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In the first event I looked at, a Fort Myers man was caught in December 2017 for a horrific sexual assault that happened 22 years ago. Police showed up at his home, asking for a DNA sample to be evaluated with DNA from decades back. Officers later arrested the man on suspicion of rape, but the State Prosecutors office never pressed charges. He did not find out that no accusations had been submitted until his court appearance due to the lack of solid evidence and victim collaboration (Montoya, 2018). Following a thorough review of the headline, the Sheriff's office was queried about delayed DNA, to which they responded that they did not have any. Nevertheless, the DNA obtained from the event 22 years earlier was forwarded to Florida Department of Law Enforcement in 2016. The victim also asserted that she had no recollection of the suspect. The victim was thirteen years old at the time of the tragedy. The youngster was picked up by three men who drove her to a gravel road and sexually assaulted her before abandoning her unclothed on the street.

In the second case, a Winchester man of Jamaican descent was acquitted of raping a fifteen-year-old girl under his care. According to BREHM (2021), Beckford, 57, was accused of sexually assaulting a minor. At the period, his accuser was 15 years old. The young lady is now 19 years. The victim told jurors that the defendant approached her six times in May or June 2017 and told her to have intimate relations. She said no five times before changing her response to okay since she felt pressed and had no other option (BREHM, 2021). She also claimed that pornography was common in Beckford's Winchester residence. Beckford had earlier shown her a pornographic film while offering to initiate her to sex encounters if interested.

According to Burman and Brooks-Hay (2018), rape cases are difficult to prosecute due to contamination of DNA evidence, especially when it is taken many years before a victim comes

forward. In the case of the Fort Myers man, the incident happened 22 years ago, and the victim's statement led to the suspect's arrest. In the Winchester case, the witness statement was enough to arraign the suspect in court. More importantly, these cases are difficult to prosecute because victims are reluctant to come forward due to shame and gender identities. The Christian worldview has not made it easy to prosecute such cases. In the Bible, rape was a conduit of male dominance and a method of upholding patriarchy. In other words, women are generally inherently faulted for their rape in both Scriptures and contemporary society.

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