



MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

112 - SEXUAL ASSAULT

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WILEAG STANDARD(S): 6.3.3

ROLL CALL VERSION

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112.10 SEXUAL ASSAULT INVESTIGATION PROCEDURE (WILEAG 6.3.3)

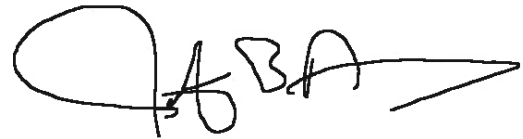
A. RESPONSE TO SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS

5. If the sexual assault victim is a child, members shall also refer to SOP 113 Crimes Against Children for additional guidance.

B. RESPONSIBILITIES OF INVESTIGATING MEMBER

1. Assess the victim's medical condition and summon medical attention if appropriate. In cases of alleged strangulation the victim should be encouraged to seek medical attention for an assessment. Unless there is a need for immediate medical attention or other extenuating circumstances exist, the victim should not be transported away from the scene prior to obtaining information relevant to the scene investigation. Treatment is available at the following area hospitals: (Ascension) Columbia St. Mary's Hospital, St. Joseph's Hospital, St. Francis Hospital, and Franklin Hospital, (Aurora) Sinai Medical Center and West Allis Memorial Hospital, Children's Hospital, and Froedtert Hospital.
4. Notify the shift commander who will notify the ~~Sensitive Crimes Division (SCD)~~ Criminal Investigation Bureau shift commander at extension 7302.
6. The investigating member shall facilitate transportation for the victim to receive sexual assault services for treatment of possible pregnancy, disease, injury, and collection of evidence, as well as advocacy support.
 - a. The facility (hospitals listed in subsection 1) should be determined based on the victim's preference.
 - b. Child victims may be conveyed to the Milwaukee Child Advocacy Center (619 West Walnut Street) Monday through Thursday from 9:00am – 6:30pm and Friday from 9:00am – 5:00pm. Members shall notify their shift commander who shall contact a Sensitive Crimes Division supervisor for approval prior to bringing the child to the Child Advocacy Center for an exam. After hours, they shall be conveyed to Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.

8. The suspect shall be conveyed to a sexual assault treatment center for evidence collection when the assault has occurred within the past 120 hours (5 days). Great care and coordination with the facility shall be taken to ensure that the victim does not encounter the suspect while he/she is receiving medical treatment. Most area hospitals are available to provide services including (Ascension) Columbia St. Mary's Hospital, St. Joseph's Hospital, St. Francis Hospital, and Franklin Hospital, (Aurora) Sinai Medical Center and West Allis Memorial Hospital, and Children's Hospital, and Froedtert Hospital).
9. Investigating members shall notify the SCD Criminal Investigation Bureau shift commander at extension 7302 when a felony sexual assault suspect is in custody. The SCD Criminal Investigation Bureau shift commander shall determine who will conduct the interrogation of the prisoner. The *Pedigree Form* (form PA-45A) shall be completed during the suspect interrogation and it shall be recorded using a room equipped with Axon Interview Room technology.
10. Sexual Assault Kits
 - d. If the sexual assault kit contains blood and/or urine, the kit must be refrigerated. Refrigerators are available in the ~~Criminal Investigation Bureau in the Police Administration Building~~ or at the Sensitive Crimes Division.



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