

## PROFILE OF A RAPIST

Most often sex offenders are in their late teens through the thirties.

Most sex offenders come from families where they were beaten or sexually abused as children.

Desire for sex is not the reason people rape. They desire power and dominance over others. Most have poor coping skills and difficulty dealing with stress.

Rapists have a lack of self-esteem; putting down, controlling, or abusing others allows them temporarily to feel better about themselves.

Rape is unwilling sex by force regardless of whom it happens to, when, or where it occurs.

There are many types of rape: stranger rape, acquaintance rape, marital rape and gang rape.

30% of all rapes United States are stranger rape.

Many date or acquaintance rapes are never reported or even recognized because of the confusion between seduction and rape.

Gang rape involves experiences of oral sex, rape with a foreign object, and anal intercourse, in addition to vaginal rape.

Many spouses do not dare incriminate their partner with the charges of marital rape. New laws are being reviewed to help eliminate these problems.

Although males are typically the aggressors, they may also become the victim of rape. Research has proven that men can experience an erection during terror or when under the threat of physical violence.

Drugs and alcohol have a marked effect on the incidence of rape:

- \* 39% of all rapists had been drinking before committing rape.
- \* 50% of the rapists they surveyed drank heavily prior to raping their victims.
- \* Police arrest reports indicate 63% of all rapists were under the influence of drugs or alcohol at the time of the rape.

### Profile of the Victim

The victim of rape may be male or female, infant, child, teenager, adult, elderly, or disabled persons. The victim may be of any race; however, in 93% of the cases the victim is of the same race as the perpetrator. According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics 1987 report, 75% are white, but compared to their proportion in the general population, black women are significantly more likely than white women to be victims of sexual assault.

Two-thirds of all victims are under the age of 25. Acquaintance or date rape is a crime that happens most frequently to young people; the majority of these victims are between the ages of 15-24. Eighty percent of teenage victims know their attacker.

Victims, whether they be male or female, are non-consenting and experience violation, fear, pain, and humiliation.