Prior Studies of Sex Offenders

- **63%** Percentage of sex offenders who are known to commit more than one rape (i.e. serial sex offender)
- **7** Average number of rapes committed each year by one serial sex offender, most of which will never be reported to law enforcement.
- **49** Average number of rapes committed by one serial sex offender before their first conviction.
- **196** Average number of rapes committed by one serial sex offender if never convicted.
- **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.

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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

Kansas Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI)

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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.

93% 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

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.

**Importance of Holding Offenders Accountable**

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**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.

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)