

PERSONAL ACCOUNTS FROM SURVIVORS
OF PRISON SEXUAL ASSAULTS

COMMISSIONER FELLNER: First, I want to thank you personally for coming here and talking with us, talking to the public more importantly than us. Some of you we've talked to before in a personal capacity with other work that we've done. But I think we can never thank you enough.

I wanted to ask if you would give us a sense of the extent to which the people who are involved raping you, either inmates or staff, had multiple histories of this sort of common behavior, some of which you have indicated that it was, and also if you could say something about whether staff or inmates who are involved in rape were also involved in violence, staff violence against inmates or inmate on inmate violence that did not include sexual abuse.

MS. SHIRLEY: The officer that raped me at the criminal trial, there was two other girls that came forward that he had actually raped, one in the boiler room that she didn't have enough

evidence to bring him to trial. They testified at my trial against him. There were several BP9s, which are complaint forms filed against Officer Miller, the one that raped me.

What I think is security cameras is the answer. I mean where is the security cameras in these prisons? How much could it cost to put security -- cameras don't lie. If had been there a camera in there when this happened to me in the officer's station, in the supply room, in any dark spaces -- like Keith was over there just talking about, there's no security, even a panic button, panic buttons that the inmate could go to to get the lieutenant, you know, to come to them to let them know that something is wrong, somewhere in the camper, in the prison, federal prison, the security of that screening of the guards. That's another big thing.

I know they go through a course that they tell them about the sexual abuse, how to act if an inmate comes on to them, but they need to be screened more, stopping -- how would I say it -- stopping them trying to be in control of us.

One other good way of doing that would be -- I know you can't just put women on women, women guarding women, would be an excellent idea. They do it in Canada. But if you couldn't do it always like that, at least at nighttime and there should always be two officers at a time, always, never just one.

If you go to a gynecologist, someone has to come into the room with you, with the gynecologist to see. I mean why can't it be the same thing in the prisons?