

## A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ABOUT SEXUAL ASSAULT

In December 2013, Mayor A C Wharton created the Memphis Sexual Assault Kit Task Force with members from multiple state, county and city offices as well as community advocates to oversee testing of all untested kits and to establish policies for prompt testing of new kits. In just over a year of work, the task force has raised \$6 million, analyzed or shipped 5,386 kits to four labs, held public meetings to update the community, trained law enforcement on rape investigation and advocated for additional investigators and compassionate victim notification.

As a result Memphis Police Department detectives have initiated more than 352 investigations. Of 58 indictments as of early February, 25 rapists have been identified, including 16 believed to be multi-case offenders. And 33 John Doe indictments have been filed. Most indictments are for Aggravated Rape which is a Class A felony punishable by up to 30 years in prison.

And the work continues, every day.

Help our community do more to help victims/survivors of rape and to hold rapists accountable:

**SHARE** information about community response to rape, upcoming events and actions with members, friends and colleagues. Find this handout of information online at <http://www.cityofmemphis.org/SexualAssaultKitBacklog.aspx>. Share in email or print it for your organization members, book group friends, teammates, on Facebook, in church bulletins, etc. TAKE ACTION.

**JOIN** the Memphis Says NO MORE campaign: volunteer as a survivor to participate in focus groups about the messaging; help produce the launch event later this spring; distribute materials and talk it up around the community. Organize men to walk in the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes in April. TAKE ACTION.

**FUND** additional initiatives by supporting the Sexual Assault Resource Fund at the Community Foundation. Hold an event, donate as a group or in honor of loved ones. TAKE ACTION.

For survivors/victims in need of service: Rape Crisis Center (901) 222 4350.

For information on your case: MPD Hotline (901) 636-3438.

To receive action alerts or to join the Memphis Says NO MORE campaign:  
[dclubb@memphiswomen.org](mailto:dclubb@memphiswomen.org)

To support this work financially: <http://www.cfgm.org/sexual-assault-resource-fund/>