

# Will new focus on rape kit tests put thousands behind bars?

## Kits that had been left to gather dust could bring rapists to justice.

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The evidence piled up for years, abandoned in police property rooms, warehouses and crime labs. Now, thousands of sexual assault kits are giving up their secrets — and rapists who've long remained free may finally face justice.

A dramatic shift is now taking hold across the country as police and prosecutors scramble to process these kits, and use DNA matches to track down predators, many of whom have attacked more women while evidence of their crimes sat in storage.

"There's definitely momentum," says Sarah Haacke Byrd, managing director of the Joyful Heart Foundation, an advocacy group working on the issue. "In the last year we really are seeing the tide turn where federal and state governments are offering critically needed leadership and critically needed resources to fix the problem."

In Cleveland, the county prosecutor's office has indicted more than 300 rape suspects since 2013, based on newly tested DNA evidence from old kits. Ultimately, 1,000 are expected to be charged.

In Houston, authorities recently cleared a backlog of nearly 6,700 kits, some decades old. The project turned up 850 matches in a national DNA database.

In Detroit, the prosecutor's office, hamstrung by city and county financial troubles, has partnered with two nonprofits to raise \$10 million to help analyze, investigate and prosecute cases

stemming from more than 11,000 untested kits.

There's a new urgency, too, among lawmakers. Legislators in more than 20 states are considering — and in some cases, passing — measures that include counting all kits and setting deadlines for submitting and processing DNA evidence.

The high-profile campaign also is getting a big financial boost: at least \$76 million for testing, prosecution and reforms.

It's too soon to know how much testing will cost. But in some cases, it's too late for justice because statutes of limitations have expired. In others, investigators will have to dig through old files and track down suspects and rape survivors. It's an enormously time-consuming venture.

"It's great entertainment on television that in one hour's time, we have a crime, we take the (DNA) sample, we get a 'hit,' we arrest the suspect and then he's prosecuted and off to jail," says Doug McGowen, coordinator of Memphis' Sexual Assault Kit Task Force. "That's just not the case, clearly."

In Memphis, where about half of more than 12,300 kits have been tested or are waiting to be analyzed, it will take another five years to complete the investigations and prosecutions, McGowen says.

In resurrecting old crimes, investigators have detected an alarming pattern: Many rapists are repeat offenders who might have been stopped with a timely testing of sexual assault kits. In Wayne County, home to Detroit, authorities say 288 potential serial rapists

have already been found among the kits analyzed.

"Yes, it is an embarrassment," said Kym Worthy, Wayne County prosecutor. "It shows that we, as this country, do not respect rape victims to the extent that we respect other victims."

This new spotlight on rape kits stems from the work of groups such as Joyful Heart, the willingness of survivors to speak out, in-

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vestigative media reports and the attention of political leaders from statehouses to the White House.

Two frequently cited reasons for the backlog are money — it can cost \$500 to \$1500 to test each kit — and technology. DNA wasn't widely used until the mid to late 1990s.

Some police departments also haven't tested kits if the assailant was known, the woman wouldn't press charges or the attacker confessed.

"There is no smoking gun that you can point to in any city in America to say this is the one reason why we have this accumulation of kits that have been untested," McGowen says.

But progress is being made in Detroit and elsewhere with new police training and rules for handling kits, improved understanding of trauma and legislative reforms.

When law enforcement deals with rape survivors now, says Sgt. Amy Mills, head of the Dallas police sex assault unit, "We always start with, 'We believe you,' not 'Convince us.'"

For rape survivors, the delays have been infuriating and inexplicable.

Meaghan Ybos was just 16 in 2003 when she was raped by a knife-wielding, masked man in her suburban Memphis home.

In 2012, she called Memphis police after hearing TV reports of a serial rapist in the community. She thought it might be her attacker. It was only then — nine years later — that she realized her kit hadn't been tested.

When it was, the results led to Anthony Alliano, who later pleaded guilty to assaulting Ybos and six other girls and women. His sentence: 178 years.

"Before he was caught, I told myself I had moved on and I had healed, which was the furthest thing from the truth," Ybos says. "I realize how the attack and the disregard of law enforcement just informed every second of my life. ... It was always with me in every second of those nine years."

Ybos became a driving force for reform, helping draft and lobby for a measure in Tennessee that eliminates the statute of limitation on rapes reported within three years of the crime. It was signed into law in 2014.

"She stepped forward ... for survivors in ways many don't," says Tennessee State Sen. Mark Norris, the bill's sponsor. "She did the right thing."

# Series of quakes rumble near the Oregon Coast

The Associated Press

SALEM — A series of earthquakes struck off the Oregon coast Monday but officials say no tsunamis were triggered.

A magnitude 5.8 earthquake struck at 12:52 a.m. and a 5.5 hit at 4:46 a.m. Monday morning. A third smaller quake measuring magnitude 4.4 hit at 7:46 a.m.

Paul Caruso with the U.S. Geological Survey says the quakes hit a fault west of the Oregon and Washington coast. They were about 330 miles west of Salem and 288 miles from Coos Bay Oregon.

Caruso says they were 6 miles deep, which is relatively shallow. He says the deeper the quake, the less likely people will feel it. The magnitude 7.8 quake that recently struck Japan did little damage because it was 420 miles deep.

Caruso says the quakes were not big enough to trigger tsunamis. He says it usually takes a magnitude 7 for that to happen.

# Junes: 'I plan on staying involved for years and years'

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"The whole goal is to keep kids active and busy," Junes said. "We are just trying to get kids out of the house and onto the field, away from the video games, staying out of trouble, and staying active."

Sports "are so good for them," said Junes, who has five boys, four of whom are playing baseball. "They don't really have time to do anything else, except baseball and school. And they love it."

And there are some high standards to being a youth baseball player in Astoria.

"You have to have good grades and be respectful," she said. "If you're wearing an Astoria jersey, then you're not goofing off."

## Busy, busy

There's certainly no goofing off in running a youth baseball organization.

Astoria Youth Baseball does not have an official office, everyone's a volunteer, and the volunteers have no official titles. Technically speaking, they just do stuff.

"I have been helping since Colby (her oldest son) started

baseball, but really the last two or three years is when I got superinvolved," said Junes, who actually holds down three other jobs during the school year.

"It is a big job to keep it all together and ready to go. It's a lot of work, but it's worth it."

And it's Junes who enlists the help of other parents.

"By the time (the players) are 12, all the parents know the drill, they're all willing to help and they know how everything works."

Like fundraising — a never-ending pursuit in youth baseball, in any city.

Last year, when the Lower Columbia 12U All-Stars won the state tournament (hosted by Astoria), there was a mad dash to raise funds for the team's trip to regionals in Montana, where Lower Columbia finished third.

"The big fundraising is when we hit All-Stars," Junes said. "If we were to win state and go to Idaho this year, it's huge to have that community help, because we want every kid to go, and at least one of their parents."

"Last year, the community was behind us so much, it was incredible. We were all able to go. We paid for the fees to get

in the tournament, paid for their travel and paid for them to have a place to stay.

"It's very expensive," she said. "I was blown away with how much it ended up being. The fact that we all got over there was awesome. It's a once-in-a-lifetime thing for the kids."

And if this summer is like the rest, the Lower Columbia All-Star teams will pound the cookies out of every team they play, win a few tournaments, then finish up winning a state championship or two. "I think we got it," Junes said. "But I'm a mom."

Lower Columbia's 12U All-Stars, coached by Kenny Hageman, host the Majors' state tournament, July 10-12 at Columbia Field.

So if you happen to find yourself at a ball game this summer — and Kati Perry Junes happens to be working the concession stand (what are the odds?), stop by and tell her thank you for all that she does.

"I plan on staying involved for years and years. I don't think I could give it up."

Oh — and ask her if she could stir that drink.

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