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I Never Thought It Was Rape - Melanie was victimized by a friend after a college party. A friend brought her several drinks and later offered her a ride home. The next morning she woke up to find she wasn't wearing any clothes and the guy in her room. She was very confused and had little memory of what happened after the party. It took several years for her to fully realize what happened was rape. When Kristen was 13, her family relocated to another state. Up to that point she had had a very happy childhood. But after the move, she found it hard to fit in and make friends. A 17-year-old guy began showing her the attention she craved. He was good-looking, charming, her first crush. One day, she went to his house to hang out and he forced her to have sex. He told her "this is what love is." Kristen later struggled with an eating disorder and started cutting herself. In counseling, she overcame her body shame and learned that it was OK to set boundaries. Tonya was raped while on a date. They had consensual sex on a previous date and she had decided afterwards she just wanted to spend time getting to know him. After the assault she blamed herself. She started smoking, drinking, and was unable to have healthy relationships with men. She confided in a school psychologist who helped her realize the incident was rape and that she was not at fault. Matthew has just completed a 10-year sentence for rape. When he was 18, he had sexual contact with a girl who was 12. He knew what he did was morally wrong, but he didn't know that according to the law it was rape. Now he is a registered sex offender. For the rest of his life, he will have to check in with the sheriff's department 4 times a year to update his personal information. He can never work with children or live within 1000 feet of a school. He and his parents want others to learn from his story. *30 minutes, 2008, \$90.00*

The Sacred Secret: Child Sex Abuse in the Faith Community - Shana was sexually abused repeatedly over a two year period starting at age 12. Her father was the perpetrator. Shana's family were very actively involved in church and her father served in a leadership position. Once the abuse was disclosed, Child Protective Services and their church encouraged reconciliation, but her parents eventually divorced. Shana and her mother were labeled as rebellious for not being able to forgive and forget. Tim, a minister who has experience handling sexual abuse in his congregation, encourages church leaders to always support the victim and hold the offender accountable in a loving, firm way. David was raped by a Catholic priest as a teenager. Thirty-five years later he disclosed for the first time to his wife after watching a TV program about adult male survivors of child sexual abuse. Ed was a priest until 1989 when was told he could no longer serve in that capacity after accusations of abuse. He took a job with juvenile court and was eventually arrested for abusing a boy who was living with him while in state's custody. *25 minutes, 2008, \$90.00*

Crossing the Line: Speaking Out Against Child Sex Abuse features the stories of four convicted child sex offenders and a survivor of child sexual abuse. At the time of the filming, the offenders were serving their prison sentence at a facility that offers voluntary treatment to sex offenders. Dana, the survivor, was sexually abused by several family members. Dana shares

the impact of child sexual abuse in her life. The film is designed to reach individuals struggling with the same thoughts and emotions articulated by these offenders. Help is available, and ideally it would be provided *prior* to anyone acting out on these feelings; however, even if the feelings have already been acted upon, help is still available. *12 minutes, 2008, \$90.00*

A View from the Shadows

Volume 1 Exposing the Minds of Child Sex Offenders— This documentary was filmed in conjunction with the Tennessee Department of Correction. Incarcerated sex offenders provide insight into how they manipulated children, rationalized their behavior, and avoided detection. Two adult survivors of incest share how they have been affected by victimization. *18 minutes, 2000, \$70.00*

Volume 2 Treating Child Sex Offenders—Provides an overview of two different approaches to treatment for sex offenders. Through interviews with incarcerated sex offenders, survivors, therapists, and a family reunified after abuse has occurred in the home, this video raises questions about how our communities should be responding to sex offenders. *20 minutes, 2000, \$70.00*

Volume 3 Talking About Child Sex Abuse—Cordelia Anderson, video narrator and expert on child sexual abuse, speaks to parents who want to know, "How do I talk to children about sexual abuse?" Two young victims also share their stories. Johnny was abused by an uncle when he was 10 years old. His mom had warned him about "stranger danger," but Johnny was confused because the perpetrator was a member of the family. Melissa, 11, was abused at home by a close friend of the family. Her parents thought she was safe as long as she was at home. *28 minutes, 2001, \$70.00*

Behind the Screens: Child Sex Abuse on the Internet—The Internet may be a seemingly innocent way to make friends, but the two victims appearing in the film issue a stern warning. Katie was molested by a man she met in a teen chat room. She was re-traumatized by a community that did not understand. Dani had an email relationship with a man she thought was a former schoolmate. She learned the truth when the FBI came to her home and told her that he was actually a pedophile and that she would likely have been his next victim. Representatives from the FBI and National Center for Missing and Exploited Children offer advice on how to stay safe online. *16 minutes, 2003, \$70.00*

Voices of Ex-Offenders: The Road to Restoration

Part one: Clemmie learned at an early age that she was not safe in her own home. She was sexually abused almost daily by men in the neighborhood. She got pregnant and had a child at age 13. Not knowing what to do with a baby, she left him with her mother and grandmother to raise and hit the streets to pursue a life of drugs and crime. Her son went on to join a gang which eventually led to this death. Clemmie takes full responsibility for her role in setting him up for a life of crime and is now on a mission to save other kids. She is also an advocate for the homeless and mentally-ill.

Part two: Ross grew up with an alcoholic father who would often leave for days or months at a time. When he would return he would expect to walk back in and have everything be the same. Ross hated his father's actions but eventually followed the same path. He also started drinking and eventually became addicted to cocaine. He lost custody of his son. To support his habit he began committing robberies. Eventually, he was caught and sent to prison and at that point he surrendered. He got involved with as many programs as possible. He is now out of prison and has been clean 5 years. Ross now serves as a mentor to inmates and teaches classes in the county jail.

Part three: Andrey's path to prison began in childhood. His father left the family and his mom was left to raise him on her own. Because his mother had to work he was often left alone. He was sexually abused at age 8 by a friend in the neighborhood. He began a life of crime and drug use during his teenage years. Between 1989 and 1996 he was arrested 37 times. In 1997 he set out to rob a convenience store as he had done many times before, but this time a man tried to stop the robbery and was injured in the process. Andrey was apprehended by the police who told him the man would likely die and the charges would be changed from aggravated assault to murder. Andrey began praying the man would live, but he died two days later. He later felt convicted that his prayers were offered up out of his own self-interest, rather than for the man he had killed. It was at this point he saw himself for the first time. In prison he found support with others who wanted to change through an intensive reentry and aftercare program. He says he entered prison a child and left as a man. He is now in college and is pursuing certification in alcohol and drug counseling. *34 minutes, 2009, \$90.00*

Voices of Survivors: Victims of Violent Crime Speak Out

Part one: Mary, a country music industry executive, was raped one night by a man who broke into her home. She helped the police capture him after he left a message on her answering machine. Her life was turned completely upside-down, but she found support from friends and hobbies. She discusses the importance of participating in the criminal justice system.

Part two: Mary, a former victim of domestic violence, shares her story in victim impact classes to try to help incarcerated offenders understand the impact this crime had on her life. Her ordeal began with emotional and verbal abuse by her husband. Once she expressed a desire to leave, his behavior escalated to physical violence. She and her children were able to escape and she now sees herself as a survivor.

Part three: In 1984, Becky was raped by an early-released prisoner. He kidnapped her from her catering business, and drove her to 5 different locations, raping her repeatedly at each place. He drove her back to her office and said "You'd like to get out wouldn't you" and continued driving. Eventually the car got a flat tire and they went to a gas station. She convinced him to untie her and she ran into the station for help. The police captured him the next day. She had a lot support of a caring family, but she was grieved by having to share the difficult details of the crime in front of them in the

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courtroom. Becky got involved with a victims' rights group and helped get a truth in sentencing law passed in her state.

Part four: Sharon's daughter was murdered by four men who broke into her home. Their two children were at home at the time. The murderers were participating in a gang initiation and their instructions were to either kill someone they knew or a stranger. During the trial when asked why the children were spared one of the offenders said "they are our future members." Sharon has struggled to find peace since the tragedy. She has had trouble holding down a job and was forced to file bankruptcy. She is bitter because two of the offenders are already out of prison and, unlike her daughter, they get a second chance. *39 minutes, 2009, \$90.00*

Spanish

Una Perspectiva Desde Las Sombras (A View from the Shadows: Child Sexual Abuse in the Hispanic Community)

The viewer will learn how to prevent child sexual abuse, recognize the signs, and intervene appropriately. Carmen and Soledad were both sexually abused as children by family members. Now, as adults, they share their stories. Gabriela, a Child Advocacy Center therapist, talks about tactics offenders use with victims—establishing trust, breaking down defenses, and threats. She discusses why children don't tell, how abuse can be prevented, and the healing process. Mary, an attorney and Hispanic advocate, discusses why the Hispanic community is hesitant to report. She emphasizes that reporting is important and encourages viewers to learn about their local laws so they will be able to get help for both the victim and offender. *English subtitles, 18 minutes, 2004, \$70.00*