CASES HANDLED BY THE SVU

- Sexual Assault in all degrees (ages 16 and above)
- Harassment
- Stalking
- Sex Offender Registration Violations
- Indecent Exposure
PRIORITY ONE REQUIREMENTS

• Victim is 16 years or older
• Victim’s safety is at risk if no call out is done
• Victim is the child of the suspect and lives in the home with the suspect
• Alleged penetration or attempted penetration
• Assault occurred within 1 week
• Victim is willing to have a SART exam
• Occurred within APD’s service area
REVIEWED CASES

• Misdemeanor Cases handled by patrol

• Cases with no possible investigation
  • Impossible facts
2021 STATISTICS

- 500 Reported
- 206 Priority One Sexual Assaults
- 255 Assigned Cases (in addition to P1’s)
- 416 Cases Reviewed
- 39 Referred with an Arrest Tracking Number
- 45 Discussed and Declined
2022 STATISTICS

• 492 Reported
• 236 Priority One Sexual Assaults
• 204 Assigned Cases (in addition to P1’s)
• 311 Cases Reviewed
• 16 Referred with an Arrest Tracking Number
• 48 Discussed and Declined
2023 STATISTICS

• 427 Reported
• 273 Priority One Sexual Assaults
• 182 Assigned Cases (in addition to P1’s)
• 338 Cases Reviewed
• 35 Referred with an Arrest Tracking Number
• 48 Discussed and Declined
PROSECUTORIAL STRUGGLES

• Victims must be willing to participate from start to finish (completely their prerogative)
  • SART exams are very intrusive
  • Requires re-traumatizing the victims (they have to tell their story again)
  • Should they revoke their involvement, the case is suspended pending them changing their mind

• MANY cases are based on “he said – she said” stories. We must have some sort of positive affirmation that the victim not consenting to the sexual act

• We give the victim the power to steer the ship throughout the process of the investigation

• SVU has 8 detectives to handle this workload with the expectation of calls coming in 24/7/365

• Limited staffing at the District Attorney’s Office

• COVID
• Questions?

THANK YOU

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