

## Criminal Sex Offense Cases in King County (2014)

CourtWatch tracked 352 sex offense cases<sup>1</sup> filed in 2014 against adult defendants in King County Superior Court. 30% of cases involved adult victims, 62% involved minor<sup>2</sup> victims, and 8% involved no victims (police sting operations).

### Venue:

King County Courthouse (Seattle):	48%	(36% adult victim, 49% minor victim, 15% sting cases)
Maleng Regional Justice Center (Kent):	52%	(24% adult victim, 74% minor victim, 2% sting cases)

### Resolution of Cases:

As of February 19, 2016, 16% of these cases were still pending. 43% of those open cases have outstanding bench warrants.

The other 84% of cases have been resolved by:

Guilty plea to lesser offense:	69%	Cases that resolved by guilty plea averaged 8 months to reach a resolution whereas the average case length for those that went to trial was 13 months.
Guilty plea as charged (or greater):	13%	
Dismissal:	10%	
Guilty verdict after trial:	6%	
Acquittal after trial:	2%	

68% of convicted offenders initially charged with a registrable sex offense are required to register as sex offenders as a condition of sentence.

66% of convicted offenders were sentenced to DOC supervision.

### Law Enforcement Jurisdiction<sup>3</sup>:

Seattle:	29%	Out of County:	.66%
King County:	24%	Pacific:	.66%
Federal Way:	9%	Port of Seattle:	.66%
Kent:	7%	Black Diamond:	.33%
Bellevue:	6%	Duvall:	.33%
Renton:	6%	Enumclaw:	.33%
Auburn:	4%	Issaquah:	.33%
Kirkland:	3%	Normandy Park:	.33%
Redmond:	3%	Snoqualmie:	.33%
Des Moines:	2%	University of Washington:	.33%
Tukwila:	2%	Washington State Patrol:	.33%
Bothell:	.66%		

<sup>1</sup> Sex offenses include: Assault, Burglary, Child Molestation, Commercial Sexual Abuse of a Minor, Communication With a Minor for Immoral Purposes, Dealing in Depictions of Minors, Indecent Exposure, Indecent Liberties, Kidnapping, Luring, Possession of Depictions of Minors, Promoting Prostitution, Promotion of Commercial Sexual Abuse of a Minor, Rape, Rape of a Child, Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, Sexual Misconduct With a Minor, Viewing Depictions of Minors, Voyeurism, Attempts to commit any of the above-listed crimes, Any of the above-listed crimes or other crimes committed with "sexual motivation"

<sup>2</sup> A minor is a person under 18 years of age

<sup>3</sup> Total is slightly greater than 100% due to rounding convention