

# Why They Didn't Report Being Raped to the Police

- 80% Embarrassed about what happened
- 61% Felt partly responsible
- 59% Not enough evidence; case would not be pursued
- 54% Did not realize they had been raped at time happened
- 46% Did not think police would be able to make an arrest
- 45% Too upset
- 43% Afraid attacker would get angry and rape them again
- 43% Afraid police would not believe them
- 43% Did not want media to find out their name
- 41% At the time, felt society expected women to remain silent
- 40% Afraid they would have to testify in court
- 36% Too young at the time it happened
- 32% Did not want to get assailant in trouble
- 27% Did not think it was important
- 24% Did not want significant other to find out
- 19% Drunk or high when it happened
- 15% Someone close to them did not want them to report it
- 14% Attacker threatened to hurt family or friends
- 13% Significant other did not want them to report it

– *Rape: Tulsa Women Speak Out*, Tulsa Police Department, 1983



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