

Sex Offender Characteristics:

- Many offenders commit multiple crimes against multiple types of victims with whom they have varying types of relationships (adults, children, male, female, known and unknown). This behavior is known as "crossover."
(English et al, 2000; Abel and Rouleau, 1990)
- There is no such thing as a "typical" sex offender. However, all tend to be manipulative, deceptive, and secretive. Sex offenders come from all backgrounds, ages, income levels, and professions.
- Sexual deviancy often begins in adolescence.
(Abel, Mittleman, and Becker, 1985; Abel and Rouleau, 1990; Freeman-Longo, 1993).
- Sex offenders usually do not commit their crimes impulsively. They usually carefully plan their crimes.
(WebMD Feature, 2000).
- Less than 10% of sexual assaults are committed by women
(Federal Bureau of Investigation, 2006).