

Are there dangerous places and times for sexual crimes? Evidence from two cities

Abstract

Current sexual offender legislation, such as residency restrictions and global positioning system monitoring, is based on assumptions of where and when sex offenders commit their crimes despite the limited empirical knowledge that exists regarding the spatiotemporal patterning of this type of violence. The objective of this presentation is to provide an overview of recent empirical work that uses the crime and place perspective to examine 1) does sexual crime cluster in space? 2) where does it cluster? And, 3) when does it occur? In light of the findings, implications for current sexual offender policies and situational crime prevention will be discussed.

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