

## Criminal Sex Offense Cases in King County (2015)

CourtWatch tracked 333 sex offense cases<sup>1</sup> filed in 2015 against adult defendants in King County Superior Court. 34% of cases involved adult victims, 56% involved minor<sup>2</sup> victims, and 10% involved no victims (police sting operations).

### Venue:

King County Courthouse (Seattle):	48%	(39% adult victim, 41% minor victim, 20% sting cases)
Maleng Regional Justice Center (Kent):	52%	(28% adult victim, 71% minor victim, 1% sting cases)

### Resolution of Cases:

As of June 2017, 12% of these cases were still pending. The other 88% of cases have been resolved by:

Guilty plea to lesser offense:	65%	The average time it took for cases resolved by guilty plea to reach a resolution was 9.4 months, and the average case length for those that went to trial was 11.2 months. 63% of convicted offenders initially charged with a registerable sex offense are required to register as sex offenders. 72% of convicted offenders were sentenced to DOC supervision.
Dismissal:	17%	
Guilty verdict after trial:	9%	
Guilty pleas as charged (or greater):	7%	
Acquittal after trial:	2%	

### Law Enforcement Jurisdiction:

Seattle:	26%	Out of County:	1%
King County:	25%	Black Diamond:	.6%
Renton:	9%	Bothell:	.6%
Kent:	8%	Duvall:	.6%
Federal Way:	7%	Mercer Island:	.6%
Auburn:	4.5%	Normandy Park:	.6%
Bellevue:	3.5%	Snoqualmie:	.6%
Kirkland:	2.5%	University of Washington:	.6%
Redmond:	2%	Washington State Patrol:	.6%
Tukwila:	2%	Algona:	.3%
Enumclaw:	1.5%	Medina:	.3%
Des Moines:	1%	Pacific:	.3%
Issaquah:	1%	Port of Seattle:	.3%

<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

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