

**Confronting the Reality
of
Sexual Violence
on the
College Campus**

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**Is sexual violence a product of
cultural forces?
Or is it caused by sexually violent
individuals?**



**Do we work to change the culture?
Or do we work to catch the offender?**

- A. It's the culture
- B. It's the offender
- C. It's neither
- ☒ D. All of the above

How do you change campus culture?



How do you catch offenders?



With great difficulty.



Is there a profile of an offender?



NO

No Profile of a Sex Offender
Lessons from a Foiled Rape

'He Took Out a Little Black Vial' Then 3 Women Foiled Men's Attempt to Drag Date, Police Say

1. You can foil a rape
2. If you see something, do something
3. The intended victim thought the intended rapist was one of her "best friends"

No Profile of a Sex Offender

Colleagues Express Disbelief Over Arrest of Doctor With Picture-Perfect Life



Dr. David H. Newman arrived in June 2016 at his temporary post in emergency medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital, a prominent and growing facility, prepared as an expert in health care reform, a wife who is a doctor, two young sons, and a graduate degree in the New Jersey suburbs.

As when he was arrested on Tuesday and charged with sexually assaulting two patients under his care in the emergency room, the reaction from his wide circle of colleagues was disbelief.

"I've gotten a whole bunch of hostile emails from around the world saying, 'What's going on? How could this be?'" said Dr. Jerome Hoffman, a professor emeritus of medicine at the University of California, Los Angeles, who has known Dr. Newman for more than a decade. "Someone is making 'David? This guy's name says more."

No Profile of a Sex Offender



So how do we identify an offender?



By his/her behavior.

How do we find out about an offender's behavior?



A victim reports it.



And a victim only reports it if she/he trusts the system (i.e., culture).

What does a college do when it receives a report?



It investigates. Which creates a problem.



How do you conduct what amounts to a complex criminal investigation in the context of a college campus?

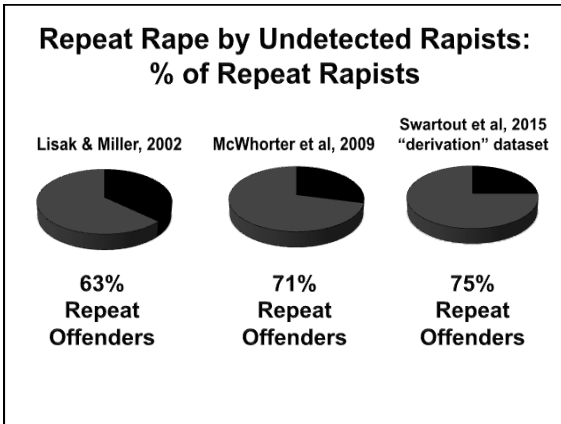
And to make matters worse...

**Most sex offenders are
serial offenders.**

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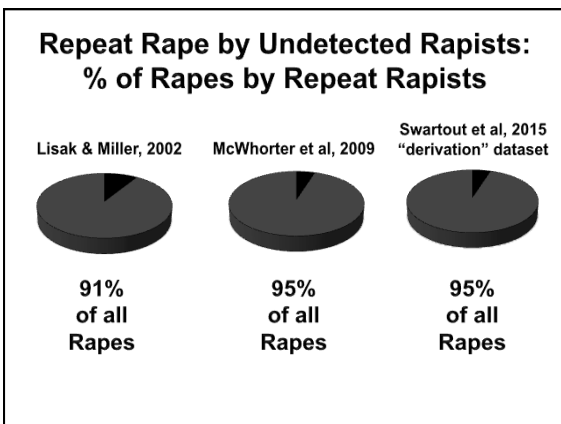
**What percentage of
sex offenders are
serial offenders?**

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What percentage of rapes are committed by serial offenders?

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Repeat Rape and Multiple Offending Among Undetected Rapists

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Why has this study been so controversial?

Pooling data from four samples in which 1,862 men were assessed for acts of interpersonal violence, we report on 120 men whose self-reported acts met legal definitions of rape or attempted rape, but who were never prosecuted by criminal justice authorities. A majority of these undetected rapists were repeat rapists, and a majority also committed other acts of interpersonal violence. The repeat rapists averaged 5.8 rapes each. The 120 rapists were responsible for 1,252 separate acts of interpersonal violence, including rape, battery, and child physical and sexual abuse. These findings extend those from studies of incarcerated sex offenders (Ost, Becker, Matthews, Cunningham-Bell, Baskin, & Murphy, 1987; Weisner and Taylor, 1991), indicating high rates of both repeat rape and multiple types of offending. Implications for the investigation and prosecution of this so-called "hidden" rape are discussed.

The Phenomenon of Serial Offending

- Research on sex offenders spanning decades
- General criminology research
- “If 1,000 burglaries last year, how many burglars?”

The Unspoken Belief: Higher Ed Exceptionalism

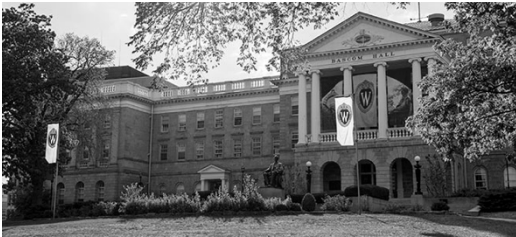


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**Does serial offending
mean we should ignore
culture?**

NO!

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U. of Wisconsin Case - 2016

The Washington Post
Washington, DC
**University of Wisconsin
sex assault case
snowballs as dozens
come forward, 'stalking'
list seized**



By Fred Bedheer | **Updated 10/11/16**
The U.S. as a whole has been more vigilant in Madison, Wis., and UW's toughest
against a 19-year-old predator by the name of David Finn.
He said this and Finn had originally contacted each other via Facebook and gone
together to live in New Haven, Conn., in 1997.
But then, after studying and living in a village there, Finn moved to his apartment near
the campus where he started living here, at first lightly, then heavily. She says she
had been in the apartment for a while, but Finn had been stalking her and she says
she had been sexually assaulted by him. When she said these things, he said she
was lying.
Finn is now in jail, charged with rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment, in which he
has been charged with.

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U. of Wisconsin Case – The Timeline

Oct 2016: UW student reported sex assault to Madison police

Oct 2016: Same week, after word gets out, 2nd student reports assault

"I saw the news story and was empowered by another girl being able to tell what happened to her, and I thought I could now finally tell," the woman told the police.

Oct 2016: Madison police affidavit: "dozens" of women had contacted them about alleged acts, back to March, 2015

Oct 27, 2016: Dane Co. charges Cook with 14 felonies & 1 misdemeanor



Suspect:
Alec Cook

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**One part of our culture
that we must address...**

To Be a Man Means...



Resolute



Mentor



Community Protector



Vulnerable



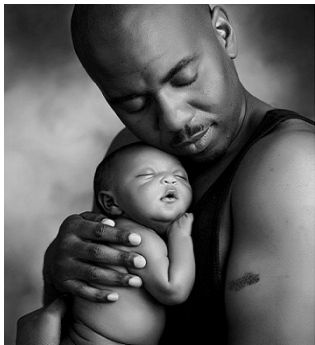
Loyal



Parental Instinct



Stalwart



Tender
