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**POLICE SEXUAL ABUSE OF TEENAGE GIRLS:  
A 2003 Update on “Driving While Female”**

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## NEW PATTERNS OF POLICE ABUSE

Police sexual abuse of women includes a disturbing pattern of police officer exploitation of teenage girls. The majority of these cases, moreover, involve girls who are enrolled in police department-sponsored Explorers programs designed to give teens an understanding of police work.

\*\* A San Bernardino, California sheriff's deputy was sentenced to 120 days in jail in April, 2003 for the statutory rape of a 16-year-old Explorer scout.

\*\* A Clackamas County, Oregon sheriff's department lieutenant was demoted in July, 2002 for having a sexual relationship with an 18-year-old Explorer scout.

\*\* In June, 2003 an Anaheim, California officer charged with oral copulation with a 17-year old Explorer fled to his native England. California authorities are seeking to have him extradited.

\*\* A Philadelphia, Pennsylvania police officer with the department mounted patrol unit was sentenced to prison in 2003 for over 100 sexual acts with a 13-year old girl enrolled in his riding club.

\*\* In the most high profile case, Los Angeles Police Department Deputy Chief David Kalish was suspended after being accused having molested a male Explorer in the 1970s. Deputy Chief Kalish has been suspended and the case is being reviewed by the Los Angeles District Attorney.

\*\* Five of the 32 Explorer-related cases (including the Kalish case) involved sexual molestation of boys.

All of the cases are listed in the Appendix to this report.

This report on "Police Sexual Abuse of Teenage Girls" is a 2003 update of a 2002 report on "Driving While Female" by the University of Nebraska at Omaha. The 2002 report identified the problem of police officers using their traffic enforcement powers to stop and then harass or even assault female drivers. In addition to more traffic-related cases, this 2003 update found a large number of cases of police officer sexual abuse of teenage girls.

This report found 72 cases of police officer sexual abuse of teenage girls (and some boys), including over 30 that were reported in the media in the last 12 months alone. (See Table 1). Forty-three percent of the 72 cases involved police officers and girls or boys in police Explorer programs (31 total).

The 2003 report found 123 news cases of police sexual abuse of women since the 2002 report. Some of these cases involved incidents that occurred prior to May, 2002 but were either not reported or not discovered by the authors until recently.

The number of both police officers and victims exceeds the number of 189 cases in the combined 2002 and 2003 reports. In this report the term "cases" refers to news media stories about police officer abuse. A number of these individual cases actually involve either multiple acts by a single officer or acts of abuse by several officers. In short, the number of victims and incidents of misconduct far exceeds the number of "cases."

Both the 2002 report and the 2003 update are available at [www.policeaccountability.org](http://www.policeaccountability.org).

## **The Common Theme**

The common theme in all the sexual abuse of women cases in both the 2002 and 2003 UNO reports is police officers using their law enforcement authority to take advantage of vulnerable people. These include persons stopped for traffic violations, prostitutes, and teenage girls.

All police officers command authority by virtue of their positions. In Explorer-related cases, officers are dealing with young people in a special role of trust and authority. The Philadelphia case (see above) involved a 13-year old girl.

\*\* In a 2002 case involving rape and kidnapping charges against a Butler County, Ohio sheriff's deputy the presiding judge stated:

*"He was a police officer and she felt she had to do what she was told ... That's especially true for someone who has been caught in a compromising situation."*

## **Methodology**

This report is based on a survey of police abuse cases reported in the news media. Cases were identified through conventional and academic electronic index web searches.

As noted above, a "case" in this report refers to a new media story. Some of those stories involve multiple sexual acts with an individual citizen or sexual acts by two or more police officers.

\*\*A Largo, Florida case that was finally exposed in 2000, for example, found that six current officers and five former officers with the police department had sexual relationships with girls in the Explorer program since the 1980s. This report counts this as one "case."

Following the standard used in the 2002 report, this report includes only those cases where some official action has been taken against the accused officer. This includes suspension, termination, resignation, the opening of a formal investigation, indictment on criminal charges, conviction on criminal charges, or settlement of a civil suit. It does not include cases where there is only an allegation by the victim, including the mere filing of a civil suit.

Cases are counted only once, even though they might fit two categories. Traffic enforcement cases involving teenagers, for example, are classified as teenager cases only.

This report identifies as teenagers, individuals who are under the age of 20. Some of these individuals are legally adults under the laws of their states.

The 2002 and 2003 reports do not include cases of sexual harassment involving women who are employees of the law enforcement agency.

## **TOTAL ABUSE CASES**

As Table 1 indicates, a total of 183 cases of police sexual abuse of women over a period

of twelve years have been identified. Almost forty percent of those cases involve teenage girls or boys (total = 72). Thirty-four percent of the total involve traffic enforcement-related cases. Nine cases involve police sexual abuse of prostitutes.

**Table 1**

**TOTAL CASES = 183**

	<b>2003 Report</b>	<b>2002 Report</b>	<b>Combined Total</b>
<b>Cases</b>	123	60	183
<b>Teenage (total)</b>	66	6	72
<b>Explorer</b>	31	0	31
<b>Traffic</b>	19	44	63
<b>Prostitute</b>	7	2	9
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	31	8	39

## **POLICE ABUSE OF TEENAGE GIRLS**

Forty percent of all 2002 and 2003 cases involve teenagers. This is more than the traffic enforcement-related cases.

The problem of police abuse of teenage girls was not identified in the 2002 “Driving While Female” Report. Only 6 (or 10%) of the cases were in that category. Moreover, the 2002 report found no Explorer program cases. To a great extent, this is a function of methodology. Once teenage and Explorer cases were initially discovered, searches using the appropriate key words uncovered more cases.

The full extent of police officer sexual involvement with teenage girls is not known. Many cases are undoubtedly not reported, either because of shame or fear of retaliation on the part of the victims, or because some of the girls involved may not feel that they were victimized. Additionally, a number of cases may occur in small towns that are not served by a daily news paper or local television station.

Over forty percent of the teenage cases involve police Explorers programs. The Explorers is a national program operated by Learning-for-Life, a nonprofit organization based in Irving, Texas. Learning for Life offers a variety of work site-based educational programs for young people between the ages of 14 and 20 designed to prepare them for responsible and productive adult lives. It maintains over 300 local offices around the country and operates programs with over 20,000 different organizations.

Law enforcement explorer programs provide young people experience in police related activities, including criminal investigation, firearms, traffic control, and community service.

The official policies of Learning for Life implicitly acknowledge the problem of inappropriate sexual contact between police officers and young people. The policies include guidelines requiring adult supervision of activities and rules requiring separate accommodations for Advisors and Explorers and for males and females on overnight trips.

The Executive Director of Learning for Life acknowledged that there had been a few cases of inappropriate sexual activity involving underage girls in the past. In a telephone

interview the head of the national organization explained that LFL has elaborate procedures to guard against misconduct. Explorer outings are required to have two adult non-police officer supervisors. If outings involve boys and girls, there must be adult supervisors of both sexes.

Descriptions of the Learning for Life programs, including the procedures to guard against abuse, are available on the organization's web site: [www.learning-for-life.org](http://www.learning-for-life.org).

### **Levels of Seriousness**

As is true with traffic enforcement-related cases, the seriousness of abuse in teenage girl cases ranges from humiliation to rape.

\*\* A Pensacola, Florida police officer, for example, resigned in May, 2003 after he made a sixteen year old girl perform jumping jacks topless.

### **The Police in Context**

While the problem of police sexual abuse of teenage girls is serious, there is not sufficient evidence to indicate that it is more so than with other professions. In recent years there have been numerous reports of abuse of both adult and underage women by teachers, including athletic coaches, clergy, medical doctors, and others.

### **DRIVING WHILE FEMALE REVISITED**

The 2003 report found 19 new reports of police sexual abuse involving traffic enforcement incidents. Some of the teenage girl cases involved traffic stops but are classified as teenager cases in this report.

\*\* A Texas woman who was stranded on a country road with a flat tire was assaulted by two El Paso County, Texas, sheriff's department officers in April, 2003.

\*\* Several of the cases involved officers who have been accused of sexual assault by more than one citizen. An Albuquerque, New Mexico police officer was accused of demanding sexual favors from both women and men in return for not writing traffic tickets.

### **POLICE ABUSE OF PROSTITUTES**

The 2003 report also found seven cases involving police officers coercing sexual favors from prostitutes. Typically, officers coerced sexual favors from prostitutes in return for not arresting them.

\*\* A Cincinnati prostitute was coerced into performing oral sex on a Cincinnati police officer in order to avoid arrest.

### **THE FAILURE TO INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS**

In several cases, it is alleged that the police chief or other departmental officials failed to investigate complaints of sexual misconduct about an officer in the department.

\*\* The Largo, Florida police department finally reorganized its Explorer program in 2000, only after one officer resigned in 1994 because of a sexual relationship with a 16-year old, and another officer facing investigation committed suicide in 1998. The officer left a suicide note stating "I'm not the only person who's having sex with a minor at the police department, or with Explorers who are no longer with the department."

In some other cases, the other officers retaliated against a victim who complained about sexual abuse.

\*\* Two Corcoran, California officers retaliated by interrogating the victim, searching her school locker, and detaining her without her parents' knowledge.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REFORM**

### **No Tolerance for Sexual Abuse**

The 2002 report included a set of recommendations for reform. All of those recommendations are still relevant in 2003. These recommendations include:

\*\* A clear department policy stating that any abuse of women in traffic stops is forbidden and will be met with serious discipline;

\*\* Formal training of all department employees regarding the policy;

\*\* An open and accessible complaint procedure that will facilitate the filing of complaints of abuse.

\*\* Prompt and thorough investigation of all allegations of misconduct.

### **Better Oversight of Explorer Programs**

The number of teenage girl and police Explorer program cases deserves special attention. As already noted, Learning-For-Life has in place procedures designed to prevent inappropriate sexual conduct. The organization is to be commended for developing these policies. The number of cases, however, suggests that additional vigilance is necessary to prevent abuse in the future. Law enforcement agencies have a special responsibility.

Specifically, we recommend:

\*\* Police chiefs need to give special attention to departmental-sponsored Explorer programs.

\*\* Police chiefs need to screen with special care officers assigned to Explorer programs. Additional background checks of candidate officers should be conducted to ensure that their records do not indicate any hint of misconduct.

\*\* Police chiefs should personally interview officers assigned to Explorer programs, emphasize the gravity of any inappropriate sexual and indicate that any misconduct will result in significant discipline.

- \*\* Police chiefs should seriously consider assigning a male and a female officer as co-leaders of the Explorer program.
- \*\* The leaders of local Explorer offices should discuss the problem of sexual misconduct with law enforcement officials and ask what steps the department is taking to guard against inappropriate activity.

### **Openness and Preventive Action**

\*\* To maintain public trust, law enforcement agencies need to be open about allegations of misconduct and their response to them.

\*\* To prevent future misconduct, departments need to adopt appropriate policies clearly defining misconduct and oversight procedures to guard against inappropriate conduct.

The best response to a sexual abuse problem was by the Norwich, Connecticut Police Department. A detective involved women in undercover investigations and eventually persuaded them to pose topless for photographs. When the incident became public, the department conducted a thorough investigation and posted the report on its web site. This step set a model for police department openness to the public. Then, in the aftermath of the incident, the department began devising a new set of policies and procedures to prevent similar misconduct in the future.

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## **I. NEW CASES (additions to the original May, 2002 report)**

### **A. Police Explorer Program**

#### **Police Explorer Program**

##### **2003 Explorer**

A San Bernardino, California sheriff's deputy was sentenced to 120 days in jail for the statutory rape of 16-year old sheriff's Explorer scout. Many police agencies sponsor Explorer programs, which are designed to give teens an understanding of police work and help them evaluate whether they want to pursue a career in law enforcement. In this case, the deputy was an adviser to the Explorer scout group when the sexual encounters occurred in 2000. According to court records, the initial act of intercourse occurred during a scout-related camping trip. Records state that the girl was asleep in a tent when she awoke to find the officer on top of her. The girl said that she was scared that if she said anything, she would get into trouble and have to leave the sheriff's department.

*The Press-Enterprise (Inland Southern California) (June 15, 2002) and (April 15, 2003): Posted on-line at pe.com.*

In another California case a Woodlake police officer admitted to having sex with a 17-year old police Explorer scout while on duty last summer. Explorers are young people interested in law enforcement who do ride-alongs with officers and assist police by directing traffic at events. Allegedly, the officer drove the girl to a rural area outside the city limits, where they had sex. The state Deputy Attorney General said DNA evidence in the officer's squad car linked him to the crime.

*The Fresno Bee (California) (March 7, 2003): Posed on-line at fresnobee.com.*

Also in California, two people testified that a Deputy Police Chief with the Los Angeles Police Department molested police Explorer scouts during the 1970's while he was a supervisor of the Explorer program. Six people claim they were victimized by the same officer. One of the victims filed a civil suit, accusing the officer of sexually fondling him, molesting him and forcing and inducing him to engage in oral copulation and other similar acts while he was an Explorer scout. The man claims that he was sexually abused by the officer repeatedly over five years, beginning when he was 14, sometimes while the officer was in uniform, carrying a gun, in his police vehicle, and on duty. Police investigators found substantial evidence of abuse.

California's statute of limitations in sexual abuse case was lifted by state legislators in the mid-1990's, allowing prosecutors to charge potential suspects in decades-old cases.

*The Associated Press State and Local Wire (May 6, 2003): State and Regional; BC Cycle, Posted on-line at ap.org, and The Los Angeles Times (April 8, 2003): Posted on-line at latimes.com.*

In another situation involving the Explorer program, criminal charges were filed against an East Ridge, Tennessee police officer including two counts of aggravated child molestation, two counts of child molestation, and two counts of statutory rape of a female member of the Explorer program. The program, governed by the Boy Scouts of America, is designed to allow police to mentor teenagers interested in law enforcement careers.

*Chattanooga Times Free Press (Tennessee) (January 16, 2003): Posted on-line at class.timesfreepress.com.*

In Florida, an Atlantic Beach police sergeant who was the senior advisor to the department's Explorer program was suspended for misrepresenting his relationship with a 19-year old member

of the program. An investigation revealed that the sexual relationship did occur when the teenager was a member of the Explorer program. The internal affairs investigation led the police department to change the Police Explorer's leadership and record-keeping procedures.  
*Florida Times-Union (Jacksonville, FL) (January 22, 2003): Posted on-line at Jacksonville.com.*

A Nampa, Idaho police officer was fired and charged with sexual battery of a minor for allegedly being involved with at 17-year old girl in the Explorer program.  
*The Associated Press State and Local Wire (January 17, 2003): State and Regional; BC cycle.*

## **2002 Explorer**

In California, a Murrieta police officer who was with the department's Explorer program pled guilty to multiple acts of unlawful sexual intercourse and other sexual conduct with minors in the program. The officer sexually abused three 16-year olds, having numerous sexual encounters, some during unusually frequent ride-alongs late at night. The California Court of Appeal ruled that the department itself was not immune from a civil lawsuit in that there was ample evidence that the girls were at risk of sexual exploitation by the officer in question, but that supervisory police employees failed to take protective measures to deter sexual misconduct.  
*National Public Employment Reporter (November 12, 2002): Tort Liability; Vol. 6, No. 7, posted on-line at lrpdartnell.com, and California Supreme Court Service (November 22, 2002): Petitions Recently Filed; American Lawyer Media, Inc.*

Also in California, a former Corcoran police officer plead no context to sexual battery involving a 15-year old girl who was participating in the Explorer program. The officer, who was a Drug Awareness Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) officer at the time of the incident, entered a police locker room where the girl was undressing, locked the door and told her to continue undressing. The suit also named two other officers, alleging that they intimidated the girl after she reported the D.A.R.E. officer's advances by interrogating her, searching her school locker, backpack and home and detaining her without her parents' knowledge.  
*Fresno Bee (California) (July 31, 2002): Posted on-line at fresnobee.com.*

In Ohio, a Norwood police officer who was the head of the department's Police Explorer program was charged with raping a 17-year old girl who was in the program.  
*Channel 9 News at Six, WCPO-TV (Cincinnati) (February 14, 2002): Posted on-line at wcpo.com.*

In Clackamas County, Oregon an investigation found that a sheriff's lieutenant had a sexual relationship with an 18-year-old Explorer scout.  
*The Oregonian (July 1, 2002): Local Stories; Pg. E01.*

A Haltom City, Texas police officer was arrested in connection with a sexual assault of a 16-year-old member of the Explorer program.  
*The Associated Press State and Local Wire (October 31, 2002): State and Regional; BC cycle.*

## **2001 Explorer**

In Bandon, Oregon a police officer was sentenced to jail for having a sexual relationship with a 17-year old member of the Bandon Police Department's Explorer program. Coos County prosecutors also have recently accused the officer of possessing and reproducing a sexually explicit videotape featuring four other members of the Explorer program.  
*The Associated Press State and Local Wire (June 23, 2001): State and Regional; BC cycle.*

Also in Oregon, an officer with The Dalles Police Department was indicted for the sexual abuse of a minor. The indictment charges the officer with having sexual contact with a boy under the age of 18. The boy was a member of the police Explorer program. The indictment also states that the officer tried to get the victim to offer false testimony and withhold testimony, which carries a felony charge. The Dalles Police Explorer program was suspended shortly after the officer's initial arrest.

*The Oregonian (December 15, 2001): Northwest; Pg. B01.*

In Douglas County, Colorado two sheriff's deputies were investigated for having sexual relations with a 17-year-old female Explorer scout. As a result of the investigation, one deputy resigned and the other was fired.

*Rocky Mountain News (Denver, Colorado) (July 11, 2001): Local; Ed. Final; Pg. 18A.*

A police dispatcher with the Butler County, Ohio Sheriff's Department was charged with sexual battery for sexual contact with two Explorer scouts. The incident was alleged to have occurred at a campground during an Explorer program outing.

*WXIX-TV (Cincinnati, Ohio) (July 28, 2000): Video Monitoring Services of America.*

## **2000 Explorer**

In Largo, Florida several police officers were accused of having sexual relationship with female members of Largo's police Explorer program. Among them are the following:

- In 1994, police officials got a complaint about a relationship between a 16-year old Explorer scout and an officer who resigned after an internal investigation.
- In 1998, a suicide note left by an officer facing arrest for having sex with a 16-year old girl included this statement, "I'm not the only person who's having sex with a minor at the police department, or with Explorers who no longer are with the department. They really need to tighten up the rules with those Explorers."
- In 2000, another officer admitted publicly to having sex with a female Explorer scout.

The police chief had initially dismissed early allegations of sexual misconduct as unfounded but the department ultimately hired a Tampa labor relations law firm to conduct an independent investigation. The investigation confirmed that three officers had sex with Explorers and also determined that there was a variety of relationships dating back to the late 1980's involving six current officers and five former officers. Some of the girls stated that they had sex with more than one of the officers. In light of the incidents, the city manager and commissioners deemed that the Explorer post supervision needed changes and concurred with the police chief's suggestion to put a captain on the Explorer post command staff.

*St. Petersburg Times (Florida) (April 9, 2000): Largo Times; Editorial; Pg. 2, (May 9, 2000): Largo Times; Pg. 1, and (June 4, 2000): City & State; Metro Review; Pg. 4B.*

Also in Florida, a Miami-Dade police officer was arrested and charged with sexual battery against a teenage boy under his supervision as a member of the police Explorer program at Homestead Air Force Base. The boy says the incident occurred during an overnight stay.

*WTVJ-TV (Miami) (August 1, 2000): Video Monitoring Services of America.*

## **1999 Explorer**

A teenage girl in North Bend, Oregon was awarded \$79,000 in damages for the sexual abuse she suffered when she was a cadet in the North Bend police Explorer program. When the girl was 15-years old and a member of the program, she was kissed, fondled and grabbed in the crotch by

the supervisor of the program. The girl's counselor testified that since the attacks, she has suffered nightmares, high stress and an inability to concentrate.  
*The Associated Press (December 9, 1999): State and Regional; PM cycle.*

A Corsicana, Texas police officer was charged with indecency with a child and sexual assault. In an interview the Corsicana police chief stated that a young person identified the officer as the person who had sexually assaulted him hundreds of times and that several others are making complaints. The chief stated that one of the victims was in the police Explorer program.  
*KDFW-TV (Texas) (August 30, 1999): Video Monitoring Services of America.*

In Eureka, Missouri a jury convicted a Eureka officer of eight counts of statutory sodomy with a 16-year old girl after detailed testimony from the Explorer scout. The girl said almost all of the sexual encounters occurred while she rode along with the officer. After the scandal broke, the Eureka Police Department ended the ride-along portion of its police Explorer program. The girl testified that she had previously had sexual encounters with two other Eureka officers. She said that the convicted officer was assigned to investigate rumors of the earlier encounters. The two other officers plead guilty to sexual misconduct charges involving the girl.  
*St. Louis Post-Dispatch (Missouri) (June 4, 1999): Metro; Pg. C1.*

The director of the Fort Pierce, Florida Police Department's Explorer program was suspended and the program put on hold after an internal affairs investigation revealed that he had sexually harassed female Explorers.  
*Palm Beach Post (Florida) (December 23, 1999): Local; Pg. 1B.*

### **1998 Explorer**

A Cocoa, Florida police officer was arrested on charges of having sexual relations with at least two teenage girls in the police Explorer program.  
*WKMG-TV (Florida) (April 3, 1998): Video Monitoring Services of America.*

In Union City, New Jersey a police officer was sentenced to 22 years in prison, convicted of having a sexual relationship with a boy he supervised in the police Explorers program.  
*The New York Times (July 17, 1998): Late Edition – Final; Section B; Pg. 6; Column 6; Metropolitan Desk.*

In a claim filed against the city, a 14-year old female Explorer cadet alleged that she was fondled by a Los Angeles, California Police officer who was an advisor with the Explorer program. The officer was the adviser of the Rampart Division Explorer program before transferring to the Northeast Division, where he is accused of sexual misbehavior with a female cadet and inappropriately touching two others. A mother of two teenage girls in the Explorer program told the LAPD Police Commission that she knew of a dozen alleged incidents of sexual harassment and one case of sexual misconduct involving officers at the Northeast Division in Atwater Village. The woman stated that she knew of at least three victims of alleged sexual misconduct, stating that some of the incidents took place in the police station and some on Explorer camping trips.  
*City News Service (Southern California) (April 7, 1998) and (April 9, 1998): Posted on-line at socialnews.com.*

In Florissant, Missouri, a grand jury investigation found substantial evidence that three Florissant police officers had sex with two teenage police Explorer scouts. Some of the encounters occurred on duty during ride-alongs. All three officers resigned after the investigation began.  
*St. Louis Post-Dispatch (Missouri) (November 7, 1998): Five Star Lift Edition; News; Pg. 8.*

### **1997 Explorer**

In Wauwatosa, Wisconsin a veteran police officer who worked with police Explorer cadets and taught anti-drug classes was fired after a three-day hearing before the Police and Fire Commission for having had numerous sexual encounters with a 17-year old girl he supervised in the Explorer program. The girl testified before the commission that she and the officer had sex on more than 10 occasions after beginning a romantic relationship. The officer admitted that the girl had visited his apartment on about 10 occasions. He also testified that he took her to dinner several times, and to the movie, "Romeo and Juliet." On Sweetest Day, the officer gave the girl a dozen roses and had a cookie bouquet delivered to her at work. While the officer admitted a close friendship with the girl, he denied a romantic involvement with the girl. Other Explorers, however, stated that during their relationship, the officer gave the girl preferential treatment while he supervised her work and allowed her to sleep in the department's mobile command post with her head in his lap. The officer worked as a liaison with the Explorers and supervised those youths along with high school interns assigned to the department.

*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (Wisconsin) (February 13, 1997): Thursday Final; News; Pg. 1.*

A Lakeland, Florida police officer resigned shortly before he was to be fired for having sexual relations with an underage police Explorer cadet. Prior to his resignation the officer had been suspended on four counts: 1) unlawful conduct, in that he engaged in sexual relations while he was in a position of "custodial authority" to a police Explorer who was 17+ years old; 2) immoral conduct, by violating the trust placed in the officer by the Explorer and her parents; 3) unbecoming conduct, in that he brought the department into disrepute, and 4) unbecoming conduct, by bringing discredit upon himself as an employee of the department.

*The Tampa Tribune (Tampa, Florida) (June 20, 1997): Metro Edition; POLK, Pg. 1.*

In Burlco, Pennsylvania a Burlco police officer turned himself into authorities for sexually assaulting two 13-year-old girls who were members of the department's police Explorer's program he headed. Prosecutors say he had sexual intercourse with one of the girls.

*KYW-TV (Pennsylvania) (January 24, 1997): Video Monitoring Services of America.*

### **1995 Explorer**

A Prince George's County, Maryland police officer was charged with sexual assault, accused of raping a girl in the department's police Explorer program in his squad car.

*News 4 Today WRC TV (Washington, D.C.) (February 1, 1995): 1995 RTV; Radio TV Reports.*

In Florida a 6-month investigation in 1995 centering on the Kissimmee police Explorer program revealed that up to 50 boys in Orange and Osceola counties were molested. An Explorer admitted to having seduced boys after meeting them through events related to the program.

*St. Petersburg Times (Florida) (April 1, 2000): Largo Times; Pg. 1.*

### **1993 Explorer**

A Pinellas Park, Florida officer was charged with two counts of sexual activity with a child. The officer was an adviser with the department's Explorer program.

*St. Petersburg Times (Florida) (January 12, 1993): City Edition; Tampa Bay and State; Metro REPORT; Pg. 3B.*

## **B. Teenagers**

### **2003 Teenagers**

Departmental violations charges have been brought by the Dearborn County, Virginia Sheriff against one of his deputies alleging that the deputy committed official misconduct and sexual battery against a 15-year old girl while she was in his custody in his cruiser. *Journal Press (Virginia) (January 2, 2003): Posted on-line at journalpress.com.*

In West Virginia, a twenty-year veteran of the Wheeling Police Department was indicted on two counts of sexual misconduct with two girls under the age of 13. *7 News WTRF (Wheeling, West Virginia) (May 13, 2003) and related story Posted on-line at [www.wtrf.com/home/headlines/198246.html](http://www.wtrf.com/home/headlines/198246.html).*

In Illinois, a state trooper admitted to exposing himself to a 16-year-old girl walking in a DuPage County forest preserve. The trooper was in an unmarked squad car, which the girl was able to identify; she also recorded the license plate number. Authorities say that, although the crime occurred while the trooper was on duty, he was not assigned to the forest preserve and had no reason to be there. *Daily Herald (Chicago, Illinois) (January 15, 2003): Posted on-line at dailyherald.com.*

In another Illinois case, a Patoka police officer is accused of asking for sexual favors during traffic stops. One witness stated that the officer pulled over her 18-year old daughter and requested sex. *KSDK TV (St. Louis, Missouri) (May 14, 2003): Posted on-line at ksdk.com.*

A teenager testified in court that a North Carolina police patrolman paid him for sex when the officer was a Mebane police patrolman and later an Alamance County deputy. The officer was charged with several sex-related crimes, including prostitution of a minor. A prosecution witness testified that the officer admitted that he paid the teenager for sexual activities. The teenager said that he engaged in sex with the police officer for money in order to support a cocaine habit. *The Associated Press State and Local Wire (March 12, 2003): Wednesday, BC Cycle; State and Regional.*

In California, an investigation of a group of San Francisco police officers by the San Francisco Office of Citizen Complaints revealed that, according to witnesses, officers conducted a humiliating, groping search of two female juveniles while their crying mothers were ordered to stand back. One mother reported that a male officer searching her daughter touched the girl's breasts, buttocks and crotch. In addition, the investigation revealed that the officers failed to explain the reason the reason for the girls' detention and failed to comply with procedures for dealing with juveniles. One of the girl's repeated requests for a female officer to conduct the search were ignored. *San Francisco Chronicle (January 24, 2003): Posted on-line at SFGate.com.*

Also in California, a Huntington Beach police officer was convicted of lewd conduct for sexually molesting a teenage girl while conducting an interview about a statutory rape complaint. The same officer was also found guilty in an unrelated case of soliciting a lewd act and for threatening a woman with a traffic ticket unless she exposed her breasts. *Los Angeles Times (February 21, 2003): Orange County Section, Page B3.*

In Florida a Pensacola police officer resigned following an investigation into allegations that he had a 16-year old girl perform jumping jacks while topless in order to avoid arrest. The officer approached a car parked on an unpaved road and found the girl and her 19-year old boyfriend. The officer told the pair that they could be arrested for lewd and lascivious behavior and put them in his squad car. The officer brought up exercise on the spot as a way to punish and embarrass the two. According to the girl's version of the story, the officer then shined the flashlight on her chest while she did five jumping jacks with her shirt off. The officer did not call in the stop to dispatch. He instructed the teens to tell anyone who inquired that they were only listening to music when he told them to move on. The teens underwent polygraph tests and showed no deception when questioned about the incident. The officer declined twice to take a

polygraph test.

*Pensacola News Journal (Florida) (May 15, 2003): Posted on-line at PensacolaNewsJournal.com.*

Also in Florida, a Dundee police officer was sentenced to eight years probation for having sex with a teenager. In addition, the town of Dundee recently received notice that a second teenager intends to sue, claiming that the same officer had sex with her when she was 16 years old after the officer conducted a traffic investigation involving the teen.

*The Ledger (Lakeland, Florida) (May 24, 2003): Metro, Pg. B3.*

A Mishawaka, Indiana police officer pleaded guilty to engaging in sexual misconduct with a minor. The officer admitted that he had fondled and performed oral sex on a 15-year old girl. The officer had been on the force since 1986.

*South Bend Tribune (Indiana) (April 15, 2003): Posted on-line at southbendtribune.com.*

In California, a Visalia police officer is scheduled to appear in court over accusations that he had sex with a 16-year old boy.

*The Fresno Bee (March 7, 2003): Posted on-line at fresnobee.com.*

A Shreveport, Louisiana police officer was indicted on charges of raping and robbing a 25-year old woman and molesting a 14-year old girl. He was charged on one count of forcible rape, two of bribery, one of malfeasance in office and one of molestation of a juvenile. The officer was driving the girl from a youth shelter to her home when he allegedly parked his car next to a vacant building and tried to have sex with her. The officer stopped the woman for an expired license plate and found out that she had no insurance and two warrants for her arrest for traffic violations. The woman stated that the officer took her to jail, took \$200 from her, saying he was going to act as her "bail bondsman," then drove her to a parking lot, raped her, and took her to her house where he asked her boyfriend for money to get back confiscated license plates.

*NewsFlash (Louisiana) (March 24, 2003): Posted on-line at nola.com.*

## **2002 Teenagers**

In Pennsylvania, a Philadelphia mounted police officer was charged with having sex with a 13-year-old girl who was a member of his riding club. The officer was charged with indecent sexual assault, sexual assault, statutory sexual assault, endangering the welfare of a child, indecent assault and indecent exposure. In May of 2003, the officer was sentenced to 6 1/2 to 13 years in prison for engaging in sexual relations over 100 times with the 13-year old girl. The acts took place in cars and barns, sometimes while the officer was in uniform. An investigation revealed that the officer met the girl through a horseback-riding club, buying her riding gear, a cellular phone, and perfume. He also promised to buy her a horse for her 15<sup>th</sup> birthday.

*The Philadelphia Enquirer (April 8, 2002) and (May 15, 2003): Posted on-line at philly.com.*

In another Pennsylvania case, forensic evidence from an investigation into a woman's accusations that she was raped by two on-duty Philadelphia police officers substantiated part of the woman's claim. The woman, a 25-year old dancer at a gentlemen's club, told investigators she was driven to a remote location and sexually assaulted. One of the officers, she stated, forced her to have intercourse while the other officer forced her to have oral sex. The incident is said to have occurred in the officers' police cruiser. The cruiser and the uniform of one of the officers were processed for evidence. One of the officers is also being investigated in connection with another sexual assault. In addition, since the arrests of the two officers for the alleged rape of the exotic dancer, a 15-year old girl has come forward stating that one night when she was walking home the same two officers sexually harassed her, told her that she was violating curfew laws, shone the flashlight in her eyes and ogled her chest, asking her five times if she wanted to get in and be driven home.

*The Philadelphia Enquirer (December 19, 2002): Posted on-line at philly.com, CBS 3KYW-TV*

*Philadelphia: Posted on-line at kyw.com, and WPVI-6 (February 5, 2003): Posted on-line at wpvi.com.*

According to federal lawsuits filed by five women, breakdowns in state police hiring and discipline allowed a sexual predator to patrol suburban highways for three years as a Pennsylvania state trooper. The trooper is now serving a five- to ten-year sentence in state prison after pleading guilty to sexual offenses against six women, three of whom were teenagers, while he was on duty as a state trooper. The lawsuits claim that the trooper had a history of sex-related problems before he was hired, and that during his probationary period, a 16-year old girl complained about his sexual advances, passing a lie detector test, but that the trooper's superiors refused to believe the girl or take action. The trooper was convicted of 11 counts of sexual misconduct. His crimes included inappropriately touching a teenage girl in his custody and offering protection to a domestic abuse victim in exchange for sexual favors. An internal investigation and sworn statements from other officers indicated that other officers were aware that the trooper in question made passes at women he encountered on duty, exposed himself to women he barely knew, and that he bragged about encounters with prostitutes and strippers. *The Philadelphia Enquirer (July 23, 2002): Posted on-line at philly.com, and The Associated Press (July 24, 2002): Wednesday, BC Cycle; State and Regional.*

A Sacramento, California police officer was arraigned on charges of rape, sexual assault and other crimes he was accused of committing while on duty. The officer is charged with 17 felony and misdemeanor counts stemming from reported attacks on a 16-year-old girl and five women. *Sacramento Bee (May 9, 2002).*

Also in California an Oakland police officer was expected in court on charges of improper sexual contact with two teenage San Leandro High School girls. The officer was charged with three counts of molesting a minor, three counts of penetration with a foreign object of a minor, three counts of oral copulation of a minor and four counts of sex with a minor. All counts but those of molestation are felonies. *The San Francisco Chronicle (September 25, 2002): Wednesday, Final Edition; Bay Area; Pg. A18; Bay Area Report.*

In New Jersey a Prospect Park police officer was charged with sexually assaulting an 18-year-old girl and with having sex with another teenager while on duty. The charges include one count of sexual assault and two counts of official misconduct. Because the encounters allegedly took place while he was on duty, the misconduct charges are for taking advantage of his position and for failing to perform his duties. The mayor has also said in a written statement that the officer will be charged in an internal disciplinary hearing seeking his removal from the department. The officer, a seven-year veteran of the department, served three years as the local president of the Policeman's Benevolent Association. During his tenure with the department, the officer became involved in community policing and helped run the borough's junior police academy, a program intended to build trust among children and police officers. *The Record (Bergen County, New Jersey) (January 11, 2002): Friday All Editions; NEWS; Pg. a01.*

Also in New Jersey a Milville police officer was charged with sexually assaulting two teenagers while on duty. The 4 ½ year veteran of the department was charged with two counts each of first-degree sexual assault and official misconduct in separate incidents involving two 17-year-



old girls. In an unrelated case, a former sheriff's officer was charged with raping a 15-year-old girl he met at the High School where he is a substitute teacher. Allegedly, after the two initially became acquainted, the girl told the officer that she wanted nothing to do with him, but he came to her house and forced his way in before raping her.

*The Associated Press State and Local Wire (December 20, 2002): Friday, BC Cycle; State and Regional.*

A New York City, New York police detective was convicted of forcing a 16-year-old prostitute to have oral sex. According to the district attorney's office, the detective solicited the prostitute for oral sex in exchange for \$30.00. The victim got into the detective's car but then changed her mind when the detective began driving erratically. The detective ignored the teenager's request to let her out, ordered her to take off her clothes and forced her to give him oral sex, the district attorney said. The girl, who was naked, jumped out into the street when she saw a police van pass. The detective fled but lost control of the car, crashed into a building and then stumbled out of his car, naked from the waist down. A jury found the detective guilty of one count of sodomy in the first degree and misdemeanor charges of reckless endangerment and driving while under the influence of alcohol and driving while impaired.

*The Associated Press State and Local Wire (August 7, 2002): State and Regional, BC cycle.*

In New York, a sheriff's deputy was arrested for allegedly sodomizing a 19-year old male for several months while he was an inmate at the Niagara County Jail. The accused had been a jail deputy for six years.

*The Buffalo News ( August 7, 2002): Local, Pg. B2, Police and Courts.*

A Minneapolis, Minnesota police officer was fired after he admitted to having sex with a 13-year old girl he met on an Internet chat line. The officer claimed that the girl told him that she was 18-years old and that the sex was consensual, however, the officer was charged with third-degree criminal sexual conduct.

*Star Tribune (Minnesota) (August 21, 2002).*

In Ohio, a Fairfield Police Department Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) officer was fired because of accusations of sexual misconduct with a child who was 12 or 13 years old at the time of the incidents. The officer was assigned as a D.A.R.E. officer at the Fairfield Intermediate School.

*Eyewitness News 5 (Cincinnati, Ohio) (July 31, 2002): Posted on-line at ChannelCincinnati.com*

In Florida, a Miami-Dade County police officer was charged with trying to hire someone to kill the two teenage girls who put him in jail for sexually assaulting them during separate traffic stops. The officer was arrested three months prior on charges of armed sexual battery and armed kidnapping after the two 17-year old girls told police he pulled them over and sexually assaulted them during separate traffic stops. According to police, the officer asked fellow jail inmates about hiring a hit man. One of those inmates reported the officer to the authorities who taped conversations between the officer and another inmate who agreed to become an informant. Allegedly, the officer gave the informant handwritten notes stating where the girls live, where they attend school, the cars they drive and their physical descriptions. Police say the notes also included the same information on the girls' boyfriends, who witnessed the assaults.

*The Miami Herald (December 24, 2002): Posted on-line at Herald.com.*

In Texas, four women who say they were sexually harassed while serving time in the Haltom City Jail filed federal civil rights lawsuits against the city, bringing the number of women alleging abuses ranging from verbal harassment to rape to 12. The Haltom City Jail operates under the Haltom City Police Department. Three of the women have made claims against one particular jailer, the same officer who plead guilty in March of 2002 to forcing a woman to

have sex in exchange for early release from the jail, and was charged with a count of sexual assault and two counts of having improper sexual contact with a person in custody. According to testimony, one woman who was 17-years old at the time was forced to strip in front of a male guard. Another woman testified that she was forced to shower in front of the same guard.

*Houston Chronicle (Texas) (December 28, 2002): Posted on-line at HoustonChronicle.com, and (January 5, 2003): Sunday 2 Star Edition; A; Pg. 29 Metfront.*

Also in Texas, a Midland police officer pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct, a lesser offense than the charge of official oppression, on which he was indicted. The officer also relinquished his peace officer's license as part of the plea. The indictment stemmed from allegations that the officer offered a female college student immunity from possible arrest at a loud party in exchange for a sexual favor. The officer allegedly asked the 19-year old to remove some of her clothing, then embraced her while her breasts were exposed.

*The Associated Press State and Local Wire (October 15, 2002): Tuesday, BC cycle; State and Regional.*

In Virginia, a 22-year old woman testified in a court deposition that although she and two other females, ages 16 and 17, agreed to pose nude for pictures for a male civilian, beat-police in the Southeastern district used their knowledge that the girls' had posed for the pictures, and the girls' ignorance of the law and lack of sophistication, to try to coerce them into giving sexual favors to the officers. The females also stated that the officers passed the photos around the station house, carried them in their patrol cars, asked the subjects to autograph them, and threatened to pin the photos in public places.

*The Daily Record (Baltimore, Maryland) (October 29, 2002).*

In Nevada, a White Pine County sheriff's deputy turned himself in to face 14 felony charges of sexual assault and attempted sexual assault on four local women. The officer is also accused of using his authority as a deputy in the assaults and forcing the women to keep quiet. In one case, the officer is accused of forcing his way into a woman's residence and physically forcing her to have sex with him. He allegedly told the woman that she couldn't contact the police about the attack because they would not investigate one of their own. The officer is charged with robbery in the same case. Another woman, who was 17-years old at the time, said the officer forced her into his patrol car in a rural area while she was intoxicated and forced her into sex. Investigators believe there are more victims that have not come forward yet.

*The Associated Press State and Local Wire (November 20, 2001): State and Regional; BC cycle.*

In The Dalles, Oregon an officer admitted to serving alcohol to teenage boys and taking a nude picture of at least one of them, using a police camera, according to police internal affairs records. In the same department in a separate suit, an officer was indicted for having a sexual relationship with an underage police Explorer scout (see police Explorer program section above).

*The Oregonian (December 15, 2001): Northwest; Pg. B01.*

A Colorado state trooper was jailed and formally charged with two felony counts and three misdemeanor offenses in connection with the alleged sexual assault of a 17-year-old girl. Investigators claim that he met and assaulted the girl while on duty. The trooper has subsequently resigned from the state patrol. The girl told investigators that she met the trooper after he stopped her car for having an obstructed license plate and that he later contacted her asking for a date.

*Rocky Mountain News (Denver, Colorado): Local; Ed. Final; Pg. 28A.*

In Washington a Snohomish County sheriff's deputy was convicted of the third-degree rape of a 17-year-old girl. The girl was drunk and had just been in a rollover accident, making her especially vulnerable, according to prosecutors. DNA tests proved that the officer had sex with the girl after he agreed to drive her home from the accident.

*The Seattle Times (May 9, 2001): Wednesday Fourth Edition; ROP ZONE; Local News; Pg. B1.*

## **2000 Teenagers**

A Boston, Massachusetts police officer charged with kidnapping and corruption was ordered to stay away from a teenage boy, from whom he allegedly demanded sexual favors after a traffic stop. According to prosecutors, on Christmas day, the officer stopped the boy for speeding, put

him in the back of his cruiser and drove to a nearby drugstore, where he ordered to the boy to perform a sex act in exchange for dropping the speeding charge.

*The Boston Globe (July 7, 2000): Friday, Third Edition; Metro/Region; Pg. B5.*

A teenager who claimed that a San Diego, California police officer fondled her after ordering her to submit to a body search will receive \$50,000 to settle her lawsuit against the city. The officer resigned from the department after an internal investigation concluded that the girl, 15-years-old at the time of the incident, was telling the truth.

*The San Diego Union-Tribune (June 15, 2000); Local; Pg. B-5.*

### **1999 Teenagers**

In Alabama, a Lipscomb police officer pleaded guilty to sexually abusing a 16-year-old boy while responding to the teenager's report of a stolen cell phone. According to authorities, the officer will be required to register as a sex offender.

*The Associated Press State and Local Wire (November 11, 1999): Thursday, BC Cycle; State and Regional.*

### **1998 Teenagers**

A Ferguson, Missouri police officer was sentenced to nine months in jail and five years probation after admitting he had sexual relations several times with an underage girl.

*St. Louis Post-Dispatch (Missouri) (November 7, 1998): Five Star Lift Edition; News; Pg. 8.*

## **C. Traffic**

### **2003 Traffic**

In Illinois, a Washington Park police officer was indicted on assault charges for asking a female motorist to have sex with him so she could avoid a ticket.

*KSDK TV (Illinois) (March 25, 2003): Posted on-line at ksdk.com.*

In Washington, D.C. a police bomb expert accused of having sex with a woman he pulled over for speeding pleaded guilty to a charge of sexual abuse. While in uniform and in a marked police car, the officer pulled the woman over. After determining that the woman was wanted on a federal arrest warrant, the officer held onto her passport and Social Security card and ordered her to follow him in her car. He drove to several locations, telling the woman he was trying to decide whether he should arrest her or allow her to turn herself in. Switching to an unmarked vehicle, he drove the woman to the Holiday Inn where he worked off-duty. The officer took the woman to a conference room and had sex with her. Afterward, he returned her identification and told her to contact him about turning herself in.

*Washington Post (May 21, 2003): Page B02.*

In New Mexico, the Albuquerque Police Department is investigating whether one of its officers traded sexual favors for leniency during traffic stops. The Deputy Police Chief stated that the officer has been accused of similar misconduct by several individuals. While the allegations generally involved the officer making some sort of improper remarks and sexual advances toward females, there were also complaints from male victims.

*Albuquerque Tribune (May 13, 2003):*

*Posted on-line at [abqtrib.com/archives/news03/051303\\_news\\_officer.shtml](http://abqtrib.com/archives/news03/051303_news_officer.shtml).*

A Rochester, New York police officer was convicted of improperly touching women during frisks. Most incidents occurred after traffic stops, many of which were for minor traffic violations such as a non-working license plate light. The women stated that the officer touched their breasts and thighs and put his fingers in their waistbands.

*Democrat and Chronicle (Rochester, New York) (January 25, 2003): Posted on-line at [DemocratandChronicle.com](http://DemocratandChronicle.com).*

In Gatlinburg, Tennessee a \$22 million federal lawsuit contends that a Gatlinburg police officer had a history of complaints about his conduct relating to female citizens before he allegedly raped a woman. The officer was fired for refusing to talk to internal affairs investigators probing the woman's rape complaint. He was later indicted on charges of rape, sexual battery and official oppression in connection with the incident. The lawsuit claims that the department ignored warning signs, including allegations that at least one other officer knew the officer named in the suit intended to rape the woman but failed to take necessary actions to prevent the incident. The incident occurred after the woman and a male companion were stopped after leaving an establishment around 1:00 a.m. The male driver was arrested for public intoxication and the car was impounded. The officer in question offered to take the woman to retrieve the car. After taking her to the impound lot, the officer led her to another location, under the pretenses of leading her back to the police station, where he raped her.

*KnoxNews (Updated daily by The Knoxville News-Sentinel) (Tennessee) (May 23, 2003): Posted on-line at [knoxnews.com](http://knoxnews.com).*

Two women, saying they were sexually assaulted by two Woodstock, Alabama police officers, filed federal lawsuits against the town, the police chief, and the officers. The lawsuits claim that the police chief knew about the alleged misconduct but did nothing about it. One woman claims that one officer, while on duty, touched her inappropriately. Then, on another occasion, got into a car where she was sitting alone in the passenger seat, and drove away with the woman and upon returning, kissed her against her will. The suit also alleges that the second officer sexually assaulted her on another occasion. In the second suit, another woman claims that second officer inappropriately touched her during a traffic stop. These suits followed another suit filed the previous month in which a girl and a woman claim that the first officer noted above harassed them. One of the accused officers subsequently resigned, as well as the Mayor who also resigned over the matter.

*The Associated Press (April 11, 2003): Posted on-line at [ap.org](http://ap.org), and (March 23, 2003): *BC Cycle; State and Regional*.*

In Texas, a volunteer deputy constable working for Waller County Precinct 3, already charged with official oppression after a suspicious traffic stop last year, may be implicated in similar incidents in the Houston area. The officer is accused of stopping a female motorist, handcuffing her and taking her to a remote county annex building. Shortly thereafter, he returned her to her car unharmed but warned her to "forget" the whole episode. Authorities believe the traffic stop was only the latest in a series of incidents in which the defendant has waylaid innocent victims on bogus charges.

*Houston Chronicle (February 4, 2003): Posted on-line at [chron.com](http://chron.com).*

Also in Texas, two El Paso County sheriff's deputies accused of harassing, assaulting and intimidating a woman stranded on a county road plead guilty to police misconduct. The woman, stranded with a flat tire, said the deputies placed her in their patrol car and threatened to arrest her for driving under the influence of alcohol if she didn't comply with their demands. The Justice Department said one deputy raped and physically assaulted the woman under the direction of the other deputy.

*NewsChannel 9KTSM TV (El Paso, Texas) (April 11, 2003): Posted on-line at [ktsm.com](http://ktsm.com).*

A Gwinnett County, Georgia police officer was charged with forcing a woman into a sex act during a traffic stop, and is expected to plead guilty to reduced charges, yet still in the felony

class. The woman, who has a criminal record and was driving with a suspended driver's license, said the officer motioned her to drive down a secluded dirt road and got into her car and forced her to have sex. The officer maintains that the woman initiated the sex to thank him for not issuing her a citation. The District Attorney said, although she was a convincing witness, the fact that the woman had a criminal record would make it harder to win a conviction on all counts at trial. Ultimately, the woman agreed to the prosecutors' acceptance of a plea to reduced charges. *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution (April 24, 2003): Posted on-line at ajc.com.*

## **2002 Traffic**

In Louisiana, the Estherwood Chief of Police was indicted on charges of simple battery and malfeasance in office. According to prosecutors, the chief told a woman that if she let him touch her breast, he wouldn't charge her with offering alcohol to her underage boyfriend. Allegedly, during a traffic stop, the chief asked the 21-year-old woman to lift her shirt after she refused his offer of leniency in exchange for sexual favors. *The Advocate (Baton Rouge, Louisiana) (September 20, 2002): Friday Metro Edition; News; Pg. 3-C.*

An Inkster, Michigan police officer was charged with having sex with a female drunken-driving suspect while on duty. According to the County Prosecutor, the officer stopped the woman for driving erratically, received permission to drive the woman to her apartment, allegedly making a number of sexual advances toward her during the drive. Upon reaching the apartment, the officer followed the woman inside and had sex with her. The woman stated that she submitted to sexual intercourse with the officer because she feared the possibility of arrest. *The Associated Press State and Local Wire (June 25, 2002): State and Regional; BC cycle.*

In New Jersey, a 15-year state police veteran was charged with official misconduct accused of having a woman perform sex acts on him in his patrol car, on duty, after she sought police help. Two more women have subsequently complained of sexual misconduct by the trooper, including one woman who claims that the trooper also sexually harassed her after a traffic stop. *The Philadelphia Enquirer (September 20, 2002): Posted on-line at phylly.com, The Associated Press State and Local Wire (September 16, 2002): State and Regional, BC cycle, and (September 13, 2002): State and Regional, BC cycle, posted on-line at ap.org.*

In Ohio a Butler County sheriff's deputy was convicted of rape and kidnapping for forcing a Hamilton woman to have oral sex with him outside a Forest Fair Mall nightclub. A 19-year old Hamilton woman said the deputy caught her having consensual sex in a vehicle with an 18-year old man. Then, under the threat of getting a ticket unless she complied, the officer grabbed her neck and forced her to perform oral sex while he was in uniform and working a security job at the Fairfield mall. A mixture of the deputy's semen and the accuser's DNA were found on his shirttail, substantiating the oral sex claim.

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***"He was a police officer and she felt she had to do what she was told...That's especially true for someone who has been caught in a compromising situation."*** Judge Matthew J. Crehan, sentencing judge.  
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*The Cincinnati Enquirer (August 2, 2002): Posted on-line at Enquirer.com.*

In Virginia, a state trooper plead guilty to bribery for soliciting sex from a 20-year old woman he had stopped for drunk driving. An investigation into the trooper's arrests showed a pattern of alleged misconduct, specifically among young women. According to testimony, the trooper would wait in parking lots, watching for women to leave bars. He would then follow them in his police car and pull them over. One victim recounted that he arrested her for drunk driving, took her to the Prince William jail, let her understand the gravity of that place, then told her that if she left and had sex with him, the charge would disappear. Ironically, the officer was a decorated

trooper, honored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving, and the Washington Regional Alcohol Program because he had written more drunken-driving summonses than any other trooper in recent years. In 2001, however, a local law enforcement officer complained of the trooper's arrest habits. An internal investigation was conducted and found that while 19 percent of those arrested in the county for drunk driving were women, the trooper in question was arresting 53 percent women, almost three times the average. Headquarters concluded that there was no problem, though, since half the people in the country are women.

*The Washington Post (September 20, 2002): Page B01, (April 14, 2002): Page B06, and (April 3, 2002): Page B01.*

In Tennessee, city officials rescinded their offer of the police chief's job to a Metro policeman after learning he had been accused of making a sexual advance toward a woman who came forward to report a murder she claimed she had witnessed. An evaluation of his personnel file also showed that he had been accused of filing a report with inaccurate information, lying during an investigation, not following procedure during a traffic stop and sexually harassing a suspect during a traffic stop.

*The Ashland City Times (Tennessee) (December 21, 2002): Posted on-line at ashlandcitytimes.com.*

A longtime Belmont, Massachusetts police lieutenant was ordered to resign amid allegations that he sexually harassed young men during traffic stops over two decades. Findings from a private investigative firm involved the questioning of more than a dozen men who told investigators that the lieutenant harassed them with constant traffic stops, and on some of those stops, propositioned them for sex in exchange for leniency.

*The Boston Globe (September 8, 2002): Metro/Region; Page B3.*

### **2001 Traffic**

A St. Charles Parish, Louisiana sheriff's deputy was arrested in November of 2001, accused of telling a La Place woman he wouldn't arrest her for driving while intoxicated if she posed nude for him. After stopping the woman for driving erratically, he put her in the back of his squad car and drove across the river to a gas station, where the deputy proceeded to take Polaroids of the woman with her blouse raised. The deputy was booked with malfeasance in office and extortion and has subsequently resigned.

*The Times-Picayune (New Orleans) (November 17, 2001): Metro; Pg. 1.*

### **1999 Traffic**

A King County, Washington sheriff's deputy admitted stopping a female motorist in SeaTac just to handcuff and fondle her. The deputy pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of official misconduct and a felony charge of unlawful imprisonment with sexual motivation. The deputy was sentenced to three months and ten days in jail and to complete an intensive three-year sexual deviancy treatment program.

*The Columbian (Vancouver, Washington) (February 14, 1999): Clark County/region; Pg. b3.*

### **1991 Traffic**

In Maryland an Anne Arundel County police officer was convicted of police misconduct arising from an encounter with a 24-year old woman who testified that the officer pulled her over, told her she was too drunk to drive and that he would drive her home. Instead, the officer took her to a church parking lot and raped her in the front seat of his patrol cruiser. The woman won a \$1

million judgment against the officer and the county. The same officer had been accused of rape once before. In 1979 a Glen Burnie woman alleged that the officer assaulted her in her apartment.

*The Baltimore Sun (Maryland) (April 9, 2003): Posted on-line at sunspot.net.*

## **D. Prostitutes**

### **2003 Prostitutes**

Two former Oakland, California police narcotics officers were sentenced to three years probation for visiting a San Leandro brothel while on duty. The officers unknowingly propositioned undercover Alameda County sheriff's deputies. The Alameda County district attorney's office is also investigating the discovery of cocaine and heroin, several hundred dollars and several guns when the two officers were arrested.

*The San Francisco Chronicle (April 5, 2003): Posted on-line at SFGate.com.*

A retired Huntington Park, California police officer is suing his former department and two Orange County law enforcement agencies, accusing them of brutality and other misconduct during a raid on his house where photographs and other documentation exposing police misconduct were seized. The retired officer, who had become somewhat of an unofficial historian of the department while employed there, claims that four photo albums were seized illegally. The suit claims that, included among the photos were photos of on-duty officers having sex with prostitutes, one near a police car, and of other officers cavorting with scantily clad women. In court proceedings, officers from both the Huntington Park and Fountain Valley police departments testified under oath that Fountain Valley police allowed officers from the city of Los Angeles County to accompany them on the raid, comb through the retired officer's possessions, pick out the allegedly explicit photos and take them back to their own department, where they were destroyed. The retired officer had gathered the photographs for a book he planned to write detailing alleged corruption at Huntington Park.

*Los Angeles Times (April 5, 2003): Posted on-line at latimes.com, and The Orange County Register (California) (April 4, 2003): Posted on-line at OCRegister.com.*

### **2002 Prostitutes**

An Oklahoma City, Oklahoma vice detective was investigated by police, accused of intimidating a witness into having sexual relations with him on two different occasions. The woman, who describes herself as a prostitute, was an informant in a prostitution case.

*The Associated Press (November 19, 2002) State and Regional, BC cycle, posted on-line at ap.org.*

In Illinois, a Chicago police officer was sentenced for pressuring women to have sex in exchange for reduced charges against them. The women were arrested at a hotel in a prostitution sting.

*Chicago Sun-Times (September 25, 2002): Posted on-line at suntimes.com.*

### **1999 Prostitutes**

In Ohio, a prostitute, one of four who testified against a Cincinnati police officer, stated that the officer ordered her to perform oral sex on him on three different occasions in order to avoid arrest, each time while he was on duty, in uniform and standing next to his police cruiser. The officer was subsequently fired and sentenced to a year in county jail after being found guilty of two counts of bribery and one count of sexual battery.

*The Cincinnati Post (January 15, 2003): Posted on-line at Cincinnati.com.*

Federal agents arrested four Hartford, Connecticut police officers for allegedly demanding sexual favors from prostitutes. Two of the officers were charged with violating the civil rights of prostitutes by threatening them with arrest unless they provided sexual favors. Another officer pleaded guilty to two counts of aiding and abetting one of those officers. He admitted being present during the alleged sex acts; he did not participate, but he also did not intervene. A fourth officer resigned after pleading guilty to providing one of the other officers with a camera to take nude pictures of the women. All of the alleged crimes occurred when the officers were on duty and in uniform.

*The Associated Press State and Local Wire (April 7, 1999): Wednesday, AM cycle; State and Regional.*

In New York, two police officers responsible for policing the streets around Times Square, the theater district and the Empire State Building were indicted for accepting cash and sexual favors from prostitutes running a brothel. The officers are also accused of alerting the madam who ran the brothel to the possibility of police raids. As a reward for looking the other way, the madam gave the defendants thousands of dollars in cash, gifts such as airline tickets and jewelry and the sexual services of the brothel's prostitutes. Both officers were immediately suspended without pay. Two other officers pleaded guilty earlier in the month to similar charges in the scandal.

*The Associated Press State and Local Wire (April 28, 1999): Wednesday, PM cycle; State and Regional.*

## **E. General**

### **2003 General**

A White County, Ohio sheriff's deputy was arrested on sexual battery charges. The officer is being investigated on five separate counts stemming from his time with the Cleveland Police Department.

*Access North Georgia (March 11, 2003): Posted on-line at AccessNorthGeorgia.com.*

Two women have filed a civil lawsuit claiming that a Lansing, Michigan police detective forced them to have sex with them. The suit claims that the detective used his authority as an officer to assault a 30-year-old police informant and a 45-year-old woman who reported a stolen car. The lawsuit also claims that the detective made promises to keep the women and their families out of prison; assaulted the 45-year-old repeatedly, and ordered the 30-year-old to give him oral sex in his patrol car. Lansing internal affairs officers investigated the officer and decided not to file charges, although the officer was disciplined by the department both times for having inappropriate relationships with police informants while working undercover.

*Lansing State Journal (May 13, 2003): Posted on-line at LSJ.com.*

A Roane County, Tennessee sheriff's deputy accused of offering to fix an arrest warrant for a woman in exchange for sexual favors was suspended without pay and is under investigation by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the Office of the District Attorney General. Allegedly, the officer came to the woman's house to serve the warrant but instead he told the woman if she had sex with him, he would take care of the warrant. The two left in his police van, drove to a secluded area and had sex in the van. The officer was suspended in part for improper use of a sheriff's department vehicle.

*Knoxville News-Sentinel (Tennessee) (February 27, 2003): Thursday Final Edition; Local; Pg. B3.*

In Florida, a St. Augustine police officer was fired after several citizens complained that he made sexual advances toward them. In particular, an internal investigation revealed that the officer tried to extort sex from two females and asked a third woman out on a date while on the job. One of the females who said the officer extorted sex was a juvenile. She reported that the officer picked her up after he discovered her as a juvenile who was with people who were drinking and offered to take her home. The girl stated that she gave the officer \$200 not to tell her mother about the incident. An investigation concluded that the officer did not release the girl to her parents, as per department policy.

*The St. Augustine Record (Florida) (February 22, 2003): Posted on-line at staugustine.com.*

A Medford, Oregon police officer resigned amidst an internal investigation into whether he had sex on duty with a woman he first met when called to a neighborhood dispute at an apartment complex. The woman, a former exotic dancer and model, told investigators that several days after the initial contact, the officer returned to her residence, in



a patrol car in uniform, and asked her to dance for him while he was on break. She claims that they had sex that day so he would make a misdemeanor theft citation she had received “go away.” Neighbors of the woman also said that the officer, in his patrol car and in uniform, visited the woman regularly.  
*Mail Tribune (Oregon) (March 28, 2003): Posted on-line at mailtribune.com.*

In Plainsboro, New Jersey a township police officer was charged with five internal disciplinary charges alleging he violated department rules and acted in a manner unbecoming a police officer. The charges included allegations that the officer repeatedly pressed a married woman—who was facing charges in Plainsboro Municipal Court—to date him and that he arrested a woman on prostitution charges after she declined his advances.  
*The Times of Trenton (New Jersey) (February 28, 2003): Posted on-line at nj.com.*

Also in New Jersey, a Clementon police officer was charged with sexual assault, criminal coercion, and official misconduct in connection with the alleged sexual assault of a 25-year old woman in his police cruiser while on duty.  
*6 Action News (Philadelphia) (March 19, 2003): Posted on-line at wpvi.com.*

In Minnesota a Duluth police officer was disciplined by his own department when two women complained that he touched them inappropriately. The first woman recounted that as she was leaving a parking garage; the officer approached her and stopped her car, asked her name and shook her hand. The woman had a can of Mountain Dew between her legs. The officer reached down, took the can and said, “What else do you have up there?” She said he ran his hand from her knee up the inside of her thigh, stopping on her genital area briefly, and then running his hand back down her leg. The second woman, an on-duty waitress, said that the same officer had run his hand up the inside of her leg as she carried a large tray to serve another table.  
*Duluth News Tribune (Minnesota) (March 19, 2003): Posted on-line at duluthsuperior.com.*

A Laurinburg, North Carolina police officer was arrested and charged with assault on a female, misconduct in office, willful failure to discharge duties, and obstruction of justice on claims that he solicited sexual favors in exchange for not serving an arrest warrant. A 24-year old woman complained that the officer came to arrest her and then said, “You can go home now and be served later, but you owe me big time and I will collect.” He later went to the woman’s home and grabbed her buttocks and pressed his body against her. He then lied to another law enforcement officer about the woman’s address, stopping him from making the arrest.  
*The Associated Press and Local Wire (February 12, 2003): State and Regional: BC Cycle.*

In Suffolk County, Massachusetts the Sheriff’s Department, under which the area jails are operated, pledged to immediately pay an overdue \$5.2 million settlement to women illegally strip-searched at the Nashua Street Jail. The Sheriff’s Department was found in contempt for failing to pay the 1,500 women forced to undress by Suffolk County guards. While men arrested in Boston after business hours were held in police station lockups, where they were not strip-searched, women were taken to the Street Jail, where they were all strip-searched.  
*The Boston Globe (May 8, 2003): Posted on-line at www.boston.com/globe/.*

In Pennsylvania, Philadelphia police officials confirmed that they are investigating allegations of sexual assault by an off-duty officer assigned to the 15<sup>th</sup> Police District in the Lower Northeast. This is the second case involving accusations of sexual misconduct by officers from the 15<sup>th</sup> district in recent months. In a separate case, two officers were arrested on charges of raping an exotic dancer in their patrol car while on duty.  
*The Philadelphia Enquirer (March 5, 2003): Posted on-line at philly.com.*

In Florida, a Miami-Dade police officer was arrested on charges that he falsified his time sheets in order to cover up the fact that he was getting nude dances in a private VIP room at a gentlemen’s club while on duty and in uniform. Allegedly, the dancer was a stripper-turned-confidential-informant who needed the officer to “fix” her driver’s license, a report states.  
*The Miami Herald (April 11, 2003): Posted on-line at Herald.com.*

### **2002 General**

A Glenolden, Pennsylvania police officer was convicted of raping an intoxicated woman while on duty and in uniform in her apartment in June 2000. The officer initially came to the woman’s apartment because of a domestic dispute call.  
*The Philadelphia Enquirer (March 15, 2002): Posted on-line at philly.com.*

An Edgewater Park, Pennsylvania police officer was arrested and charged with sexual assault and official misconduct on allegations that he coerced sex from a female prisoner he was transporting to court in a police van.  
*The Philadelphia Enquirer (July 9, 2002): Posted on-line at philly.com.*

In California a Los Angeles police officer was ordered to stand trial on charges that he raped three women while on duty early in 2002. The officer was also charged with two counts of kidnapping to commit a crime. The women claim that the officer threatened to arrest or jail them if they refused to have sex with him. The officer was convicted of raping the three women while on duty in January of 2003.  
*Los Angeles Times (June 26, 2002): Posted on-line at latimes.com, and the Las Vegas Sun (January 7, 2003):*

*Posted on-line at lasvegassun.com.*

Also in California, a San Bernardino police officer has been charged with raping 16 women while on patrol. His accusers claim that the officer used his badge as a weapon, threatening his victims, most of who were legally vulnerable due to drug addiction, with arrests if they didn't cooperate. One woman has alleged that the officer sexually molested her when she was a minor and while another officer was present.

*Women and Policing News Wire (June 27, 2002) and The Press Enterprise (June 25, 2002):  
Posted on-line at pe.com.*

In Ohio, a Cincinnati woman filed suit in federal court against two police officers she said forced her to have sex while she was intoxicated while they were on-duty. The 40-year old woman says she consumed 12 beers and at least four drinks of liquor at a bar while celebrating her birthday. She said the two officers drove her to her apartment and then sexually assaulted her. The woman also claims that she is concerned because the officers have tried to contact her since the incident. Both officers have subsequently been fired on the recommendation of the police chief.

*WCPO 9News (Cincinnati) (July 1, 2002): Posted on-line at wcpo.com, and WKRC-TV (Cincinnati) (December 13, 2002): Good Morning Cincinnati; Friday 6am-7am; Video Monitoring Services of America.*

Also in Ohio, a fired Lafayette police chief was charged with rape and gross sexual imposition stemming from an incident in which he answered a call from a Lafayette Township woman and then allegedly returned later and sexually assaulted her. He also faces a burglary charge stemming from a 1997 incident with a second woman. Medina County sheriff's deputies investigating the incidents said that their investigation also uncovered sexual misconduct by the same officer when he was a Lodi police officer before moving to the Lafayette police department.

*The Beacon Journal (Ohio) (September 24, 2002): Posted on-line at ohio.com.*  
In another Ohio case, a Canton city patrolman was charged with sexual assault, bribery and coercion for allegedly threatening official action against at least five women unless they provided sexual favors. According to complaints filed in Canton Municipal Court, the officer told several women to perform sex acts or face criminal charges.

*The Associated Press State and Local Wire (December 6, 2002): Friday, BC cycle; State and Regional.*

A Norwich, Connecticut police officer was fired amid charges that he took nude or topless photographs of three women who participated in underage drinking stings, one woman was also a volunteer in a child pornography operation.

*The Hartford Journal (Associated Press) (June 12, 2002): Posted on-line at ctnow.com.*

Also in Connecticut, a Hartford police officer was found guilty of sexually assaulting a woman while he was on duty two years ago. In a plea agreement the officer agreed to refrain from working in law enforcement again, stay away from the victim and register with the state as a sex offender. The officer was the sixth Hartford officer convicted in a criminal court in the past four years for charges associated with on-duty sexual misconduct.

*Hartford Courant (June 29, 2002): Posted on-line at ctnow.com.*

A Fort Worth, Texas police officer was arrested, accused of sexually assaulting a homeless woman in his patrol car after giving her a choice—have sex or be arrested. In an affidavit, the woman said that when the officer ordered her into his patrol car she believed she was being arrested and asked the officer why she was going to jail. The officer proceeded to drive to a secluded area where he told the woman to get undressed and had oral sex and intercourse with her before the officer drove her back and released her. The victim told police that she had had previous encounters with the officer in which he had discussed oral sex with her.

*Star-Telegram (Fort Worth/Dallas) (December 7, 2002): Forth Worth and Region; Page 1B.*

In Florida, a Sarasota officer was arrested for trading crack cocaine for sex with a woman he met on the job. The victim in this case was one of three women who complained of the officer's sexual misconduct while on the job. An internal investigation revealed that the officer had asked two other women for sex while he was on duty.

*Sarasota Herald-Tribune (Florida) (December 18, 2002): Posted on-line at heraldtribune.com*

In another Florida case, two Clearwater police officers resigned and a sergeant has been fired amid allegations of on-duty sexual misconduct with a mentally disturbed woman. The woman accused the officers of using their authority to force her to have sex at her home. The officers came to the woman's house after a friend reported she was threatening suicide. The woman claims that the officers gave her depression medication, stripped off their uniforms and had sex with her. She also claims that the men returned twice that night to have sex, and that one of the officers returned several times over the next 18 months to have sexual relations. The woman also claimed that one officer threatened to have her involuntarily hospitalized for mental illness if she didn't comply with his demands. Internal Affairs detectives who investigated the claims deemed them credible.

*St. Petersburg Times (Florida) (July 4, 2002): Posted on-line at [sptimes.com](http://sptimes.com).*

Also in Florida, a Winter Haven police officer resigned following allegations that he asked two women to expose their breasts while he was on duty.

*Tampa Bay Tribune (July 21, 2002): Posted on-line at [Tampa Bay Online](http://Tampa Bay Online).*

In Indiana, an Indianapolis police officer resigned when he was charged with felony sexual battery. A woman claimed that, while on patrol, the officer forced her to undress and touched her.

*The Indianapolis Star (May 21, 2002)*

In New York, the Ticonderoga police chief was fired after sexual harassment charges were brought against him. The chief was accused by a woman reporting theft of some lingerie of making inappropriate advances toward her. He was the second Ticonderoga officer fired over sexual harassment charges in the last two years.

*Press-Republican (New York) (December 10, 2002) and (The Year in Review: January 2000): Posted on-line at [pressrepublican.com](http://pressrepublican.com).*

## **2001 General**

In Texas a Corpus Christi police officer was indicted on charges that he requested sexual favors from a woman he arrested. In addition to allegedly requesting sexual favors, the officer is also accused of unlawfully arresting, detaining and searching the woman. The officer allegedly asked the woman to show him her genitals following her arrest on drug possession charges. According to the police chief, this is not the first time the officer has been investigated for improper sexual behavior. In 1997, a 30-year-old woman also complained about an inappropriate search following her arrest; however that case did not result in an indictment.

*Corpus Christi Caller-Times (Texas) (October 5, 2001): Local News; Pg. B1.*

## **2000 General**

A Queens, New York transit officer was charged with trying to coerce sexual favors from two women in exchange for pardoning them on fare beating summonses. The 14-year veteran of the New York Police Department was stripped of his badge and gun after his arrest. According to prosecutors, the officer stopped the first woman, a 30-year-old mother, as she was maneuvering a baby stroller and four children through a turnstile. Reports state that the woman was holding a token but had not deposited it when the officer threatened to issue her a summons. He asked her for her address and phone number, but then ordered her to leave her children, ages 2 to 11, and go with him to a remote section of the platform. Once there, the officer moved closer to the woman, commented about her looks and suggested that if she returned and met him at a designated time, he would void the summons. A second woman, also in her 30's, told investigators that the officer took her to a locked room where he asked for her name and address and then touched her breasts with a pen. In the second case, the officer detained the woman for doubling up with a friend in the turnstile, but after the touching incident, let her go without a summons.

*Daily News (New York) (September 30, 2000): Sports Final Edition; NEWS; Pg. 8.*

## **1999 General**

In Cincinnati, Ohio a fourth woman accused a fired police officer of receiving sexual favors in exchange for not arresting her. The officer was indicted on three counts of gross sexual imposition and one count of bribery. The officer was fired after he was indicted on charges involving three other women.

*The Associated Press State and Local Wire (February 10, 1999): Wednesday, BC cycle; State and Regional.*

## **1998 General**

A veteran Peoria, Illinois police officer was fired for allegedly baring himself while seeking unwanted sexual favors and lying to detectives about his conduct. The officer is said to have exposed himself to a woman he sought sexual favors from while off duty. The officer met the woman on-duty four days earlier, on a case, but failed to file a report.  
*Copley News Service (September 16, 1998): State and Regional.*

## II. Old Cases

### 2001

In New York twelve women have filed complaints against Suffolk County police officers, charging sexual harassment after traffic stops. Nine of the complaints involve one officer who is under investigation by police, prosecutors and the FBI for allegedly making women strip in exchange for not arresting them for traffic violations.  
*Daily News (New York) (February 6, 2001): Sports Final Edition; Suburban; P. 12.*

Also in New York a male motorist reported that the same Suffolk County police officer under investigation for the sexual harassment of nine female drivers during traffic stops also sexually harassed him by forcing him to undress during a traffic stop in order to avoid arrest.  
*The New York Times (February 9, 2001): Late Edition B Final; Section B; P. 5; Column 1; Metropolitan Desk.*

In California an Alhambra police officer was indicted for molesting a woman during a traffic stop. The indictment stated that later that day, the officer went to the woman's home, forced his way inside and attempted to force her to have sex despite her protests.  
*Los Angeles Times (April 13, 2002): California Metro; Part 2; P. 3; Metro Desk.*

Also in California, a police officer was arrested and charged with molesting a 14-year old girl while on duty. The same officer was also charged with asking women to expose their breasts during two separate traffic stops.  
*Los Angeles Times (August 18, 2002): California; Part 2; P.9; Metro Desk.*

In Wisconsin a Milwaukee police officer was charged with misconduct in office and the sexual assault of a female driver during a traffic stop. Two other women also testified to being similarly victimized by the same officer.  
*JS Online, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel On-line Edition (April 30, 2001).*

In Winfield, Texas a police officer agreed to pay \$350,000 to seven women he sexually assaulted over a period of several years, one of who was a female former partner.  
*Newsweek (June 18, 2001): 38-41.*

In Cook County, Illinois a sheriff's deputy was charged with official misconduct and held on \$50,000 bail for stopping women drivers and ordering them to have sex with him under the threat of arrest if they refused to comply.  
*Chicago Sun-Times (June 20, 2001): Late Sports Final Edition; News; P.8.*

According to a Detroit Free Press examination of hundreds of pages of Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) records and police reports, police throughout Michigan, entrusted with the personal information in the state law enforcement database, have used it to stalk women, threaten motorists and settle scores. Police said that they think that the system, which is used to make about 3 million background checks each month, is more widely abused than anyone knows. Despite rules limiting LEIN use to law enforcement purposes, police told reporters that their colleagues use LEIN to check out attractive people they spot on the road. Former Memphis Police Chief Phillip Ludos said the practice is so common it is known simply as "Running a plate for a date." The report also noted that punishments are rare.  
*Freep/News/Michigan, Detroit Free Press On-line Edition (July 31, 2001).*

### 2000

A Houston, Texas police officer was sentenced to 20 years in prison for the sexual assault of a female motorist. The officer put the woman in his vehicle and drove her to a secluded area where he coerced her into performing oral sex by threatening her with jail time and his gun.  
*The Houston Chronicle (May 24, 2000): 3 Star Edition; A; P.27.*

In California an East Palo Alto police officer pleaded no contest to charges of false detention and child molestation for fondling several teenage girls during traffic stops.

*The San Francisco Chronicle (October 28, 2000): Posted on-line at SFGate.com; Peninsula Edition; News; P. A18; Peninsula and South Bay Report.*

In New York a Nassau County police officer was charged with raping and sodomizing a woman during a traffic stop. *Daily News (New York) (October 9, 2000): Sports Final Edition; News; P.23.*

In Missouri a Kansas City police officer was charged with two counts of sexual misconduct for fondling a woman at her home following a traffic stop. After the traffic stop, the officer insisted on driving the woman home, followed her into her house, partially undressed the woman and fondled her against her will. He then told the woman that he wanted to have sex with her and that he would return to her home with a condom after he got off work. After he left, the woman called 911.

*The Kansas City Star (July 20, 2000): Johnson County Edition; Metro; P. B4.*

## **1999**

North Carolina State University agreed to pay \$75,000 to a female victim sexually assaulted by a campus police lieutenant during a traffic stop.

*The News and Observer (Raleigh, North Carolina) (May 18, 2000): Final Edition; News; P. A1.*

A Chicago, Illinois Holiday Hills police officer was charged with bribery and official misconduct stemming from the traffic stop of a female motorist. The woman reported that the officer stopped the woman and directed her to a remote area where he sexually assaulted her.

*Chicago Daily Herald (December 4, 1999): M1; DuPage; F2; Lake; News; P. 1.*

In Texas a veteran Houston police officer was indicted on charges of illegally detaining a woman during a traffic stop, fondling her and asking for sexual favors.

*The Houston Chronicle (October 5, 1999): 3 Star Edition; A; P. 18.*

A Washington, D.C. police officer was convicted of sexually assaulting a 14-year-old girl and sexually accosting a woman during two separate traffic stops. The officer was sentenced to 14 years in prison.

*The Washington Post (July 8, 2000): Final Edition; Metro; P. B07.*

## **1998**

In Wisconsin a Milwaukee police officer admitted that he lied when denying allegations that he had sexual contact with a female motorist following a traffic stop. The officer was sentenced to eight years in prison.

*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (November 21, 1998): Saturday Final; News; P. 3.*

In Texas a Houston school district police officer was sentenced to five years in prison for raping a 17-year-old female during a traffic stop. The officer pulled the young woman over and told her that he would take her to jail if she did not follow him to the high school parking lot where he raped her repeatedly.

*The Houston Chronicle (January 21, 1998): 3 Star Edition; A; P. 24.*

A Massachusetts police officer pleaded no contest to raping a woman during a traffic stop, after which, the woman was pushed from the officer's vehicle and left on the ground beside the road. *Portland Press Herald (June 10, 1998): City Edition; Local and State; P. 2B.*

In Colorado a Denver police officer was ordered to stand trial on seven charges of second-degree kidnapping and sexual assault. On separate occasions, the officer stopped female motorists, drove them to secluded locations and assaulted them.

*The Denver Post (April 24, 1998): Second Edition; Denver and the West; P. B-03.*

In Georgia a Gwinnett County police officer was convicted of aggravated sodomy for obtaining sexual favors from a female motorist and fondling another woman while on patrol.

*The Atlanta Constitution (June 30, 2001): Metro News; P. 8H.*

In Florida a Miami-Dade police officer was charged with one count of sexual assault and five counts of unreasonable conditions of detention for the purpose of sexual gratification for trying to extort sexual favors from six women drivers during traffic stops. The officer threatened the sexual assault victim with a dangerous weapon and injured her during the attack, according to the indictment.

*The Associated Press State and Local Wire (October 9, 1998): BC cycle; State and Regional.*

## 1997

In Boston, Massachusetts an investigation into the Spencer police department detailed incidents where one police officer repeatedly forced young women to have sex with him while they were handcuffed.  
*The Boston Herald (May 11, 1997): Third Edition; News; P. 012.*

In Fort Worth, Texas a Trophy Club police officer was indicted for raping a female motorist after a traffic stop. The officer requested that the woman get into his patrol car and he drove her to another location where he assaulted her.  
*The Fort Worth Star-Telegram (September 11, 1998): Northeast AM Edition; Metro; P.2. and The Fort Worth Star-Telegram (October 8, 1997): Northeast AM Edition; Metro; P. 3.*

In Nevada a Las Vegas police officer was charged with using his badge to coerce sex from prostitutes whom he threatened with arrest if they did not want to perform sexual acts. The officer was videotaped in a sting operation.  
*Las Vegas Review-Journal (March 18, 1997): Final Edition; B; P. 1B.*

## 1996

In Denver, Colorado, the city agreed to pay \$75,000 to a female motorist who reported that she was raped in a patrol car by an on-duty Denver police officer. The same officer was also charged with forcing a 21-year-old woman into his car at gunpoint and making sexual advances.  
*The Denver Post (March 27, 1996): Second Edition; Denver and the West; P. B-01.*

In Chicago, Illinois an 8-year Oak Lawn veteran police officer was charged with the sexual harassment of an Oak Lawn woman by leaving lewd notes on her car and making sexually explicit phone calls to her.  
*Chicago Tribune (February 29, 1996): South Sports Final Edition; Metro Chicago; P. 1; Zone S.*

In another Chicago, Illinois suburban department a 16-year veteran of the Steger police department was charged with sexually harassing an area woman.  
*Chicago Tribune (February 29, 1996): South Sports Final Edition; Metro Chicago; P. 1; Zone S.*

In Ohio a Cincinnati police officer faced charges and a civil suit over allegations that he coerced women to have sex with him in exchange for not arresting them. Several other officers were also investigated for similar leniency-for-sex coercion and other misconduct.  
*The Cincinnati Enquirer (December 12, 1996): Metro; P. B01.*

In Monmouth County, New Jersey, an Avon police officer was charged with official misconduct after being caught in the act of forcing a woman to have sex with him while he was on duty. The officer had been blackmailing the mother of two with the possible loss of her children if she did not go along with his demands for sex. He was caught in a sting operation.  
*The Record (Special from the Asbury Park Press) (March 22, 1996): All Editions; News; P. A08.*

Also in Monmouth County, New Jersey an Asbury Park police officer was charged with eight counts of sexual misconduct and four counts of sexual assault stemming from reports that he forced several women to have sex with him by agreeing not to arrest them on prostitution charges.  
*The Record (Special from the Asbury Park Press) (March 22, 1996): All Editions; News; P. A08.*

In Wisconsin a Madison state trooper was charged with the sexual assault of a female motorist, leading authorities to caution women not to leave cars during routine traffic stops.  
*Wisconsin State Journal (February 5, 1996): All Editions; Local/Wisconsin; P. 3B.*

In Milwaukee, Wisconsin a police officer was charged with sexually assaulting a female motorist in his squad car after a traffic stop for speeding.  
*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (February 14, 1996): Final Edition; News; P. 7.*

## 1995

An Indianapolis, Indiana police officer was charged with several felony counts including bribery,

sexual battery and sexual misconduct stemming from complaints by at least nine women. All of the complainants were from women the officer had pulled over during routine traffic stops; he then threatened the women, telling them that he wanted sexual favors in exchange for not arresting them. A few of the women said that the officer, armed with a revolver, forced them to have sex with him. A check of the officer's mobile computer records showed he had 224 traffic-related inquiries from August to November 1995. Of those stops, 199 involved women. *The Indianapolis Star* (March 25, 1997): *City Final Edition; City/State; P. C06*.

In Florida a Tampa police lieutenant was charged with raping a 29-year-old woman he pulled over for a sobriety check. *St. Petersburg Times* (August 8, 1996): *1 North Pinellas Edition; Metro and State; P. 3B*.

In Wisconsin a 14-year veteran of the Marathon County Sheriff's Department was fired for using his police authority to arrange liaisons with young women that he pulled over during traffic stops. *Wisconsin State Journal* (August 12, 1995): *All Editions; Local/Wisconsin; P. 3B*.

In Monmouth County, New Jersey, a Wall Township police officer was indicted for the sexual assault of a female motorist during a late-night traffic stop. The woman reported that the officer handcuffed her briefly, then put her in the back of his patrol car and took her to nearby woods where he raped her. *Asbury Park Press* (Neptune, New Jersey) (November 28, 1995): *B; P. 1*.

An Albuquerque, New Mexico police officer was sentenced to 2 years in prison for criminal sexual contact and indecent exposure after he used his authority to sexually prey on a woman motorist that he molested after a traffic stop. *Albuquerque Journal* (November 16, 1996): *Final Edition; P. D21*.

In Chicago, Illinois a detective was sentenced to 4 years in prison for fondling women during traffic stops. *Chicago Tribune* (February 29, 1996): *Metro Chicago Section; P. 1; Zone S*.

## **1994**

In Chicago, Illinois a 13-year Orlando Park police veteran was found guilty of terrorizing at least a dozen women from 1990 through 1994. The complaints included allegations of sexual assault, stalking, calling, and making obscene and threatening remarks to women who refused his advances. *Chicago Tribune* (February 29, 1996): *South Sports Final Edition; Metro Chicago; P. 1; Zone S*.

Also in Chicago, Illinois a 17-year veteran of the Chicago Heights police department was charged with felony misconduct for sexually assaulting a woman in the police station. *Chicago Tribune* (February 29, 1996): *South Sports Final Edition; Metro Chicago; P. 1; Zone S*.

In Texas a Houston police officer was arrested and charged with forcing a woman to have sex with him in his patrol car instead of taking her to jail after a traffic stop. *The Houston Chronicle* (August 4, 1994): *2 Star Edition; A; P. 34*.

In Minnesota a Minneapolis police officer was arrested and charged with the felony kidnapping and sexual assault of a female motorist in his squad car after a traffic stop. *Star Tribune* (Minneapolis, Minnesota) (September 2, 1994): *Metro Edition; News; P. 1A*.

In Florida a Pasco sheriff's deputy was sentenced to 13 2 years in prison for the rape of a three women during traffic stops in 1994.

*St. Petersburg Times (April 9, 1996): Pasco Times; P. 1.*

Also in Florida a Plantation police officer was charged with sexual misconduct involving four women, one of who was a 17-year-old high school student. After his arrest, four more women came forward and said he also groped them or demanded they dance topless during traffic stops. *Sun-Sentinel (Fort Lauderdale) (March 27, 1994): Sports Final Edition; Local; P. 1A.*

In Broward County, Florida a deputy sheriff pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor battery charge that involved frisking a woman=s thighs and giving her what she described as a “breast exam” after a traffic stop. *Sun-Sentinel (Fort Lauderdale) (March 27, 1994): Sports Final Edition; Local; P. 1A.*

In another Florida case a Palm Beach deputy sheriff admitted to tricking four women into exposing their breasts. He used the ruse eight times during traffic stops. *Sun-Sentinel (Fort Lauderdale) (March 27, 1994): Sports Final Edition; Local; P. 1A.*

Also in Florida, a highway patrol trooper was arrested for running naked through apartment complexes in Broward and Palm Beach counties. He paid a late-night visit to at least one woman he had met during a traffic stop. He entered her home, but left after being confronted by her roommate. *Sun-Sentinel (Fort Lauderdale) (March 27, 1994): Sports Final Edition; Local; P. 1A.*

### **1993**

In Texas a Precinct 4 constable’s deputy was charged with sexual assault for sexually harassing several women during traffic stops. In many cases the harassment went beyond the traffic stops with the deputy calling and going to the women=s homes. *The Houston Chronicle (February 25, 1993): 3 Star Edition; A; P. 23.*

### **1992**

In Texas a Houston police officer was sentenced to four years in prison for sexually assaulting a female motorist in his patrol car after a traffic stop. *The Houston Chronicle (May 21, 1994): 2 Star Edition; A; P. 29.*

Also in Texas a Dallas police officer was ordered to pay \$3 million to a woman he sexually assaulted during a traffic stop. *The Dallas Morning News (August 2, 1995): Home Final Edition; News; P. 25A.*

In a related case, another Dallas, Texas officer was charged with sexual assault, accused of raping a woman he had stopped for a traffic violation, while yet another Dallas officer resigned after police charged him in connection with the sexual assault of another woman while on duty. *The Dallas Morning News (October 9, 1992): Home Final Edition; News; P. 31A.*

In Oakland, California two police officers were accused of the kidnapping and sexual assault of a female motorist. One of the officers had been arrested two months prior to the alleged incident on charges that he kidnapped and sexually assaulted seven women over the previous 2-2 years while he was on patrol duty. *The San Francisco Chronicle (March 27, 1992): Final Edition; News; P. A32; Bay Area Report.*

In Georgia a Dekalb County police officer was arrested and charged with sexual battery as a result of a traffic stop during which he touched and made sexual overtures toward a female driver. *The Atlanta Journal and Constitution (September 30, 1992): Local News; Section E; P. 4.*



## **1991**

In California a Garden Grove police officer was charged with four counts of false imprisonment for forcing women motorists to expose themselves during trumped-up drug searches.

*Los Angeles Times (April 6, 1991): Orange County Edition; Part A; Page 29; Column 2; Metro Desk.*

Also in California an Orange police officer pleaded no contest to three counts of sexual battery for fondling a young woman during a traffic stop.

*Los Angeles Times (April 6, 1991): Orange County Edition; Part A; Page 29; Column 2; Metro Desk.*

In Kentucky a Jefferson County police officer was arrested for exposing himself to a female motorist who was sitting in his cruiser during a traffic stop.

*The Courier-Journal (Louisville, KY) (August 1, 1991): Metro Edition; News; P. 4B.*

In Illinois a Chicago Homewood police officer was convicted for the sexual assault of a female motorist after a traffic stop.

*Chicago Tribune (December 16, 1994): South Sports Final Edition; Chicagoland; P.9; Zone S.*

## **1990**

In Massachusetts a state trooper was convicted of raping two women drivers and of attempting to extort sexual favors in exchange for not giving them traffic tickets.

*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette (February 4, 2001): Five Star Edition; National; P. A-20.*

In California an L.A. County sheriff's deputy was ordered to stand trial on suspicion of raping a 17-year-old female following a traffic stop.

*Los Angeles Times (July 26, 1994): Valley Edition; Metro; Part B; P. 11; Column 1.*