

Rape can involve any type of person

Rape, date rape, acquaintance rape...no matter what you call it, it is sexual assault. They are all rape whether committed by someone you know or do not know. First of all, what do you think about when you hear the word "rape?"

Do you get a picture in your mind of a horrible act committed against a young woman or girl, an embarrassing incident which we will not talk about and keep secret?

Do you picture a young male who is smelly, unshaven, long-haired and drunk, or a guy who loves this girl so much that he can't help himself?

Do you picture a young female who dresses "trashy" and behaves inappropriately around males or just another girl who was "asking for it?"

These are typical stereotypes people tend to have of the crime of rape, the victim or the perpetrator. Anyone can be a victim.

And many men who look and dress "nicely" are just as capable of rape as is someone described earlier. Don't let looks or perceptions fool you. When it comes to rape there are no barriers; race, culture, financial status level, age, gender, educated or uneducated, and disability are all facts in our society. No person is immune.

Rape is not an act of love, it is an act of violence. It is when a person (usually a man) forces another to have sexual intercourse with them without consent. Consent is based on choice.



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Consent is active, not passive. Consent is possible only when there is equal power. Giving in because of fear is not consent. If a female says "no" to sex it means "no," it does not mean yes or maybe.

The hardest part for many people to understand is that the person who may victimize them is most often someone they know. Many people think that they should be careful about the crazy guy or weirdo. But the fact is that most often a rape is committed by someone the victim knows.

The following are only a few myths and facts about sexual assault:

- Myth: Women usually lie about being raped, especially if they are accusing a date.

Fact: Most women do not lie about being raped. By even bringing charges against the perpetrator, the woman faces public embarrassment and humiliation.

- Myth: If a woman wears a certain type of clothing, she wants sex.

Fact: Looking attractive or sexy may have no connection to wanting to have sex.

to intercourse, do not always mean that a woman wants to go "all the way." She may not want to have intercourse. Don't assume, ask!

- Myth: If a woman has passed out because of excessive alcohol it's OK to have sex with her.

Fact: If someone is unconscious and therefore defenseless, it is no more right to have sex with them than it is to rob or even murder them.

- Myth: If a man pays for dinner or a movie, the woman owes him sex, so rape has not occurred.

Fact: A woman doesn't owe a man anything as payment for a date.

The Community Partnerships for Prevention and Education and The Regional Prevention Center would like to encourage you to join us at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the Goodland High School auditorium for a "Sexual Assault" Community Awareness program. The topic of sexual assault is something many people would like to pretend doesn't occur.

But the facts are that every 60 seconds a woman or girl is sexually assaulted. One out every four girls and

one out of every seven boys will be raped and one out of every eight college freshmen girls are raped.

The following persons and organizations have agreed to assist us with answers, questions and suggestions: Dr. Natalie Griego, High Plains Mental Health, Sherman County Sheriff's Department, Goodland Police Department, Northwest Kansas Family Shelter and a legal consultant. We will also have a brave young lady who will share her story about being raped, after being drugged.

The purpose of this awareness program is just that, to make everyone "aware," especially our daughters, mothers, sisters, nieces and friends, as well as ourselves.

We need to know how to decrease our chances of becoming victims. Men, young and old, need to know and understand that rape is their problem, too, because they all have a female they love or care about in their lives.

The purpose of this evening is not to tell women not to date, not to trust anyone, or that all boys or men will rape them, but to help women and young ladies watch for possible signs, get suggestions about what to do if confronted, know about reporting a rape, find out what happens after a rape is reported and much more.

We encourage you to come with your son(s) or daughter(s). It is only, at the most, two hours of your life, which just may help change a life forever.

Pilot speaks



U.S. Navy pilot Lt.j.g. Jeff Vignery responds to a question about the events surrounding the emergency landing of the EP-3E turboprop plane and 11-day detainment of the U.S. air crew in China. Vignery spoke at the University of Kansas Thursday before a crowd of about 130 KU students, ROTC cadettes and officers. He was awarded a citation for outstanding service by the KU Naval ROTC.

Photo by R. Steve Dick/Office of University Relations at KU

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Goodland Accidents

April 17 — At 8:53 p.m., Julie A. Christians reported that an unknown vehicle hit her '98 Chevrolet while it was parked at Wal-Mart and left the scene.

Goodland Municipal Court

March 28 — Martin James McClure, 34, Goodland, theft, \$236.

Jenny R. McCurry, 29, Goodland, no proof of insurance, \$336.

Alma Soto, Goodland, unlawful parking in alley, \$46.

March 30 — Tonya D. Ory, 17, Goodland, speeding 30/20, \$56.

April 2 — Jennica M. Hartman, 19, Goodland, speeding 50/30, \$76.

April 5 — Bo Jeffery Garrison, 19, Norton, improper passing, \$56.

April 6 — Blake Roe, 16, Goodland, exhibition of speed, \$86.

April 9 — Shannon W. Schurr, 18, Sharon Springs, disobeying stop sign, \$56.

April 10 — Beatrice E. Garcia, 32, Goodland, simple battery, \$236; and obstruction of legal process, \$250.

Christopher J. Beilman, 39, Hays, speeding 55/40, \$66.

April 11 — Becky Linnell, 40, Goodland, dog at large, \$56; no dog license, \$20.

Samuel Smith, 15, Goodland, speeding 38/20, \$72.

Mark William Damm, Larned, improper parking, \$46.

Christopher J. Gary, 20, Goodland, speeding 31/20, \$58.

James C. Mayfield, 16, Goodland, reckless driving, \$186; exhibition of speed, \$50.

April 12 — Jason Stephen Garner, 19, Goodland, speeding 43/30, \$62.

April 16 — Shawn Bonini, Stockville, Neb., parking vehicle without current registration, \$56.

Matthew S. Krayca, 22, Goodland, speeding 32/20, \$60.

Alan Wayne Buster, 16, Ellis, no proof of insurance, \$336.

April 17 — Heath Kohl, Ellis, improper parking, \$46.

April 18 — Levi Livengood, 19, Edson, parking in handicap parking space, \$86.

Goodland Police Report

April 17 — At 7:41 a.m., Ray A. Eli reported that he was a victim of littering at 1302 Kansas which occurred between 9 p.m. on April 16 and 7:41 a.m. on April 17.

At 10:32 a.m., Scott Weber, 29, reported that two windows and a door were damaged on his '99 Ford pickup between 11 and 11:30 p.m. on April 12 while it was parked at 2218 Commerce Road, \$3,053.

April 20 — At 8:10 a.m., Bill H. Carson reported telephone harassment and criminal threat which occurred between April 1 and April 2.

At 9:28 a.m., Jess Webb reported that 40 gallons of gasoline were taken from his truck at 515 Grand between 9 p.m. on April 18 and 3 p.m. on April 19.

At 2:59 p.m., Pied Piper Video, 1210 Main, reported that a movie was rented between Dec. 8 and April 20 and not returned, \$105.

At 2:59 p.m., Pied Piper Video, 1210 Main, reported that two games were rented between Dec. 29 and April 20 and not returned, \$130.

April 21 — At 1:25 p.m., Lacy

Potter reported that she was a victim of criminal damage to her car door and disorderly conduct which occurred between 12:30 and 1:25 p.m. on April 21 at Wal-Mart, \$50.

At 12:32 a.m., Wal-Mart, 2160 Commerce Road, reported that some electronic equipment was taken from the store between 7:45

p.m. on April 20 and 12:32 a.m. on April 21, \$309.

Real Estate Transfers

Al and Genevieve E. Kleinsorge to Leland L. Baney, a tract in the SE 1/4 of Sec. 15, T8S, R42W, containing 16.06 acres.

Jeffrey A. and Jeannette R. White

to Marc Fenner, all of Lot 7 and the north 20 feet of Lot 8 in Block 38 of the Second Addition to Goodland.

Randall W. and Sara J. Rice to Margaret E. Kaufman, the east half of Lot 27 and all of Lots 28 and 29 in Block 12 of the First Addition to Goodland.

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