

## Prior Studies of Sex Offenders

**63%** Percentage of sex offenders who are known to commit more than one rape (i.e. serial sex offender)

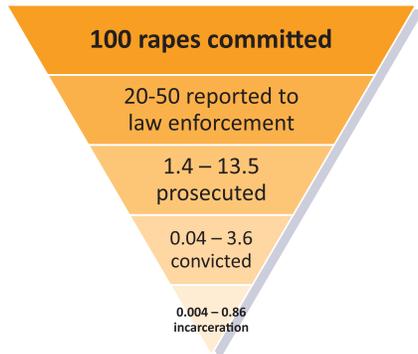
Average number of rapes committed each year by one serial sex offender, most of which will never be reported to law enforcement. **7**

**49** Average number of rapes committed by one serial sex offender before their first conviction.

Average number of rapes committed by one serial sex offender if never convicted. **196**

**58%** Percentage of sex offenders who commit other acts of violence, including domestic battery, assault, harassment, and stalking.

Prior research has shown that sexual assault is one of the most underreported crimes.



Of 100 rapes that are committed: less than 50 are ever reported to law enforcement, fewer than 14 progress to prosecution, and less than 4 result in a conviction.

**When offenders are not held accountable for their crimes, many will continue to victimize and re-offend.**

## Kansas SAKI Member Agencies

- Kansas Bureau of Investigation
- ◆
- Kansas Office of the Attorney General
- ◆
- Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence
- ◆
- Kansas County and District Attorneys Association
- ◆
- Kansas Sheriffs' Association
- ◆
- Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police
- ◆
- Kansas Chapter of International Association of Forensic Nurses
- ◆
- Johnson County Sheriff's Office Criminalistics Laboratory
- ◆
- Sedgwick County Regional Forensic Science Center

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## Kansas Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI)



## Sex Offender Behavior Research and Importance of Holding Offenders Accountable

## Kansas SAKI Research

The Kansas Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI), led by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI), is a proactive, objective evaluation of the issue of previously unsubmitted sexual assault kits (SAKs) in the State of Kansas. In March 2017, the KBI identified over 2,200 previously unsubmitted SAKs. In order to address an issue that has evolved over time, the project team evaluated data to help inform practice.

### Offender Criminal History

Of the 2,200+ SAKs identified as part of the SAKI project, 907 suspects were identified with a trackable criminal history.

**7,302** Number of sexual and other violent offenses identified in SAKI suspects' criminal histories.

Ninety-three percent of SAKI suspects have a criminal history of other violent offenses, including:

- Homicide
- Battery
- Domestic Violence
- Burglary/Robbery
- Assault
- Criminal Threat
- Disorderly Conduct
- Weapons Violation
- Battery/Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer



Forty-two percent of SAKI suspects have a criminal history of additional sexual offenses, including:

- Rape
- Indecent Liberties with a Minor
- Sexual Battery/Assault
- Sodomy



Suspects identified with a trackable criminal history.

907

Suspects with acts of domestic violence in their criminal history.

469

Suspects with two or more acts of rape, sodomy, indecent liberties with a minor, and/or sexual battery/assault in their criminal history.

330

Suspects with 11 or more sexual and/or violent offenses in their criminal history.

275

## Resources

The Kansas SAKI project has developed several publications regarding project updates, best practices and model policies, including:

- Underlying Factors Contributing to the Accumulation of Unsubmitted Sexual Assault Kits in Kansas
- Kansas Model Policy for Investigating Sexual Assaults
- Kansas Model Policy for Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit Submission, Retention, and Disposal
- Kansas Victim Notification Protocol for Delayed CODIS Hits
- Kansas SAKI Executive Summaries

All Kansas SAKI publications can be found at [www.kansas.gov/kbi/saki.shtml](http://www.kansas.gov/kbi/saki.shtml)

## Importance of Holding Offenders Accountable

Research demonstrates a clear impact sex offenders have on public safety. Holding offenders accountable is a violent crime reduction strategy and can prevent future victimization. **Offender accountability requires the collaboration of all stakeholders involved in sexual assault to provide a consistent message of support to victims from the initial report through final disposition.**

### Reporting to Law Enforcement

A report to law enforcement presents an opportunity to hold offenders accountable. This will only occur when victims know they will be protected and believed. As part of the reporting process, the physical, emotional, and psychological safety of the victim must be the priority.

### Trauma-Informed Investigation

Trauma-informed investigations help restore victims' dignity and sense of control while decreasing anxiety and increasing willingness to engage in the criminal justice system. Investigations that focus on offender behaviors build stronger cases for prosecution. This approach can improve case outcomes and assist victims in the healing process.

### Offender-Focused Prosecution

Offender-focused prosecution addresses the purposeful, knowing, and intentional behaviors of the offender to target victims and deflect responsibility. The rights of crime victims are to be protected to the best of the prosecutor's ability at all times.