Juvenile Sex Offenders

Little attention was devoted to the sexually abusive adolescent until quite recently, but new and compelling developments during the last decade make it difficult to continue to ignore the reality of sexual aggression in this age group. (Knopp, F.H., (1982). Remedial Intervention in Adolescent Sex Offenses: Nine Program Descriptions, Orwell, VT: Safer Society Press, (pp.4-5).

Currently, it is estimated that juveniles account for up to one-fifth of all rapes and almost one-half of all cases of child molestation committed each year (Barbaree et al, 1993, Becker et al, 1993, Sickmund et al, 1997). Center for Sex Offender Management. A project of the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice.). http://www.csom.org/about/f_ojp.html

Adolescents age 13 to 17 account for the vast majority of cases of rape and child molestation perpetrated by minors (Davis and Leitenberg,1987). Center for Sex Offender Management. A project of the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice.). http://www.csom.org/about/f_ojp.html


The first offense is most likely to occur when the perpetrator is about 13 or 14 years old. *Juvenile Sexual Aggression: A Critical Review.* (CSPV-005). Boulder, CO: Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence, Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado). http://www.colorado.edu/cspv/publications/factsheets/cspv/FS-002.html


Juvenile rapists vary considerably from juvenile child molesters. They use threats, force and violence, they are likely to have suffered from parental neglect, they are less prone to social isolation, and there is little evidence of antisocial personality or lifestyle. However, they have been found to show arousal to aggressive sex, harbor condescending and adversarial attitudes toward women, and are likely to have used alcohol prior to the assault. Weinrott, M.R. (1996, June). *Juvenile Sexual Aggression: A Critical Review.* (CSPV-005). Boulder, CO: Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence, Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado). [http://www.colorado.edu/cspv/publications/papers/CSPV-005.html](http://www.colorado.edu/cspv/publications/papers/CSPV-005.html)


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In a 1984 study of 401 child sex abuse cases, 56% of the male child victims and 28% of the female child victims reported being abused by a juvenile offender. (Rogers, C., and Tremain, T. Clinical interventions with boy victims of sexual abuse. In *Victims of sexual aggression*. I. Stuart and J. Greer, eds. New York: Van Nostrand Reinhold, 1984, pp. 91-104.). (SEXUAL ABUSE OF CHILDREN Vol. 4 • No. 2 – Summer/Fall 1994 - Judith V. Becker).

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