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Detecting Predictors for Sexual Assault Lethality Using Computational Techniques

Extensive efforts have focused on preventing or reducing the prevalence of sexual victimization of children and adults. However, to date, no assessment tools have been developed to measure danger or lethality. Such tools would provide victims with the safest choices of action during sexual assault.

This project will use a database of over 600 cases of sexual assault and employ computational techniques to identify characteristics and situations that are most predictive of serious injury or death of a victim during sexual assault. The aim of this study is to provide the foundational information needed for the development of a lethality assessment for sexual assault.

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