FACT SHEET: SEXUAL VIOLENCE

- Every two and a half minutes, somewhere in America, someone is sexually assaulted. Rape, Assault, & Incest National Network, 2006.

- About 44% of rape victims are under age 18, and 80% are under age 30. Rape, Assault, & Incest National Network, 2006.

- One of every seven victims of sexual assault reported to law enforcement agencies were under age 6. “Sexual Assault of Young Children as Reported to Law Enforcement: Victim, Incident, and Offender Characteristics,” Bureau of Justice Statistics, 2000.

- It is estimated that more than half of sexual assaults (58%) are not reported to police. Rape, Assault, & Incest National Network, 2006.

- One in six American women are victims of sexual assault, and one in 33 men. Rape, Assault, & Incest National Network, 2006.

- In 2004-2005, there were an average annual 200,780 victims of rape, attempted rape or sexual assault. Rape, Assault, & Incest National Network, 2006.

- In 2005, there was one rape or sexual assault for every 1000 persons aged 12 or older. “Criminal Victimization,” Bureau of Justice Statistics, 2007.

- Since 1993, rape/sexual assault has fallen by over 69%. Rape, Assault, & Incest National Network, 2006.


- The median age of the victims of imprisoned sexual assailters was less than 13 years old; the median age of rape victims was about 22 years. “Criminal Offender Statistics,” Bureau of Justice Statistics, 2007.


- In 2005, about seven in ten female rape or sexual assault victims stated the offender was an intimate, other relative, a friend or an acquaintance. “Crime Characteristics,” Bureau of Justice Statistics, 2007.

- About one in five high school girls has been physically or sexually abused by a dating partner. “Dating violence against adolescent girls and associated substance use, unhealthy weight control, sexual risk behavior, pregnancy, and suicidality,” Journal of American Medical Association, 2001.

- In 2005, almost two-thirds of the rapes/sexual assaults occurred at night from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. “Crime Characteristics,” Bureau of Justice Statistics, 2007.

- Children with any kind of disability are more than twice as likely as children without disabilities to be physically abused and almost twice as likely to be sexually abused. “Abuse of Disabled: a mostly ignored epidemic,” Orlando Sentinel, 2003.

If you or someone you know is a victim of sexual assault, call the following number for crisis counseling, information and referrals: 800-656-HOPE
L.A. County 24 Hour Rape & Battering Hotlines: 626-793-3385 310-392-8381 213-626-3393

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