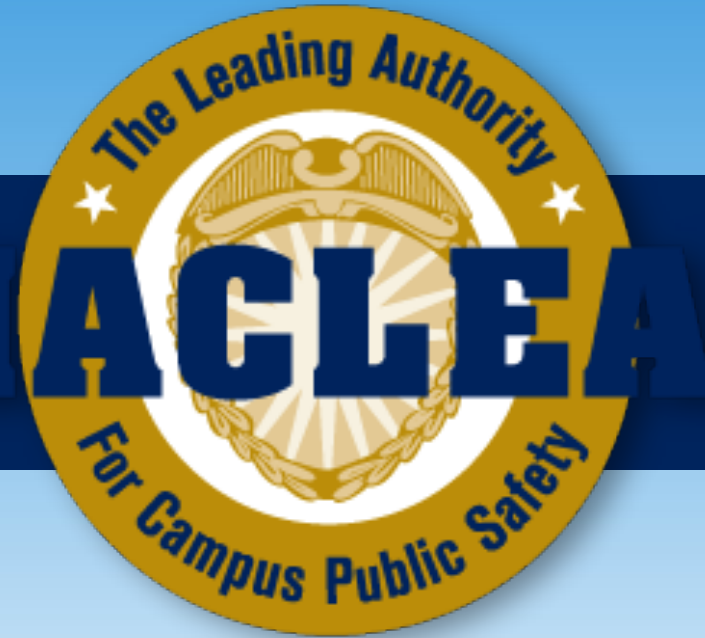
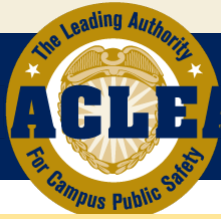


Offender Dynamics



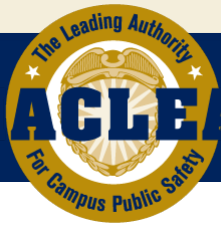


Who is the Sex Offender?

Any age, race, socioeconomic class, status, religion...



“He is such a good guy, he would never do anything like this”





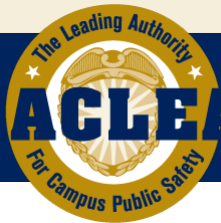
Three Sides to Life

Three sides to everyone's life...

PUBLIC

PRIVATE

SECRET



The Secret Side

**Non-deviant
Non-criminal**

**Deviant and/or criminal
fantasy but not acted on**

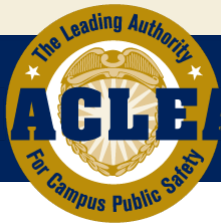
**Deviant and/or
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Motivation for Crime

Control

Power



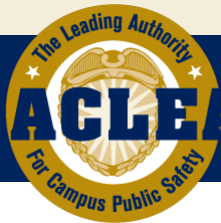
Offenders Have Taught Us...

- Offenders often choose victims they think are less likely to report, or to be believed...
- Offenders are predatory; they target and exploit victims they think are most vulnerable
- Offenders use alcohol/drugs and manipulate other factors to discredit the victim
- Offenders often promote societal myths about crimes and “blame the victim”



Offenders Have Taught Us...

- They count on the system not believing victims, and perpetuate the myths are going to be believed by society
- Power and control to advantage
- Planning of assault: grooming
- Testing of boundaries
- Entitlement and male privilege



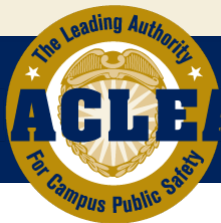
Rape Myths

- They use Rape Myths to distort their perceptions of reality
 - “Women say no to sex even when they really want it”
 - Women want to be secretly “coerced” into sex
 - “She got what she deserved”
 - “He bought her dinner so she owes him”

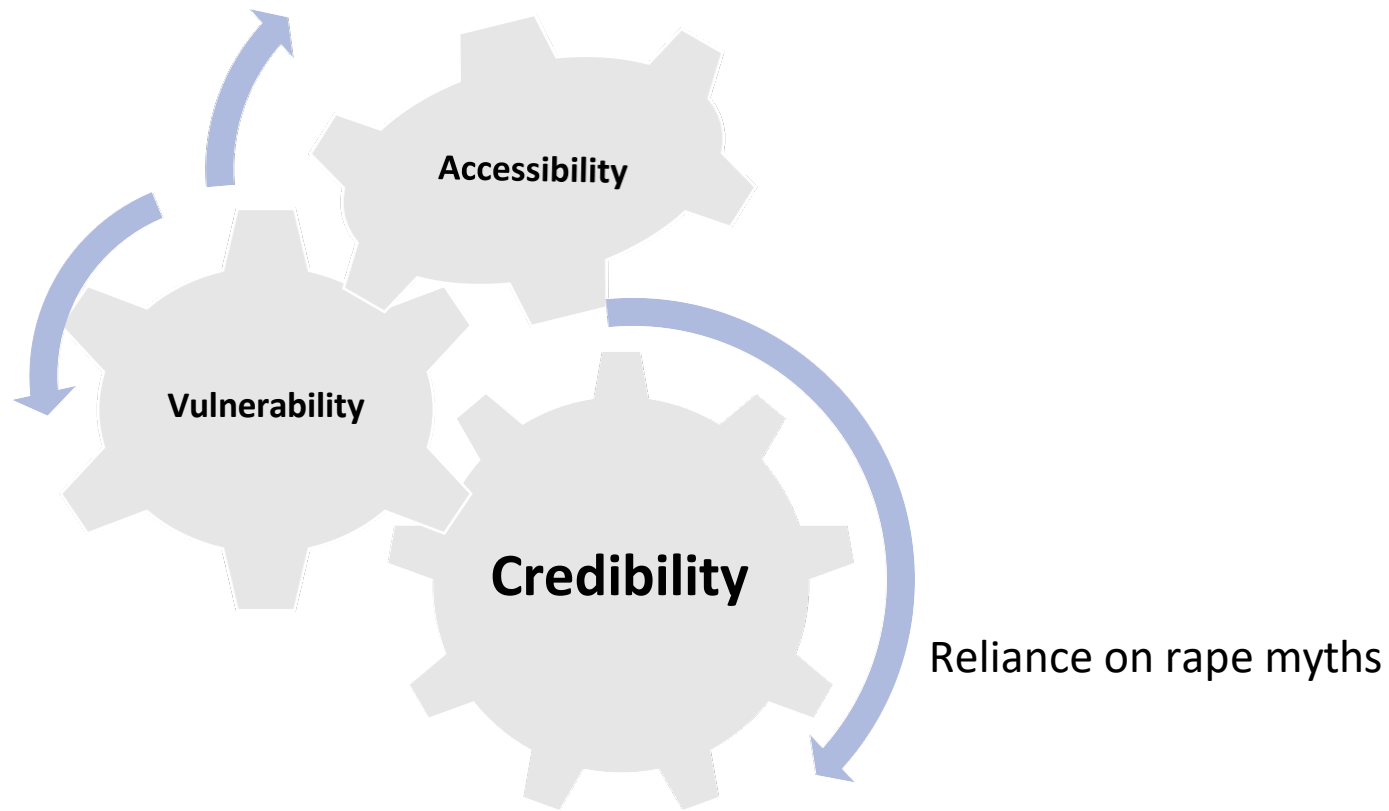


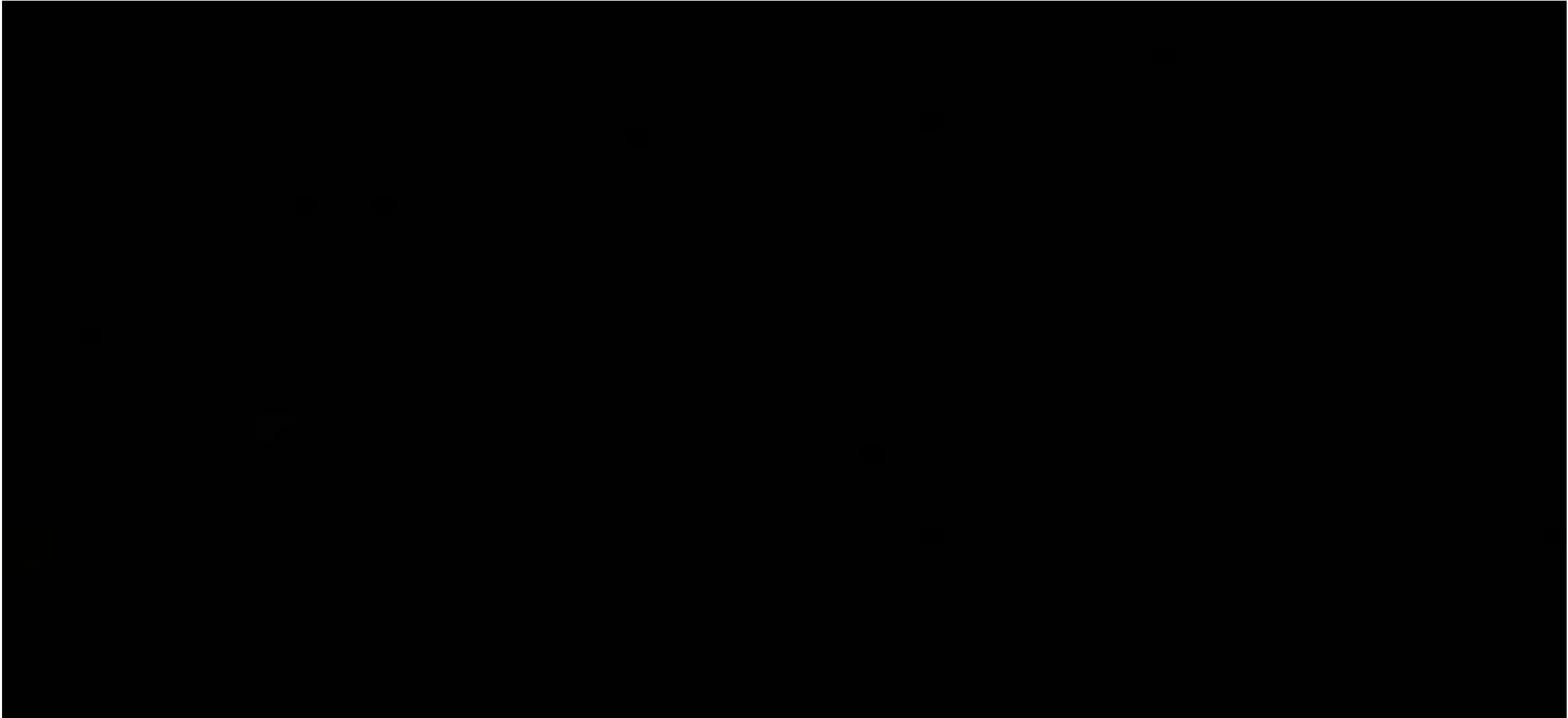
- Alcohol is used as a WEAPON against victims to make them vulnerable AND to diminish their credibility
- Alcohol is used as a SHIELD to prevent offenders from being held accountable. We tend to blame victim behavior and excuse offender behavior when they drink





Offenders Target Victims







Predatory Behavior of Offenders

- Victim selection
- Grooming
- Testing boundaries
- Prep and planning
- Preying on vulnerability
- Exit strategy



Vulnerability

- Offender creates circumstances to diminish/destroy victim credibility
- What does this look like?



Coercion/Force Used

- The why of sometimes they “complied”
- Threats
- Physical differences
- Restraining
- Incapacitation
- Injuries
- Real or simulated weapons/instruments
- How do we articulate/document this?
- What did you think would happen?



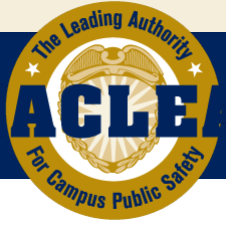
What are Non-physical Tactics?

- Continual arguments or verbal pressure
 - Threats to end the relationship
 - Deceit
 - Emotional manipulation
 - Ignoring requests to stop without physical force
 - Intentional intoxication to reduce inhibitions
- Predatory dating behaviors

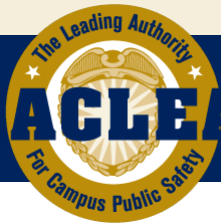
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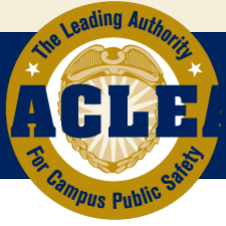


Consent

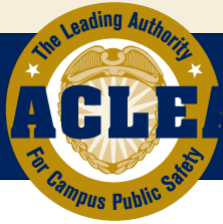


What is consent?

- Consent - Verbal statements or non-verbal actions which a reasonable person would understand to mean a voluntary agreement to engage in sexual activity. Someone who is incapacitated cannot consent. Past consent does not imply future consent. Silence or an absence of resistance does not imply consent. Consent to engage in sexual activity with one person does not imply consent to engage in sexual activity with another. Consent can be withdrawn at any time. Coercion, force, or threat of either invalidates consent.¹⁷
- [Sexual Misconduct Policy / Title IX / Student Services / Campus Life / Westminster College](#)



What is Consent?



What does no sound like?



What does no look like?

