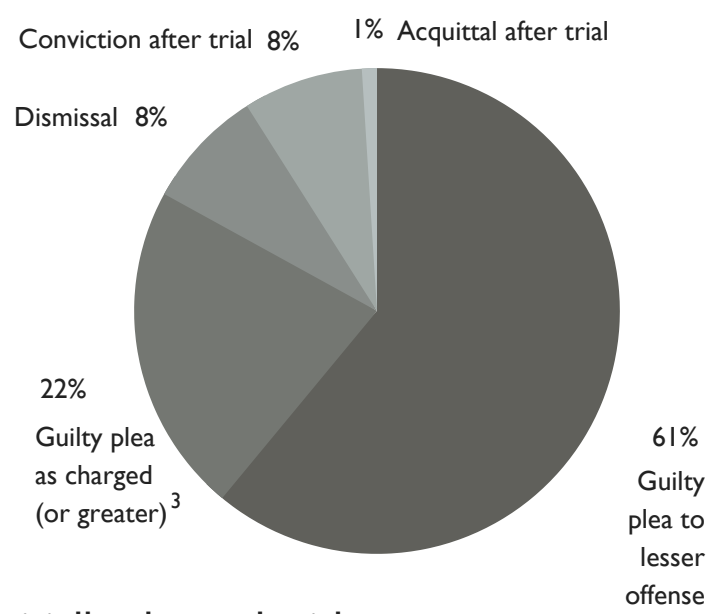


Criminal Sex Offense Cases in King County

CourtWatch tracked 373 sex offense cases¹ filed in 2017 against adult defendants in King County Superior Court

As of May 2018, 66% of these cases were still pending. The other 34% of cases were resolved by:



40% of cases involved adult victims, 53% involved minor² victims, and 7% involved no victims (police sting operations)



66% of convicted offenders initially charged with a registerable sex offense were required to register as sex offenders. 53% of convicted offenders were sentenced to Department of Corrections supervision



As of May 2018, the average time it took for cases filed in 2017 to reach a resolution by guilty plea was 8.91 months. The average length for cases that went to trial was 7.63 months



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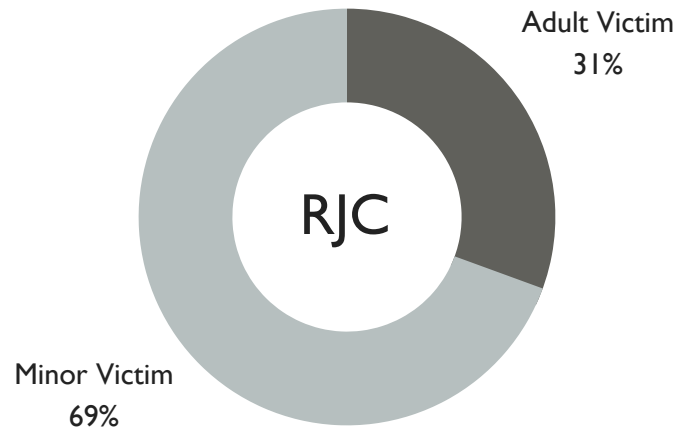
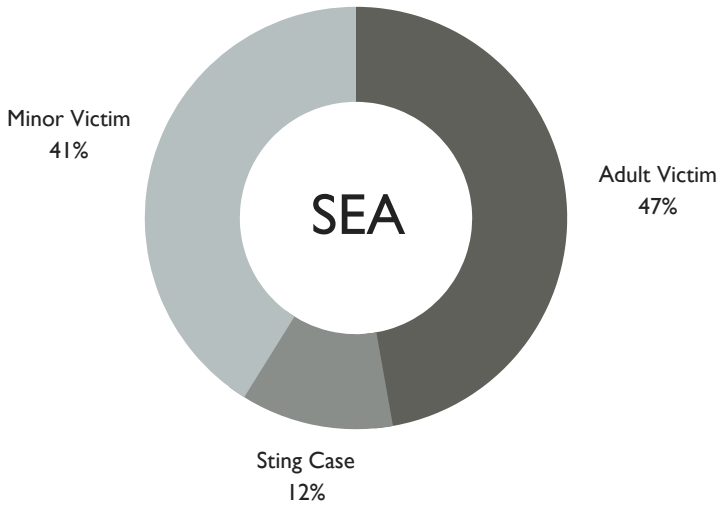


¹ Sex offenses include: Child Molestation, Commercial Sexual Abuse of a Minor, Communication With a Minor for Immoral Purposes, Dealing in Depictions of Minors, Indecent Exposure, Indecent Liberties, Kidnapping, Luring, Possession of Depictions of Minors, Promoting Prostitution, Promotion of Commercial 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"

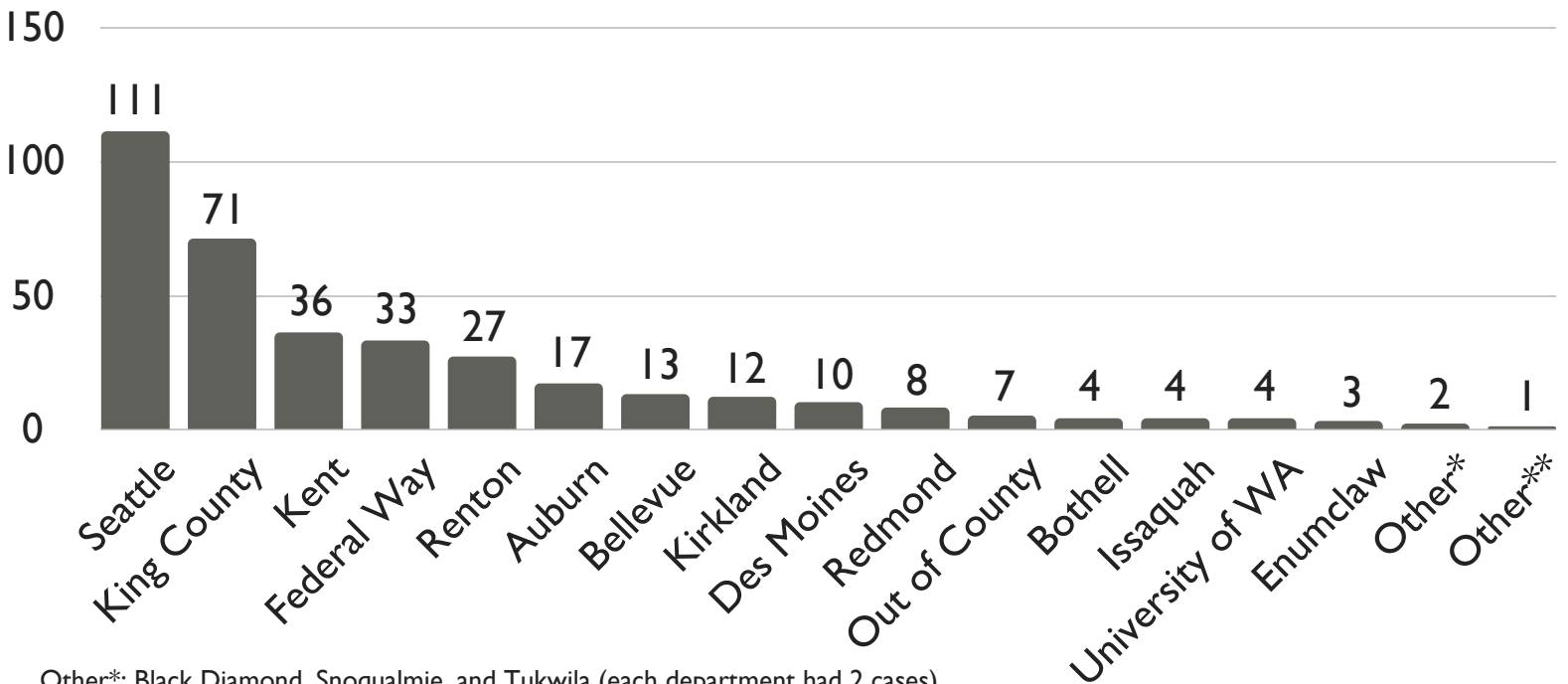
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58% of cases were filed at the King County Courthouse in Seattle

42% of cases were filed at the Maleng Regional Justice Center in Kent



Criminal Sex Offense Cases by Law Enforcement Jurisdiction



Other*: Black Diamond, Snoqualmie, and Tukwila (each department had 2 cases)

Other**: Algona, Lake Forest Park, Mercer Island, Normandy Park, Pacific, Port of Seattle, and Shoreline (each department had 1 case)

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2 A minor is a person under 18 years of age

3 A small number of cases resolved with a guilty plea to a charge higher than the original filed charge. The reason for this will be different in every case, but this is sometimes seen in cases where additional criminal acts were discovered during the negotiation process or as a method to resolve a case short of a trial.