

# Sexual Assault: Naming the Unnamed Conspirator

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Who are the parties to a sexual assault?

- The Victim
- The Offender

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Something different about sexual assault cases.....



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Meet the Unnamed Conspirator

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The Denver Post / Andy Cross

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When you go away to college:

- If your daughter or sister had a one in four chance of being the victim of a violent robbery just because she went to college.



- Do you think you would let her go?

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When you go away to college:

•If your loved one was TGQN and had an even *higher* chance of being the victim of a violent robbery just because they went to college.



•Do you think you would let them go?

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In a survey of more than 150,000 where 28,000 students responded at 27 colleges and universities in the U.S., it was found that:

- One in 4 or one in 5 women, one 3 or one in 4 in LGBTQ people and one in 20 men had been victims of unwanted sexual conduct
- Only 13% of incapacitated victims of 25% of victims of forcible rape reported their crimes to anyone
- A large majority of victims knew their attacker

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• Didn't report because "It wasn't serious enough". Also because they were ashamed, embarrassed or thought it would be too emotionally difficult.

Report on the AAU Campus Climate Survey on Sexual Assault and Sexual Misconduct, 2015

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# 911 Tape



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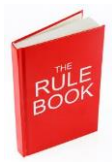
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Is there a different set of rules for rape victims?



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Picture your "inner" Judge Judy...



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She consented to part



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Who DOES this?

- "Have you ever forced someone to have sexual intercourse when they didn't want to by holding them down, twisting their arm, etc?"
- Civilian population: 6% of college age men said yes. Of that 6%, 63% were serial rapists averaging 4 rapes per rapist.
  - Lisak and Miller, Repeat Rape and Multiple Offending Among Multiple Offenders, Violence and Victims, Vol. 17, No. 1, 2002
- Military population: 13% said yes. Of that 13%, 71% were serial rapists averaging 6 rapes per rapist.

By Stephanie K. McWhorter, Valeria A. Stander, and Lex L. Merrill, Naval Health Research Center; and, Cynthia J. Thomsen and Joel S. Miller, Northern Illinois University. Published in Violence and Victims, Volume 24, Number 2, 2009

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Vulnerability  
is meaningless unless someone  
decides to take advantage of it

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What are the logical  
consequences of drinking too  
much alcohol?

**A Hangover!**

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Who does the robber choose?



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### Evidence of the Unnamed Conspirator on the General Public



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Who makes the better juror?



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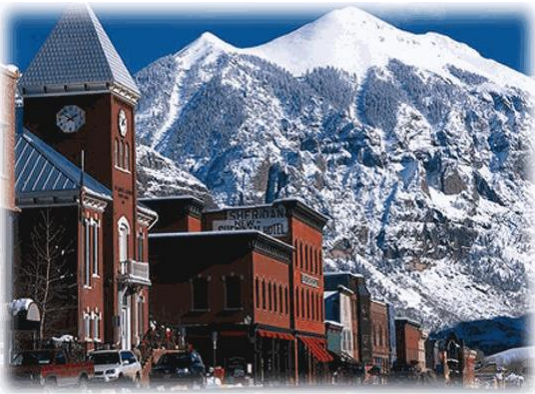
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University of Vermont Case

- Case example from Chief Tom Tremblay (retired)



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If sexual assault was a compass, NORTH would be victim behavior



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Influence of the unnamed conspirator on jurors



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The Unnamed Conspirator



AKA: Societal Attitude

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### The "Petri Dish"



We have created a perfect environment for perpetrators.

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Where do we begin to make progress?

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### Baggage Claim

- We are all raised in a culture that looks at sexual assault through a certain lens
- We tend to hold victims responsible to some extent for the crime
- It is important to examine our "baggage" in order to respond to sex crimes professionally and accurately



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Challenge the Unnamed Conspirator as an INDIVIDUAL



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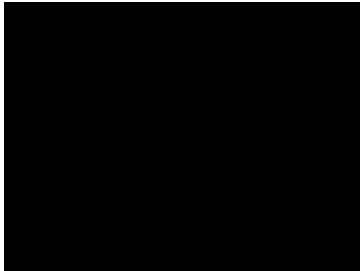
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Challenge the Unnamed Conspirator in your PEER GROUPS



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