Rule 412. Admissibility of Victim's Sexual Behavior or Predisposition

- (a) **Prohibited Uses.** The following evidence is not admissible in a criminal proceeding involving alleged sexual misconduct:
 - (1) evidence offered to prove that a victim engaged in other sexual behavior; or
 - (2) evidence offered to prove a victim's sexual predisposition.
- **(b) Exceptions.** The court may admit the following evidence if the evidence is otherwise admissible under these rules:
 - (1) evidence of specific instances of a victim's sexual behavior, if offered to prove that someone other than the defendant was the source of semen, injury, or other physical evidence;
 - (2) evidence of specific instances of a victim's sexual behavior with respect to the person accused of the sexual misconduct, if offered by the defendant to prove consent or if offered by the prosecutor; or
 - (3) evidence whose exclusion would violate the defendant's constitutional rights.
- (c) Procedure to Determine Admissibility.
 - (1) Motion. If a party intends to offer evidence under Rule 412(b), the party must:
 - (A) file a motion that specifically describes the evidence and states the purpose for which it is to be offered;
 - **(B)** do so at least 14 days before trial unless the court, for good cause, sets a different time; and
 - (C) serve the motion on all parties.
 - (2) Notice to the Victim. The prosecutor shall timely notify the victim or, when appropriate, the victim's guardian or representative.
 - (3) Hearing. Before admitting evidence under this rule, the court must conduct an in camera hearing and give the victim and parties a right to attend and be heard. Unless the court orders otherwise, the motion, related materials, and the record of the hearing must be and remain sealed are classified as protected.
- (d) Definition of "Victim." In this rule, "victim" includes an alleged victim.
- Advisory Committee Note. The 2016 amendment changes the classification of records described in subparagraph (c) (3) from sealed to protected. See CJA Rule 4-202.02.
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