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authorities." The citizen would say, "No, I won't tell," but this criminal would infer that he was just a small cog in a much grander scheme, that he had people to answer to (hinting at the mob). He would say, "Now that you know, I can't have you walking around without some assurance, something important enough, that you won't tell."

Filancia would then demand compromising pictures of the man, nude or in his underwear, threaten to hurt the man, kill his girlfriend or family, then use the photos to

coerce the victim's complicity in his sexual depravities. According to the police report, Filancia threatened to distribute the photos of the victim and post them on the Internet if he did not allow Filancia to bind him with a chain and perform sex acts.

Following a month-long investigation, CCSO detectives hid in the victim's house and arrested the felon after the victim wore a hidden camera and recorded Filancia's threats.

Rodgers says it's harder to get male sexual assault

victims to come forward because of the social stigma attached to it, but he emphasizes that the identity of anyone who has been a victim of Filancia will be kept confidential. CCSO detectives need to identify any and all victims so they can complete their investigation and put this criminal away for good.

Call Clay County Sheriff's Office at (904) 264-6512.

(Editor's note: After this article was written, Filancia was charged with sexual battery and extortion on another identified victim.)

Male Sexual Assault

Affects 1 in 10 men

Many people don't take male sexual assault seriously, which is one reason male victims have a difficult time reporting what happened and why this crime is significantly underreported. If the victim's friends think male sexual assault is a joke, he will feel isolated and afraid to tell anyone. He may experience:

- Guilt – thinking he is somehow at fault for not preventing the assault because our society promotes the misconception that men should be able to protect themselves at all time.
- Shame – as though being assaulted makes him "dirty," "weak," or less of a "real man."
- Fear – that he may be blamed, judged, laughed at or not believed.
- Denial – because it is upsetting, he may try not to think about it or talk about it; he may try to hide from his feelings behind alcohol, drugs and other self-destructive habits.
- Anger – about what happened; this anger may sometimes be misdirected and generalized to target people who remind him of the perpetrator.
- Sadness – feeling depressed, worthless and powerless, withdrawing from friends, family and usual activities – some victims even consider suicide.

If a male victim became sexually aroused during the assault, he may not believe he was raped. These are involuntary physiological reactions; they do not mean that the victim wanted to be sexually assaulted or that he enjoyed the traumatic experience. A sexual response does not mean there was consent.

Ask for support

It was not your fault you were assaulted. You are not alone. You have the right to:

- Ask for support
- Seek medical attention
- Report it to authorities

Numbers to call for help:

Sexual Assault and Harrassment
Crisis Support – (401) 863-3476

Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence
Hotline – (800) 494-8100

Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network
(RAINN) – (800) 656-HOPE

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