

AB 16 (Cooper)

DNA Fingerprint, Unsolved Crime and Innocence Protection Act

Rape, Murder; Women And Criminal DNA

It is indisputable the lesser public offenses of fraud, property crime and drug possession are linked to the more serious violent crimes of rape and murder.

It is undisputable that the collection of forensic DNA from these offenders solves cold cases of rape and murder.

It is also undisputable that women are far more likely to be victims of rape and serial rape.

- 78% of cases studied by the Department of Justice connected the unsolved rape, murder and robbery to a lower level offense
- 43 - 47% of DNA matches in Rape cases came from an offender arrested for fraud, simple drug possession or low level property crimes
- Women are 6X's more likely to be victims of sexual assault than are Men
- 1 in 5 women have been raped in their lifetime
- Low income women are 4X more likely to be victims of violent crime
- 83.4% of women who are raped are under 24 years old
- There was a 44.4% increase in rapes between 2011-12
- From 2002-12 there was a 18.8% increase in sexual assaults on campus
- Out of every 1000 rapes its estimated that 994 are unsolved
- 27.8% of rapes where a homicide was involved the offender was unknown to the victim
- 34% of the women who are raped are raped by a stranger or multiple assailants
- Law enforcement only clears 40.1% of forcible rapes

“Collecting DNA at the time of arrest is cracking cold cases that might have gone unsolved forever...It is particularly significant that individuals arrested for non-violent crimes have been linked to the commission of violent crimes such as murder and rape.”

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