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The Effects of Sexual Assault

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Did you know in every ninety-eight seconds, an American is sexually assaulted? Even worse is that in every eight minutes, the victim that is being assaulted is a *child*. If those statistics aren't enough to get your blood boiling here's another one: "*only six out of every one thousand perpetrators will end up in prison.*" That's right, only *six*. While most of the perpetrators are free to continue on with their lives as if nothing happened the victims on the other hand have to deal with psychological, emotional and physical pain. Many victims have to deal with depression, post-traumatic stress Disorder(PTSD), and sometimes they will have flashbacks of that fateful event. One of the more serious effects of sexual assault on victims is that the victims might consider suicide. At this point the victim is too ashamed of the experience and doesn't think

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it is worth living... Many victims will harm themselves while others become detached from reality(dissociation) to cope with the trauma of sexual violence. These are just some of the effects that sexual assault has on the victim... there are many, many more... Let's all take a step towards stopping sexual assault. No one should ever have to go through such a traumatizing experience. If you see someone being assaulted do something... anything. Together let's promise to make sure that not one person considers suicide because of sexual assault. #WePromise



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