

In the Spotlight: The Impact of SANE on Adult Sexual Assault Investigation and Prosecution

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Dr. Rebecca Campbell of Michigan State University's Community-Ecological Psychology Program was invited to speak at the National Institute of Justice symposium on March 19, 2009. She discussed her current research about the impact of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) programs on the investigation and prosecution of adult sexual assault cases.

According to the National Institute of Justice website, the discussion can be broken into four segments:

- A background of SANE programs and how they affect prosecution of sexual assault.
- A description of Dr. Campbell's research on SANE programs and whether they increase prosecution rates of sexual assault.
- Interviews with law enforcement officers, judges and sexual assault survivors about their experiences with these programs.
- Information on a toolkit that Dr. Campbell developed for SANE program practitioners.

A video recording of the presentation may be viewed on the National Institute of Justice website by visiting: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/pubs-sum/video-sane.htm>. A transcript of the discussion is also available.

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