

"Inside youth prisons, scores of female guards violated boys," San A

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Last year, two women in Kuwait got 7 years in jail for kidnapping, beating and forcefully raping a man.

http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=3&art_id=iol1166947349660K326

Feminists like Jackson Katz claim women commit only 1% of rape. But that is NOT true especially when we count statutory and prison rape. A student survey found 43% of teacher sex abuse came from female teachers (though 92% of prosecutions are of male teachers).

<http://www.newsobserver.com/672/story/501955.html> The same article quotes a John Hopkins expert saying: "Boys face the same long-term effects as girls who are victims of sexual abuse: early and inappropriate sexual behavior; problems building relationships later in life; a tendency to either remain a victim or become an abuser themselves."

Then there is the underreporting. According to the Wikipedia, "since the incidence of female-on-male rape is on record at much higher rates (around 30% compared to 10%) in Canada, it is likely being substantially under-reported in the United States."

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rape_by_gender#_note-malesrapingfemales

And finally, there is prison rape/abuse, which women commit a substantial amount of, as the following recent article in the San Antonio Express News explains. (And of course, if we counted false accusations as psychological rape, the percentage of female rapists is even higher still.)

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<http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/metro/stories/MYSA041107.01B.krod.3a6c8d4.html>

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In one darkened corner of the Texas Youth Commission sex scandal are hundreds of little-known women. These women are not victims. They are abusers. Sex abusers.

Authorities say 30-year-old Shannon Griffin is one of them.

A former TYC guard, Griffin was fired in December for having an alleged sexual relationship with a male juvenile.

If not for the TYC scandal, Griffin most likely would have escaped criminal

scrutiny.

But last week — a month and a half after the scandal broke — police issued a warrant for her arrest.

She is charged with improper relationship/sexual contact with a person in custody, a felony.

Big news? Hardly. The story appeared in the Express-News and Houston Chronicle as a news brief.

Ten years ago, older-woman-sleeps-with-boy caused a national uproar. In 1997, schoolteacher Mary Kay LeTourneau wound up pregnant and in handcuffs. She was carrying the baby of a 12-year-old student.

LeTourneau went to prison. Griffin could be headed there, too, but she remains at large.

If Griffin were the only woman accused of sexual impropriety with a male inmate, no heads would turn.

But that's not the case. Since 1999, 460 sexual abuse allegations have been made against TYC female corrections officers, clerks and food personnel; 431 have been levied against men.

An Express-News/Chronicle review shows TYC confirmed 57 abuse cases against the women, 37 against the men.

According to the Dallas Morning News, roughly two-thirds of TYC employees disciplined for sexual contact with youths since 2000 were women. Only five were convicted. In each case, the punishment was probation.

Incarcerating a woman for having sex with a male youth troubles some. "What's the crime," skeptics ask, "if the act was consensual?"

Lee Preston, clinical director at the San Antonio Rape Crisis Center, sees no difference between a man seducing a girl or a woman bedding a boy.

"Either way it's sexual abuse," Preston says. "You have an adult attempting to have sex with a minor."

At TYC, the legal distinction between adult and minor can be narrow. Some female guards are 18; some male inmates are 17.

It's not clear how many abuse complaints involved guards and inmates separated by one or two years in age. But prosecutors say age is irrelevant.

"Female officers are trained that any time sexual contact is made with an offender it is nonconsensual," says Gina DeBottis, chief attorney for the Special Prosecution Unit in Huntsville. "State law prohibits sexual contact between guards and offenders."

In the adult prison system, DeBottis says, she has prosecuted female guards for having consensual sex with male inmates.

Over the past eight years, Texas Department of Criminal Justice records show

178 sexual abuse cases against female guards in adult prisons, 143 against male guards.

The numbers do not shock those who work within the system. They note the word "assault" appears in few sexual abuse cases involving women.

Female guards, it is said, do not assault boys. They fall in love with them. Relationships develop. Sex is a byproduct.

Texas says that's unlawful. Some would say that, for boys, it's not particularly harmful.

Preston disagrees. He says he's seen troubling behavior in men who had sex with women as boys.

"Clients report an inability to maintain relationships," Preston says. "They report things like power and control issues, poor boundaries, even sexual addiction."

Some would say the boy who allegedly had sex with Griffin, the prison guard, got lucky. But the law says, no, he got violated.