

## Domestic Violence is Violence Against Women

“Prostitution is violence against women...”

### A Summary of Rape, Domestic Violence and Prostitution Arrests in the USA:

- In the US, there are over 12 MILLION\* incidents of intimate partner violence and over 1 MILLION intimate partner rapes every year...

<http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/nisvs/>

- The World Health Organization report of June 2013 says that 29% of all women world wide- including the US - are victims of domestic violence at the hands of their husbands or boyfriends

- There are over 80,000 REPORTED violent rapes in the US every year

- Many states do not include violent sexual assaults in their annual crime reports if it did not involve vaginal penetration

- In 2011 there were 243,800 reported violent rapes and sexual assaults for which police managed to arrest 14,943 alleged rapists (6%)

- In 2011, police nationwide made 56,371 arrests for consenting adult prostitution where **NO ONE** had asked for help or reported being a victim of sex trafficking

Why so few arrests for rape, leaving 94% of victim of rape and sexual assaults without justice?

Because there are insufficient resources to test DNA samples and then to pursue, apprehend, prosecute and incarcerate all those alleged rapists. Many states are releasing inmates early because there is no room in county jails or state prisons for all of them. When adult and juvenile prostitutes are arrested, they are at risk of being raped by the police and by the jail/ prison staff.

The law enforcement agents who rape inmates are seldom brought to justice. Reporting a rape is far more likely to bring punishment to the victim than the perpetrator.

\* “On average, 24 people per minute are victims of rape, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner in the United States, based on a survey conducted in 2010. Over the course of a year, that equals more than 12 million women and men. Those numbers only tell part of the story—more than 1 million women are raped in a year and over 6 million women and men are victims of stalking in a year.”

\* Statistics for 2012 are not yet available

Rape and other criminal stats from the US Department of Justice