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CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT CALLS FOR AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE HIGH NUMBER OF RAPE CASES THAT ULTIMATELY END UP THROWN OUT
Council's Public Safety Committee will work jointly with the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice to find out why Baltimore leads the nation in the percentage of rape cases that eventually end up categorized as false.

BALTIMORE, MD – “The story in today’s Baltimore Sun that details the City’s troublingly-high percentage of reported rape cases that eventually become classified as false is extremely worrisome. Similarly, I find just as troubling the fact that the Police Department’s numbers on reported rapes has fallen at a rate that is questionably higher than the national average.

That is why I have tasked Councilman Jim Kraft, head of the Council’s Public Safety Committee, with working with the Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice to examine police investigative practices. That the Police Department is currently undergoing an audit of unfounded rape complaints and an internal review of training and investigative practices is a first step. We must, however, make certain that victims of sexual assault never be made to feel their claims will not be taken with the utmost seriousness.”

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