

San Jose Police Department Bureau of Investigations,
Sexual Assault Unit

SJPD's Response and Challenges to Sexual Assault Investigations

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Sexual Assault Investigations Unit

SAIU

- Mission: SAIU is responsible for managing investigations of all sex offenses reported in the city.
- Includes:
 - Violations of sex offender registration requirements
 - Internet and child pornography cases
- Reviews:
 - Commercial sexually-oriented criminal endeavors, such as prostitution, but the purpose is to identify potential victims of Human Trafficking and/or victims of sexual abuse.
- Four (4) Details:
 - General Sex Crimes
 - Megan's Law/290 Detail
 - Child Exploitation Detail/Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force
 - Human Trafficking Task Force (HTTF)



Major Case Investigation

Assignment

- Investigator is assigned case and has three (3) working days to contact victim

Review
Case

Arrest

Interrogation

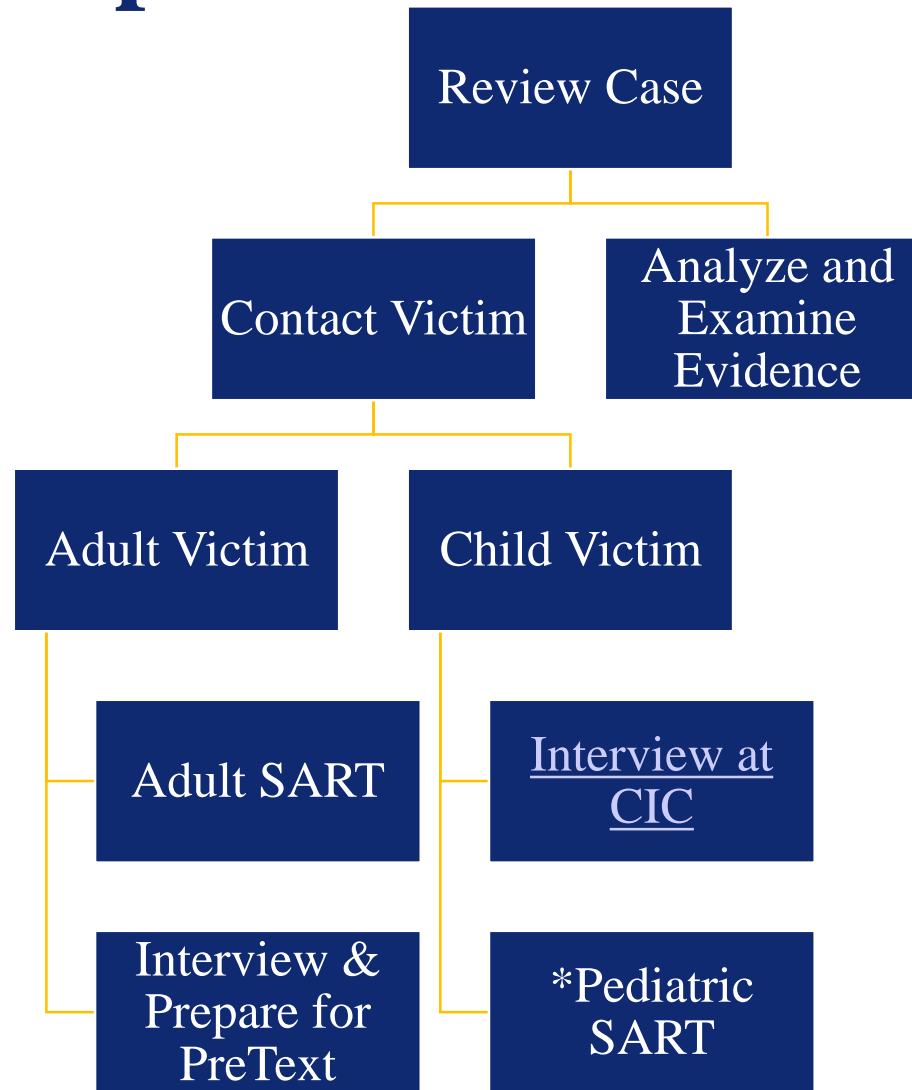
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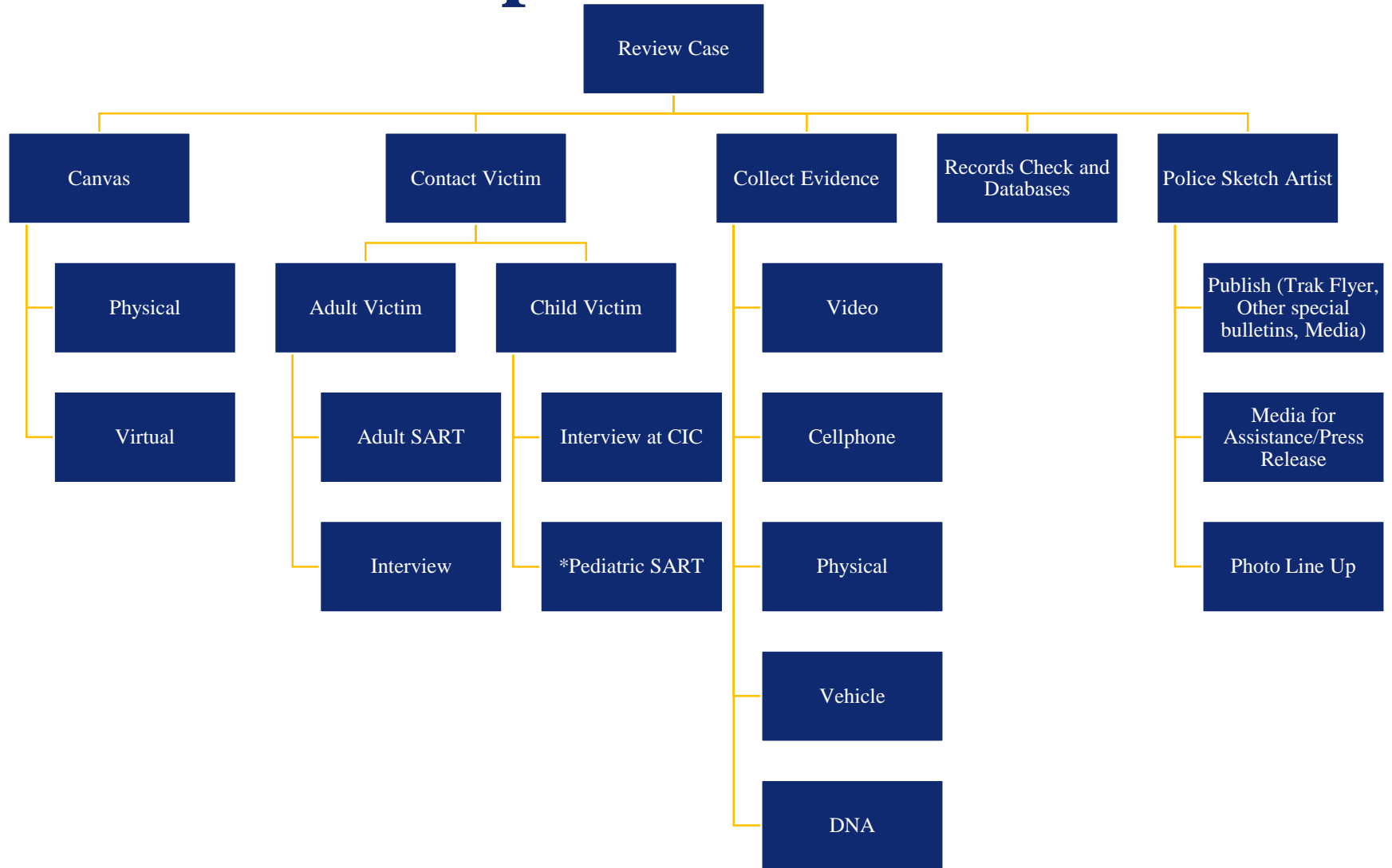
Major Case Investigation



Known Suspect



Unknown Suspect





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Trauma Informed Approach

- MDI Process: intended to provide a sense of continuity and security for the victim
 - Contributes to the timeliness of criminal investigation, prosecution and treatment of child abuse cases
- Adult Victims vs. Child Victims
- Child Forensic Interview Technique (CFIT)
 - [Thomas Lyon Ten-Step Investigative Interview](#)

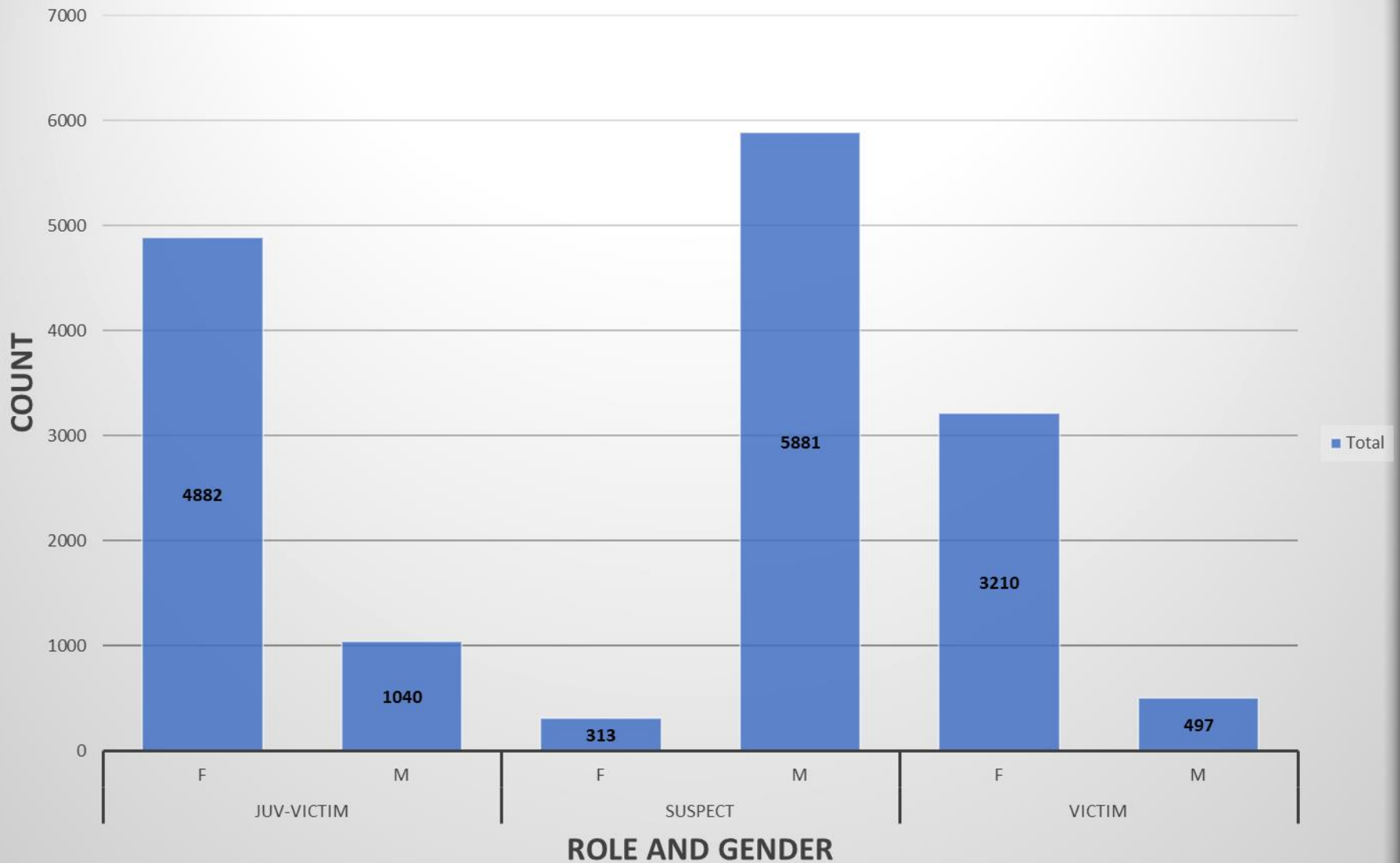


Data and Trends

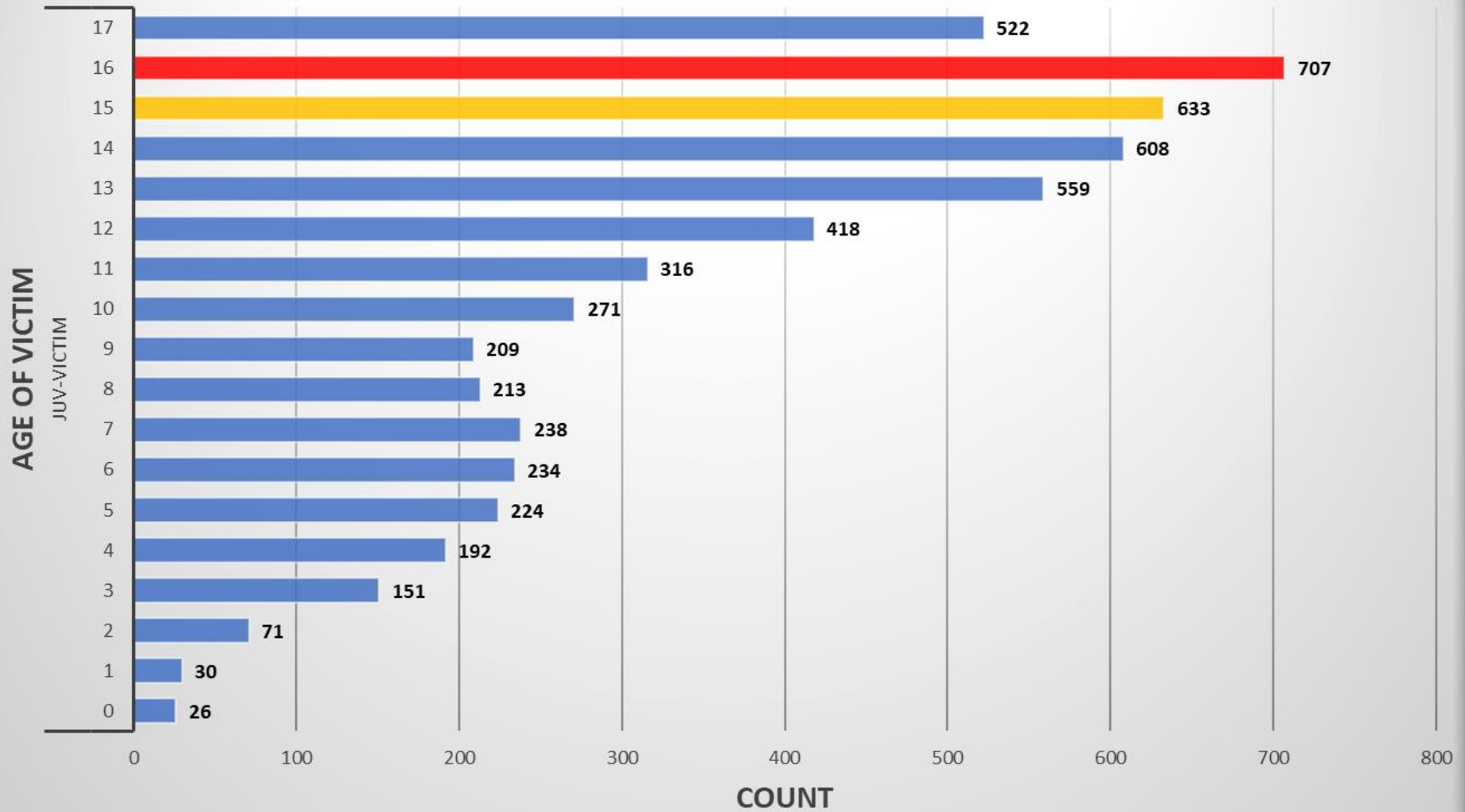
Victims and Suspects



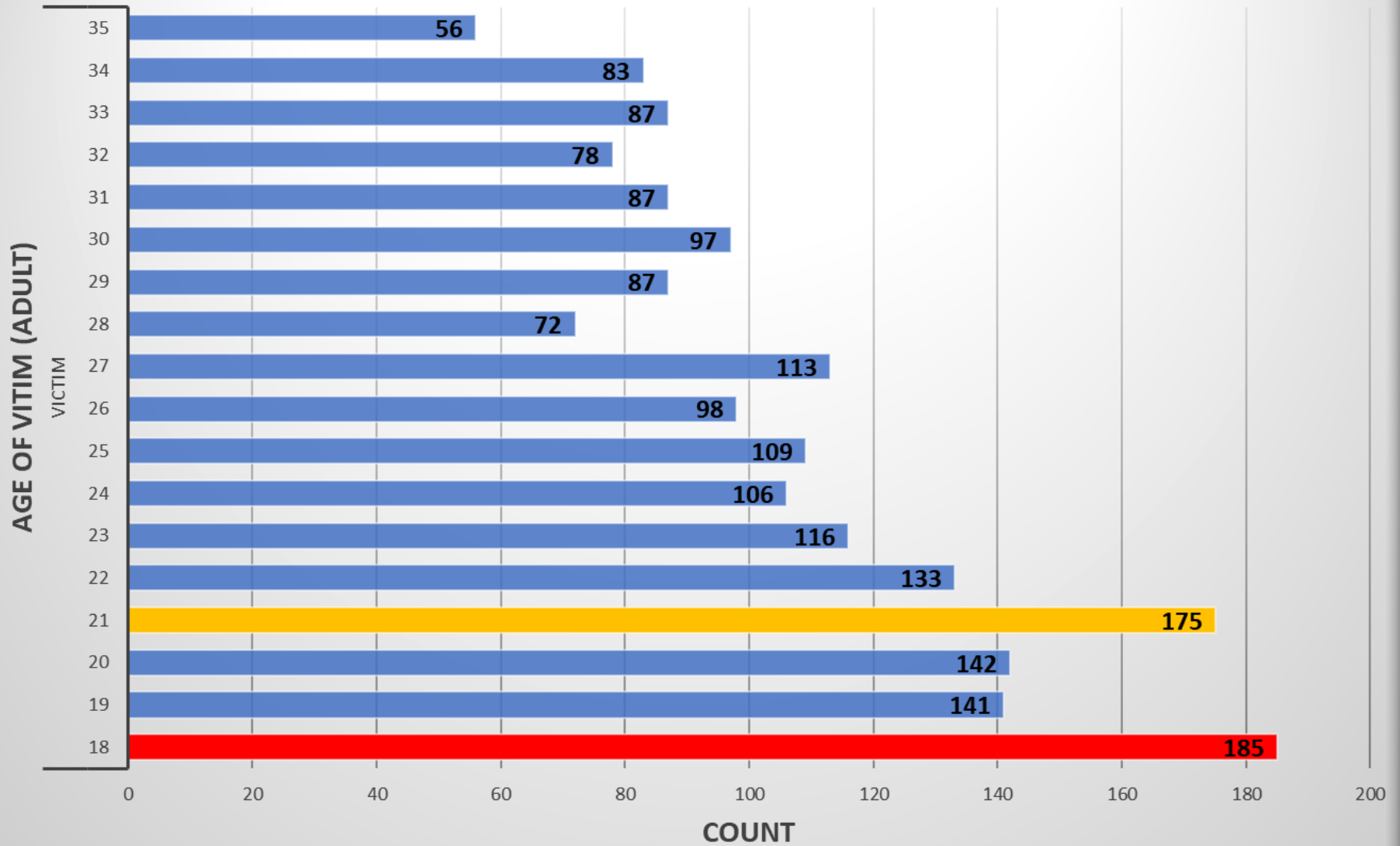
COUNT OF ROLE AND GENDER



COUNT OF JUV-VICTIM BROKEN DOWN BY AGE (0-17)



COUNT OF YOUNG ADULT CATEGORY (18-35)

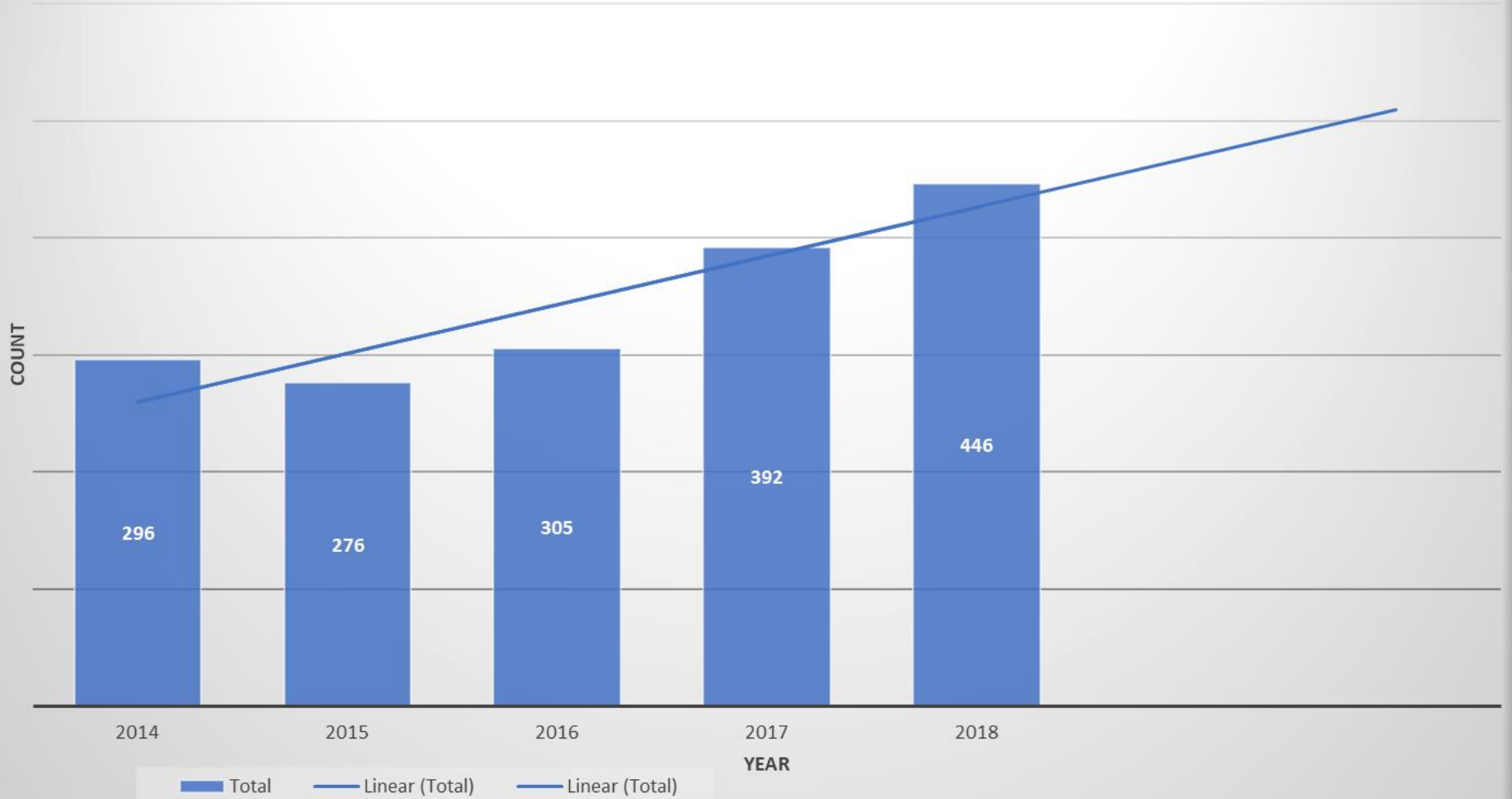


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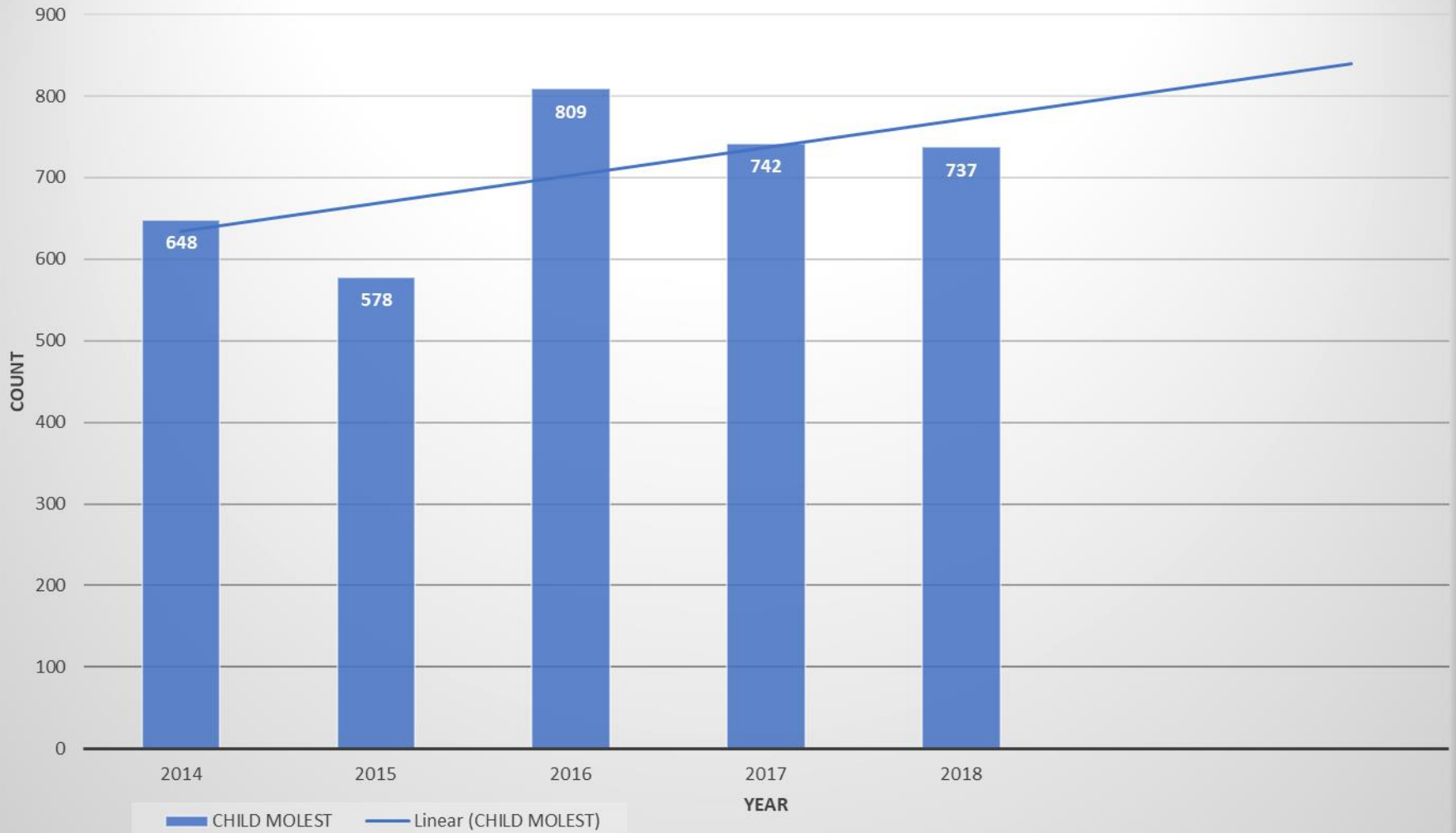
Incidents



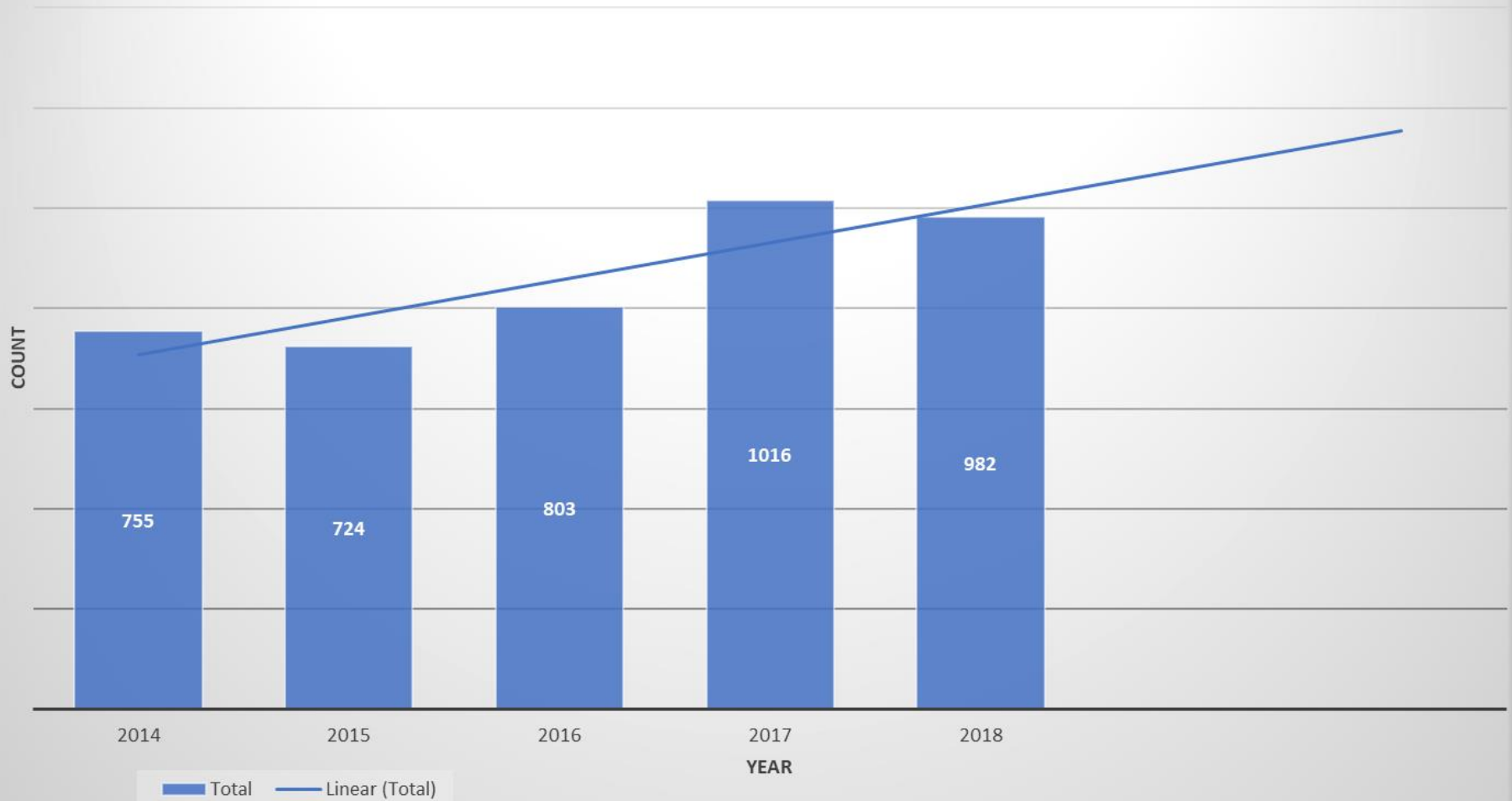
RAPE INCIDENTS WITH FORECAST



CHILD MOLESTATION WITH FORECAST



SEX INCIDENTS WITH FORECAST



Victim/Offender Relationships (2015-2017)

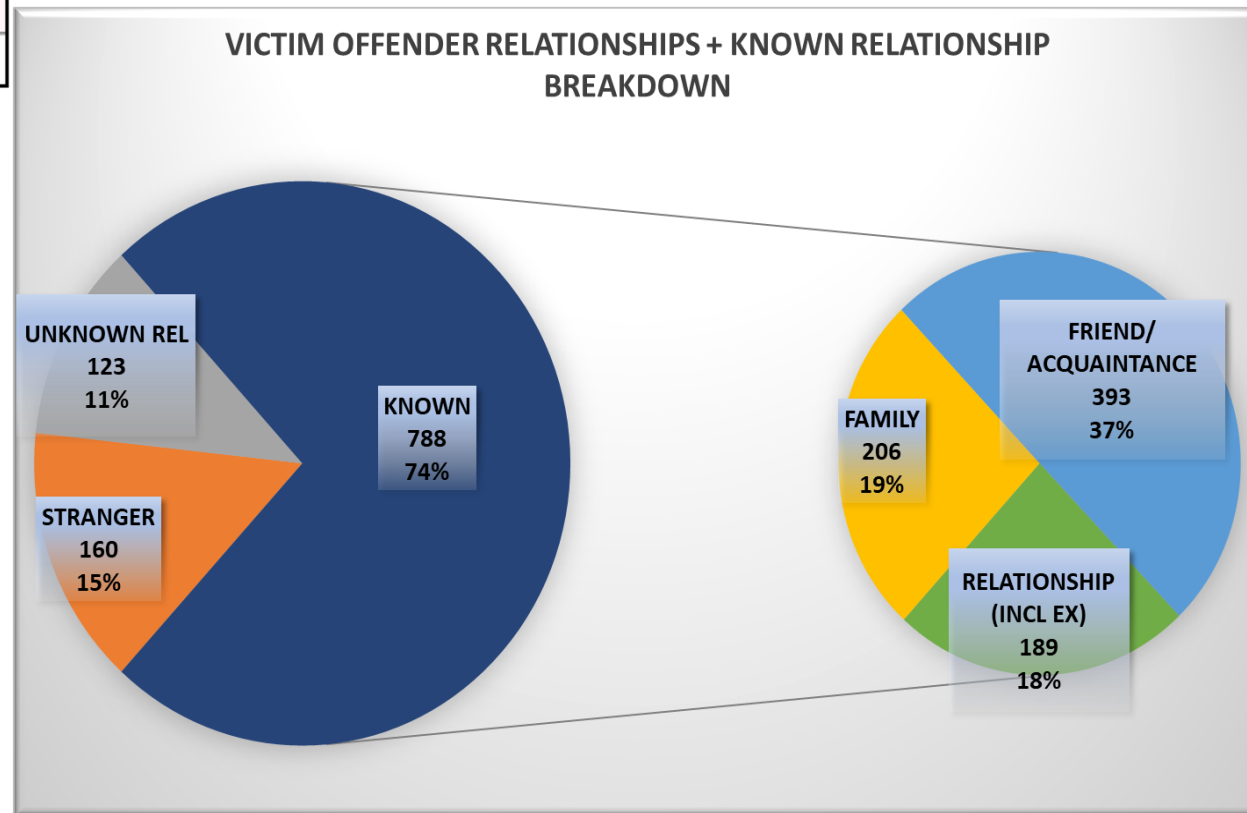
All Victims

RELATIONSHIP	Total	%
KNOWN	788	74%
STRANGER	160	15%
UNKNOWN REL	123	11%
Total	1071	

Known Relation Breakdown

RELATIONSHIP	Total	%
FAMILY	206	19%
FRIEND/ACQUAINTANCE	393	37%
RELATIONSHIP (INCL EX)	189	18%

Total 788



Victim/Offender Relationships Juveniles Only (2015-2017)

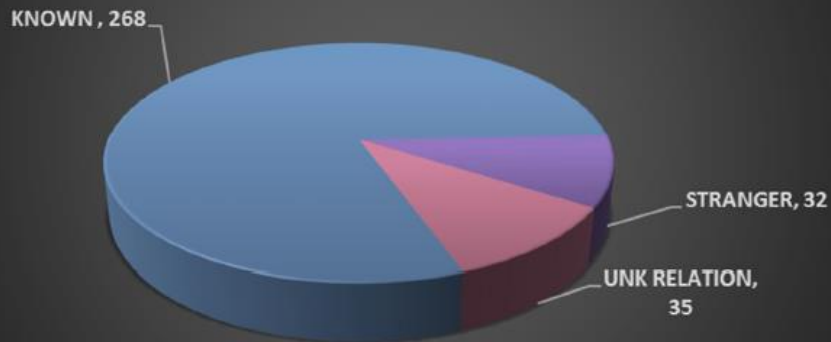
Juvenile Victims Only

RELATIONSHIP	Total	%
KNOWN	268	80%
STRANGER	32	10%
UNK RELATION	35	10%
Total	335	

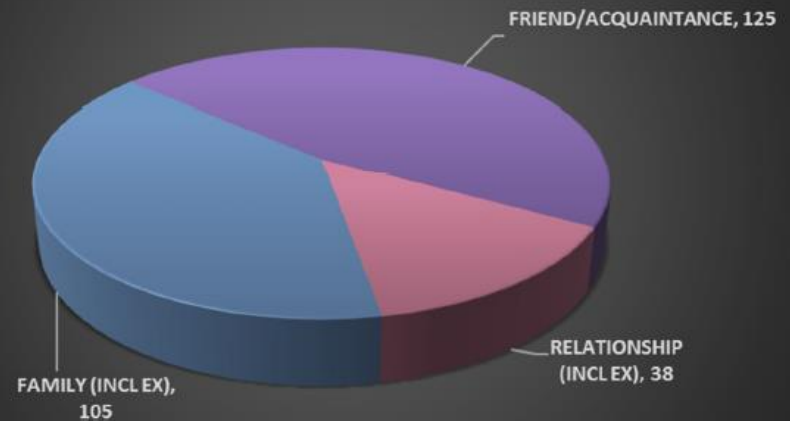
Known Relation Breakdown

RELATIONSHIP	Total	%
FAMILY (INCL EX)	105	31%
FRIEND/ACQUAINTANCE	125	37%
RELATIONSHIP (INCL EX)	38	11%
Total	268	

Victim/Offender Relationships
Juveniles Only



Victim/Offender Known Relationships
Juveniles Only



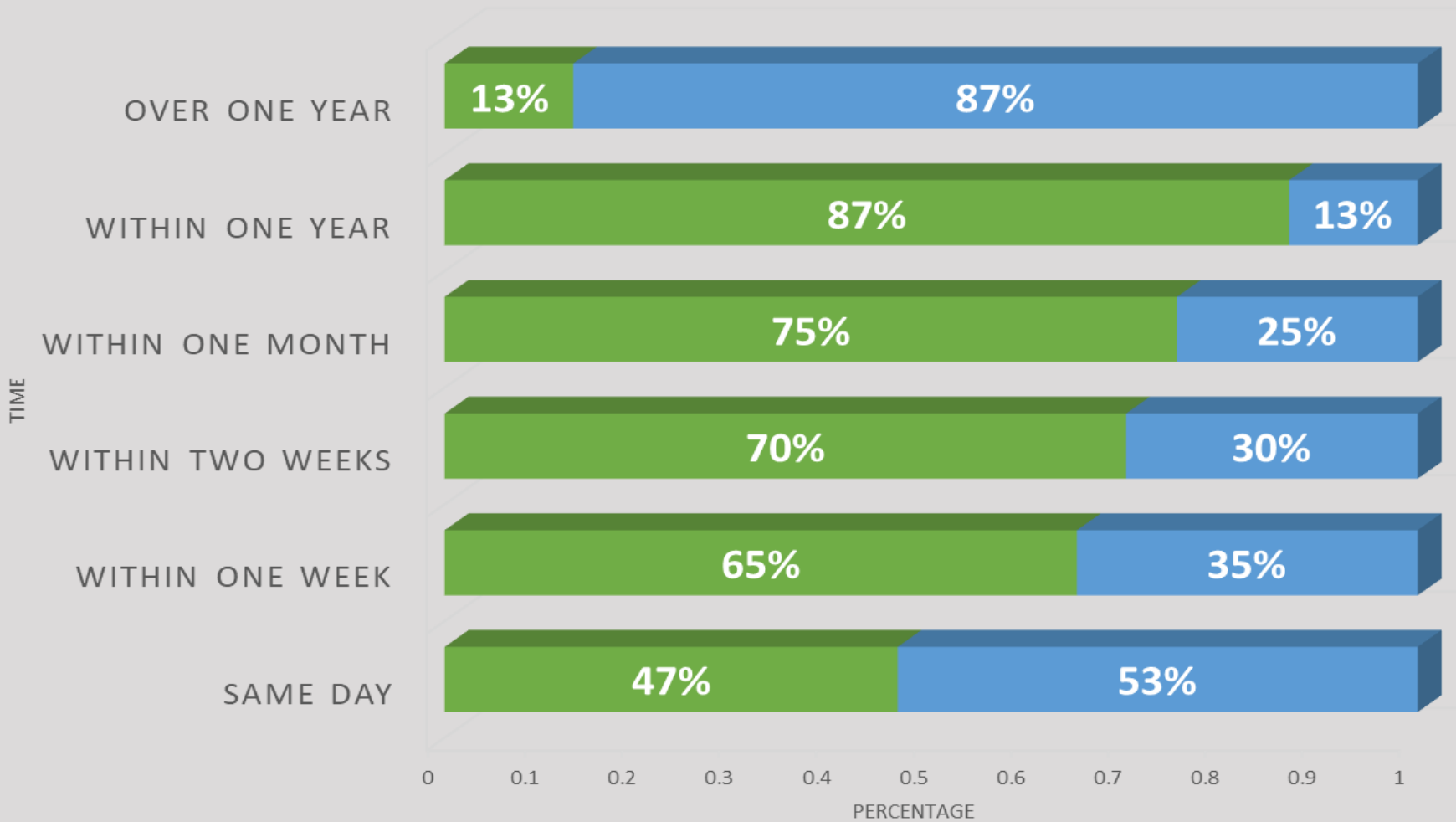
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Reporting

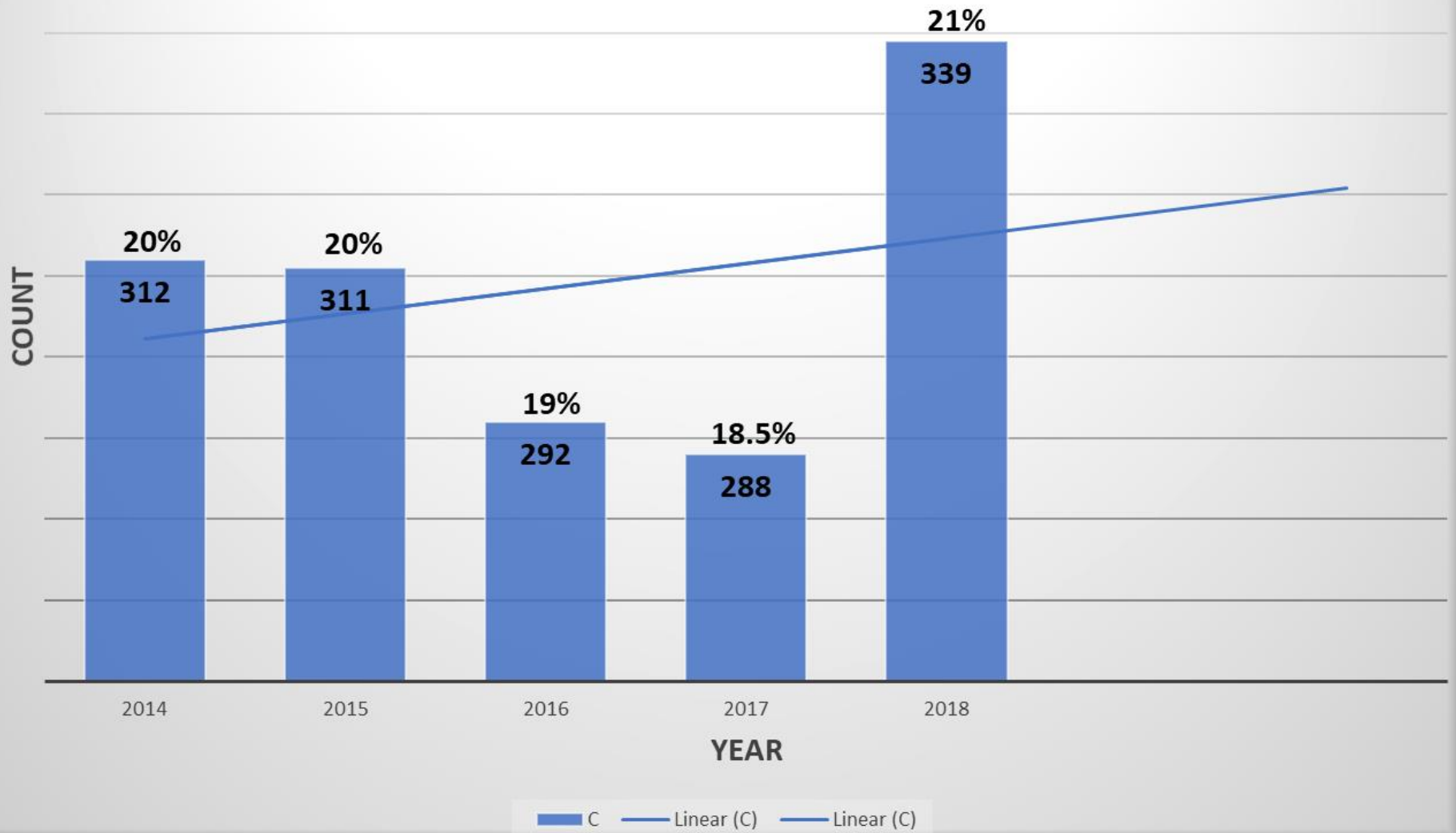


REPORTING TIME LAPSE

■ Reporting ■ Not Reporting



CLEARANCE TREND



Recommendations for Improvement

- Partner with YWCA to increase outreach
 - High School and Middle School aged youth
 - Include Social Media Use training for parents
- Specialized Training (CSI Work & CFIT Style Interviews): Patrol Division, Police Academy Training, and Field Training Program
- Continue study on location of occurrence by zip code



Questions?



Thomas Lyon Ten-Step Investigation

1. Don't Know
2. Don't Understand
3. You're Wrong
4. Ignorant Interviewer
5. Promise To Tell The Truth
6. Practice Narratives
7. Allegation
8. Allegation Follow-Up
9. Follow-up with Tell Me More & What Happened Next Questions
10. Multiple Incidents

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Response Process- Search Warrants

Investigator
prepares
documents

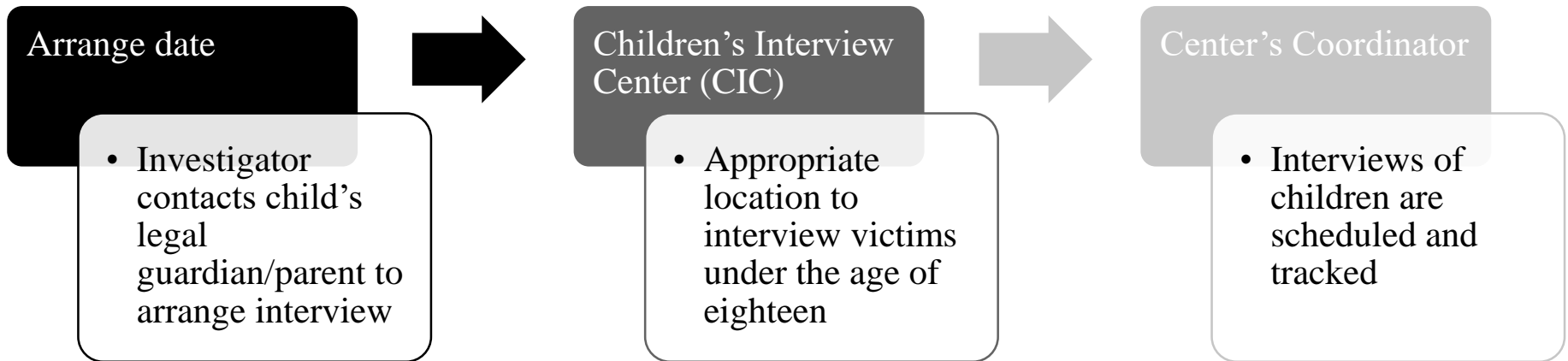
- Draft Affidavits
- Warrant Forms

Unit Supervisor
reviews
documents

Investigator
approaches
District
Attorney's Office
for Approval



Interviews of Children



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