

# **Discussant Comments: Facts About Adult Sex Offenders October 26, 2007**

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**In the vast majority of sex offenses, the victim and offender know each other**

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- **34% of abused minors assaulted by relatives**
- **59% assaulted by acquaintances**
- **49% of victims under age 6 abused by family members**
- **7% of sex crimes against minors involve strangers**

**(Bureau of Justice Statistics, 2000)**

**76% of adult women were  
raped by a current or former  
husband, live-in partner or  
date**

**1998 National Violence Against Women Survey**

# **Victims of Instant Sex Offenses of Incarcerated Sex Offenders in Ohio**

- 79% 17 years or younger**
- 56% 12 years or younger**
- 87% female**
- 85% knew the offender**

**There has been a significant  
decline in the  
incidence of sexual assault**

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# 2003 National Crime Victimization Survey

## Rapes and Sexual Assaults

1993

485,000

2003

223,000

# Number of Substantiated Child Sexual Abuse Cases

1992

150,000

2003

90,000

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency  
Prevention

**Sexual crimes are  
significantly under-reported**

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**1990 National Crime  
Victimization Survey:**

32% of sexual assaults  
reported

**2003 National Crime  
Victimization Survey:**

39% of sexual assaults  
reported

**Most sex offenders do not  
re-offend sexually over time.**

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	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years
All Sex Offenders	14%	20%	24%
Rapists	14%	21%	24%
“Girl Victim” Child Molesters	9%	13%	16%
“Boy Victim” Child Molesters	23%	28%	35%
Over 50 years old at release	7%	11%	12%
Under 50 years old at release	15%	21%	26%

Harris and Hanson (2004)