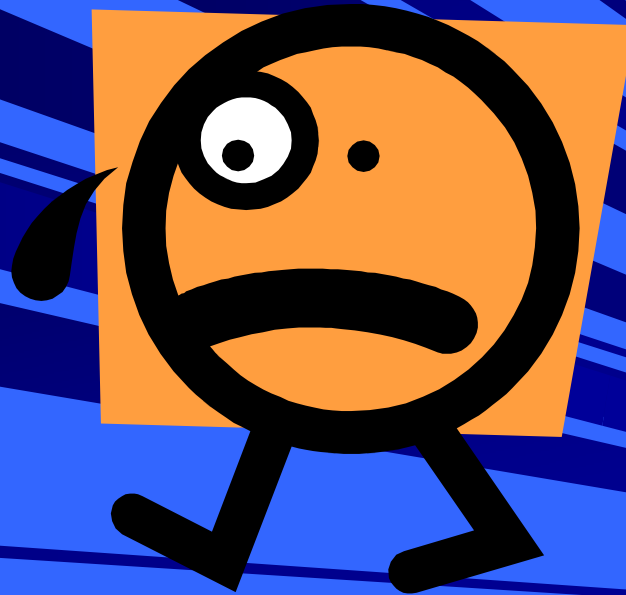
- Several things can lead to date rape:
  - Misunderstandings or mixed messages
  - Different expectations of the date
  - Drug or alcohol use
  - Learned Violence
  - It is not a crime of increased passion, it is a crime about POWER and CONTROL

# Steps to Follow

- Notify the police immediately
- Be prepared to respond to the Hospital
- Be prepared to discuss your case with a S.A.N.E Nurse
- Do not take a shower or bath
- Do not change clothes
- Take a change of clothes with you to the Hospital
- Be prepared to testify in court
- Be prepared for the emotional stress



A victim of a sexual assault of any type may experience several emotional traumas, even if there is not any physical injury.



# The Aftermath

- Victims may experience:
  - A loss of trust in the opposite sex
  - Guilt
  - Embarrassment
  - Depression
  - Isolation
  - Loss of appetite
  - Loss of personal hygiene

# Male Victims

- Most educational programs are geared toward women.
- Male victims usually don't report the attack
- Male victims can experience the same emotions as female victims
- The same rules apply to men
- Sex crimes are not gender specific

# Summary

- Date Rape is a crime
- Anyone can be a victim
- If you are a victim, seek help immediately
- Remember you are not at fault
- Sexual Assaults are about **POWER** and **CONTROL**

# Final Questions?

