

March 18, 2017

Dear Members of the Arlington County Board:

The Commission on the Status of Women seeks to address violence against women - sexual, domestic, and street harassment. As such, we continually monitor Arlington County Police Department reports of sexual assaults and other sexual offenses.

We wish to bring the Board's attention to the disturbing upward trend of these crimes from 2014 to 2016.

	Sexual Assault	Other Sexual Offenses
2014	24 Incidents -1 Object Sexual Penetration -23 Rape	137 Incidents
2015	27 Incidents -1 Aggravated Sexual Battery -1 Object Sexual Penetration -25 Rape	114 Incidents
2016	50 Incidents -2 Aggravated Sexual Battery -4 Forcible Sodomy -4 Object Sexual Penetration -40 Rape	151 Incidents

*Source: Arlington County Crime Mapping Tool, 3/13/17*

In 2016 the Arlington County Police Department moved from publishing Incident Tracking spreadsheets on their website to the online Crime Mapping Tool. While we welcome the visualization and analytics available in this tool, neither it or the Daily Crime Reports give incident details we believe would be helpful to community members - and in particular, women - in knowing the full picture of the safety of their neighborhoods and their risk level, only the category of the crime and the type of location. Lacking are any descriptions of the suspects or other details that would help the public identify suspects or trends. In fact, the Daily Crime Reports do not include the sexual assaults listed in the Crime Mapping Tool. In examining the Daily Crime Reports for the period of December 2016 when eight sexual assaults and ten other sexual offenses were reported, only one was included in these daily reports.

We would appreciate the assistance of the Board in answering, or helping us find the answers to, several questions that would help us to better understand this crime increase and the County's response to it.

Has there been any change in how crimes are categorized that would account for this increased reporting of sexual assaults and other sexual offenses?

Has the Board been made aware of these increases in the number of crimes? Has the Board instructed any county staff to take any action on them?

Why are these crimes not included in the Daily Crime Reports posted on the county website?

The most frequently listed address on the crime reports is the 1400 block of North Courthouse Road (24 incidents in 2016). Is this the actual location of the incidents or it used as the reported location for another reason?

We thank the Board in advance for its attention to this matter and welcome any guidance or instruction on what the Commission can do to help keep Arlingtonians safe from sexual violence.

Respectfully,

*Caroline Gary Romano*

Caroline Romano, Chair

On behalf of the Commissioners of the Arlington County Commission on the Status of Women

Class	Incident	Crime	Date / Time	Location	Address	Accuracy	Agency
	2017-01110201	RAPE	Dec 28, 2016 10:00 PM	Hotel/Motel/Etc.	12XX N GLEBE RD	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia
	2016-12190248	AGGRAVATED SEXUAL BATTERY	Dec 19, 2016 4:00 PM	Residence/Home	49XX COLUMBIA PIKE	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia
	2016-12200304	RAPE	Dec 17, 2016 12:00 AM	Highway/Road/Alley	14XX N COURTHOUSE RD	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia
	2016-12130135	FORCIBLE SODOMY	Dec 13, 2016 11:30 AM	Residence/Home	14XX N COURTHOUSE RD	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia
	2016-12130026	RAPE	Dec 12, 2016 9:00 AM	Commercial/Office Building	21XX CRYSTAL DR	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia
	2016-11270172	FORCIBLE SODOMY	Nov 27, 2016 3:00 AM	Parking Lot/Garage	14XX N COURTHOUSE RD	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia
	2016-11210124	OBJECT SEXUAL PENETRATION	Nov 15, 2016 11:43 AM	Residence/Home	50XX 6TH ST N	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia
	2016-11130225	RAPE	Nov 13, 2016 5:00 PM	Bar/Night Club	41XX FAIRFAX DR	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia
	161106013	RAPE RAPE-ALL OTHER	Nov 06, 2016 6:01 AM		14XX CRYSTAL DR	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia
	2016-11060013	RAPE	Nov 06, 2016 2:00 AM	Other/Unknown	14XX CRYSTAL DR	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia
	161106005	RAPE RAPE-ALL OTHER	Nov 05, 2016 11:20 PM		14XX N COURTHOUSE RD	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia
	2016-11060005	RAPE	Nov 04, 2016 9:00 PM	Highway/Road/Alley	14XX N COURTHOUSE RD	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia
	161030089	RAPE RAPE-STRONG ARM	Oct 30, 2016 7:26 PM	RESIDENCE, HOME	21XX JEFFERSON	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia
	161022043	RAPE RAPE-ALL OTHER	Oct 22, 2016 3:30 AM	HOTEL, MOTEL, ETC	14XX LEE	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia
	161017038	RAPE RAPE-STRONG ARM	Oct 17, 2016 5:27 PM	RESIDENCE, HOME	20XX COLUMBIA PK	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia
	161021054	RAPE RAPE-STRONG ARM	Oct 16, 2016 2:00 AM	RESIDENCE, HOME	27XX S VEITCH ST	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia
	2016-10140031	AGGRAVATED SEXUAL BATTERY	Oct 14, 2016 6:00 AM	Residence/Home	7XX S GREENBRIER ST	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia
	2017-01110219	OBJECT SEXUAL PENETRATION	Oct 09, 2016 11:45 PM	Residence/Home	14XX N COURTHOUSE RD	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia
	160909059	RAPE RAPE-ALL OTHER	Sep 09, 2016 8:40 PM	RESIDENCE, HOME	55XX COLUMBIA PK	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia
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	2016-09090059	RAPE	Sep 09, 2016 8:33 PM	Residence/Home	55XX COLUMBIA PK	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia
	2017-03080203	OBJECT SEXUAL PENETRATION	Aug 18, 2016 9:30 PM	School-College/University	14XX N COURTHOUSE RD	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia
	160808007	RAPE RAPE-STRONG ARM	Aug 08, 2016 2:30 AM	PARKING LOT/GARAGE	16XX S EADS ST	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia
	2016-08080007	RAPE	Aug 08, 2016 2:30 AM	Parking Lot/Garage	16XX S EADS ST	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia
	160810002	RAPE RAPE-STRONG ARM	Aug 04, 2016 10:00 PM	HOTEL, MOTEL, ETC	14XX N COURTHOUSE RD	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia
	2016-11080144	RAPE	Jul 15, 2016 6:00 PM	Drug Store/Dr Office/Hospital	17XX N GEORGE MASON DR	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia
	160704013	RAPE RAPE-STRONG ARM	Jul 04, 2016 5:23 AM	RESIDENCE, HOME	13XX N TROY ST	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia
	160619011	RAPE RAPE-WEAPON OTH THAN GUN-ATTEMPT	Jun 19, 2016 2:00 AM	RESIDENCE, HOME	39XX N 4 ST	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia
	2016-06190011	RAPE	Jun 19, 2016 2:00 AM	Residence/Home	39XX N 4 ST	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia
	160601060	RAPE RAPE-STRONG ARM	Jun 01, 2016 9:37 PM	RESIDENCE, HOME	8XX S FREDERICK ST	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia
	160525053	RAPE RAPE-STRONG ARM	May 25, 2016 10:24 PM	FIELD/WOODS	10XX N KENNEBEC ST	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia
	160515043	RAPE RAPE-STRONG ARM	May 15, 2016 7:45 AM	OTHER, UNKNOWN	9XX S WAKEFIELD ST	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia
	160515012	RAPE-ATTRAPE-STRONG ARM-ATTEMPT	May 15, 2016 4:56 AM	RESIDENCE, HOME	7XX N EDGEWOOD ST	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia
	160505032	RAPE RAPE-STRONG ARM	May 05, 2016 1:02 PM	SCHOOL-ELEMENTARY/SECONDARY	8XX S WALTER REED DR	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia
	160501033	RAPE RAPE-STRONG ARM	May 01, 2016 2:00 AM	RESIDENCE, HOME	11XX S THOMAS ST	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia
	160426057	RAPE RAPE-STRONG ARM	Apr 26, 2016 7:53 PM	RESIDENCE, HOME	16XX S EADS ST	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia
	160416045	RAPE RAPE-STRONG ARM	Apr 16, 2016 3:57 PM	RESIDENCE, HOME	14XX N COURTHOUSE RD	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia
	160416029	RAPE RAPE-STRONG ARM	Apr 16, 2016 12:46 PM	RESIDENCE, HOME	19XX COLUMBIA PK	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia
	160404002	RAPE RAPE-STRONG ARM	Apr 03, 2016 10:54 PM	RESIDENCE, HOME	25XX CLARENDON	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia
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	160330070	RAPE RAPE-STRONG ARM	Mar 30, 2016 11:28 PM	RESIDENCE, HOME	53XX WILSON	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia
	160328028	RAPE RAPE-STRONG ARM	Mar 28, 2016 7:49 PM	BAR, NIGHT CLUB	31XX CLARENDON	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia
	2017-02070267	FORCIBLE SODOMY	Mar 01, 2016 12:01 AM	Residence/Home	8XX S WAYNE ST	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia
	160223023	RAPE RAPE-STRONG ARM	Feb 23, 2016 10:08 AM	HOTEL, MOTEL, ETC	14XX LEE	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia
	2016-02200021	FORCIBLE SODOMY	Feb 20, 2016 3:40 AM	Residence/Home	13XX N PIERCE ST	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia
	160218054	RAPE RAPE-STRONG ARM	Feb 18, 2016 7:45 PM	HOTEL, MOTEL, ETC	10XX N MONROE ST	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia
	160207001	RAPE RAPE-STRONG ARM	Feb 06, 2016 10:28 PM	FIELD/WOODS	60XX WILSON	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia
	2017-02030237	OBJECT SEXUAL PENETRATION	Feb 01, 2016 12:00 AM	Residence/Home	14XX N COURTHOUSE RD	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia
	160129002	RAPE RAPE-STRONG ARM	Jan 28, 2016 10:34 PM	HIGHWAY/ROAD/ALLEY	14XX N COURTHOUSE RD	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia
	160118017	RAPE RAPE-STRONG ARM	Jan 17, 2016 9:00 PM	RESIDENCE, HOME	45XX 7TH ST N	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia
	2016-01120066	RAPE	Jan 12, 2016 7:15 PM	Hotel/Motel/Etc.	30XX COLUMBIA PK	Address	Arlington County Police Department - Virginia