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Investigating Sexual Assault: Tying It All Together

An excerpt from the Academy Award winning movie, “The Accused” will be used to allow participants to evaluate a sexual assault with an emphasis on:

- The classification of crimes committed, elements to be proven, likely defenses(s), type of evidence needed, and the purpose of each type of evidence
- Community bias
- Resources needed to investigate sexual assault
- Properly assessing all aspects of evidence that might be found in a sexual assault and conducting a strategic investigation
- Recognizing the impact specific evidence may have on the disposition of an investigation
- Identifying the differences in evidence needed to corroborate sexual assaults involving consent defenses and those where the assailant’s identity is in question and how that evidence may be interpreted