
EMERGENCY RESOURCES

To report rape, call 911.

Reporting is hard but necessary if you ever want to seek recourse through the criminal justice system.

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Shelby County Rape Crisis Center

1750 Madison Ave.

901-222-4350

If you are not satisfied with the way police responded, you can file a complaint with MPD **Internal Affairs** at:

2714 Union Extended

901-636-4955 (office)

901-576-4979 (confidential line)

If your Internal Affairs complaint is not sustained, you may appeal to the **Civilian Law Enforcement Review Board (CLERB)** at: 901-576-6457

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PEER SUPPORT GROUPS

PERL hosts Memphis' only peer support group for sexual violence.

No medical or psychological advice is dispensed. Just empathy and support from peers who have experienced sexual violence.

These groups meet **6:00-7:00 P.M.** every other Wednesday at **3573 Southern Ave. Memphis, TN 38111.**

Please visit our website for meeting dates.



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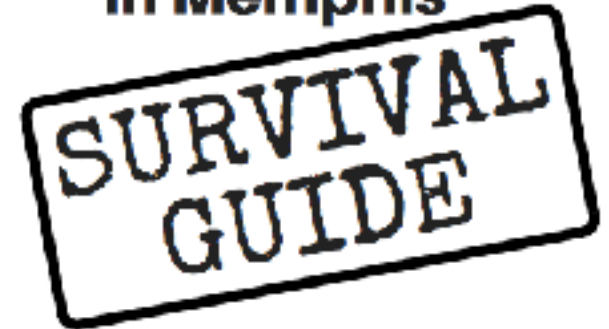


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If you report, watch out for these common ways police bury rape complaints.

1. “Unfounding”

If police do not believe a crime occurred, they will classify the complaint as “unfounded.” While the FBI recommends police only use this classification after an investigation proves no crime occurred, police sometimes mark complaints unfounded before actually investigating. This short-circuits the investigation process and allows police to close cases after expending only minimal effort.

2. Downgrading

Police downgrade rape complaints when they classify the incident as something less than rape. For example, if someone reports being raped at home by a stranger, police may record incident as criminal trespassing or assault.

3. Failing to file a police report

Instead, police may record informal notes as a “memo.” Memos are not filed with active cases.

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When police aren’t properly investigating a rape complaint, they may exhibit warning signs like these.

- They accuse you of lying when you try to tell them what happened
- They mention false reporting
- They tell you that prosecuting a rape case is difficult, scary, etc.
- They try to minimize what happened to you
- They try to convince you not to get a forensic exam
- They don’t interview witnesses
- They don't return your phone calls



If you believe police mishandled your case, please contact PERL for help holding them accountable.

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Sexual violence has health consequences beyond the attack itself.

There is risk of becoming infected or pregnant as a result of a sexual assault. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends preventive treatment if your mouth, vagina, anus, or non-intact skin (e.g., a cut) was exposed to the assailant’s blood or bodily fluids.

Even if you do not report, you can get a free medical exam including STI tests at the **Shelby County Rape Crisis Center**. (Note: If you don’t report to police, you must visit the RCC during business hours.)

Emergency contraception, PEP (which can prevent the spread of HIV if taken within 72 hours of exposure), and more are available at:

CHOICES

1726 Poplar Ave.
901-274-3550

Planned Parenthood

2430 Poplar Ave. #100
901-725-1717

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