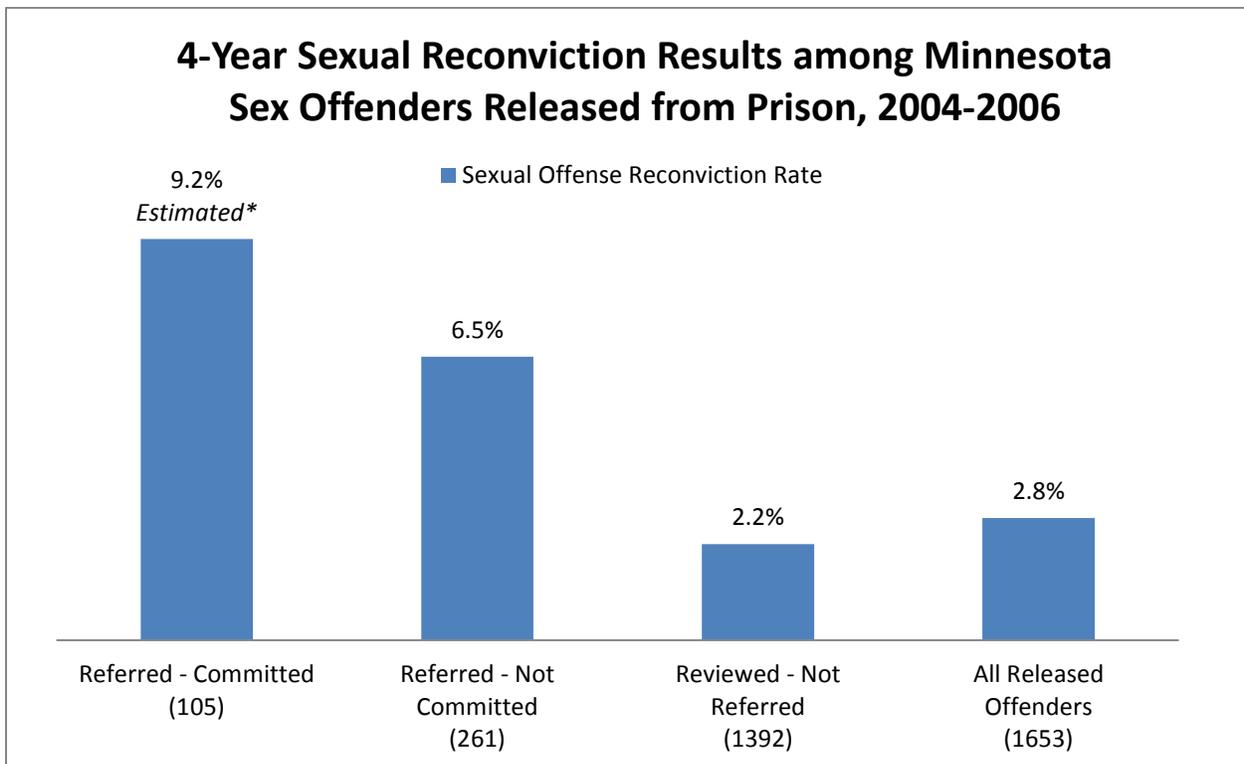


## SPP/SDP Civil Commitment Screening and Associated Sexual Reoffense Rates

The Minnesota Department of Corrections (DOC) conducts a screening process in accord with Minn. Stat. 244.05 Subd. 7. The process identifies those offenders who may be appropriate for petition under 253B.185. Those cases are forwarded to county attorney where the offender was convicted.

The screening process includes a three step process:

1. A preliminary screen of all offenders identifies those that require a committee review.
2. A three person committee conducts a file review of those cases identified in the preliminary screen. The cases that appear to possibly meet civil commitment criteria are scheduled for a psychologist interview and report. This psychologist report is a case review and summary of the interview but is not a psychological assessment or recommendation.
3. The committee and independent legal counsel review those cases with psychologist reports and make a recommendation to the commissioner. If either the committee or legal counsel recommends referral, the case is referred to the county attorney. The DOC does not make a recommendation in the referral.



\*The four-year sex offense reconviction rates for sex offenders released from Minnesota prisons between 2004 and 2006 (N = 1,653) are based on actual recidivism data. The four-year sex offense reconviction rate for the 105 civilly committed sex offenders who exited prison between 2004 and 2006 is based on an estimate. To develop this estimate, the 105 civilly committed sex offenders were scored

on the Minnesota Sex Offender Screening Tool-3 (MnSOST-3) retroactive to their release date from prison during the 2004-2006 period.

The predicted four-year sexual recidivism rate for the 105 civilly committed sex offenders is a valid estimate for several reasons.

1. The MnSOST-3 is a validated risk assessment instrument that has been proven to have a relatively high degree of accuracy in predicting sexual recidivism for Minnesota sex offenders.
2. MnSOST-3 scores, which represent a sex offender's probability of a sex offense reconviction within four years of release from prison, have been shown to be closely calibrated with observed sexual recidivism rates for Minnesota sex offenders.
3. The MnSOST-3 was developed on a sample of Minnesota sex offenders released from prison during the same period of time (2004-2006) as the 105 civilly committed sex offenders.

Even though the 105 civilly committed were selectively incapacitated, the rate of 9.2 percent provides a valid estimate of the extent to which these sex offenders would have been reconvicted of a new sex offense within four years had they been released to the community.