WHAT IS SEXUAL VIOLENCE?
Sexual violence is any type of unwanted sexual contact.

Victims often know the person who sexually assaulted them.
6 out of 10 victims stated that the offender was an intimate partner, other relative, a friend, or an acquaintance.
Almost 70% of sexual assaults reported to law enforcement occurred in the residence of the victim, the offender, or another individual.

Offenders may use coercion, manipulation, threats, or force to commit sexual violence.

REPORTING SEXUAL VIOLENCE:
Victims of sexual violence exhibit a spectrum of responses to the assault, which can include: calm, hysteria, withdrawal, anger, apathy, denial, and shock.
There is no "right way" to react to being sexually assaulted. Assumptions about a way a victim "should act" may be detrimental to the victim because each victim copes with the trauma of the assault in different ways which can also vary over time.

About 70% of sexual assaults go unreported
Because a victim did not immediately report an assault or chooses not to report it at all does not mean that the assault did not happen.

RESOURCES:
National Sexual Assault Hotline 1-800-656-HOPE (4673)
National Organization for Victim Assistance 1-800-879-6682

Victim Assistance and Sexual Assault Program (240) 777-4357
Montgomery County Family Justice Center Foundation (240) 773-0444

Information from www.rainn.org and www.nsvrc.org
MONTGOMERY COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY SURVEY RESULTS

1 in 2
American women have experienced sexual violence other than rape.
80% of the participating female population have been a victim of sexual assault.

1 in 5
Men have experienced sexual violence other than rape.
18% of the participating male population have been a victim of sexual assault.

1 in 5
American Women have been raped

93 percent
Of the participating female population believe sexual assault can be prevented

62 percent
Of the male population believe sexual assault can be prevented

1 in 67
American Men have been raped

60 percent
Of the participating female population have tried to prevent or stop a sexual assault from happening

36 percent
Of the male population have tried to prevent or stop a sexual assault from happening

60 percent
Of the participating female population are familiar with local victim services in the community

16 percent
Of the male population are familiar with local victim services in the community

1 in 3
American women have experienced sexual violence by an intimate partner
100% of the participating female population and 84% of the participating male population think someone can be assaulted by their husband or wife if they are married.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month