

The Predator With A Badge

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The trial of Oklahoma City police officer, now former police officer Daniel Holtzclaw attracted a great deal of attention for all the wrong reasons, but primarily because all his alleged victims were black women, one of them a girl of just seventeen, and also because the jury selected to decide his guilt or innocence was all-white. The usual suspects were certain to make a big issue of especially this latter; one even complained that the case was receiving too little publicity. Goldie Taylor of *The Daily Beast* whined that he should have been a household name, and in her post-conviction report alluded to him as a white cop who raped black women.



Daniel Holtzclaw, Oklahoma City Police Officer, Accused Of Sexually Assaulting At Least 13 Women While On Duty

Actually, Holtzclaw isn't exactly white, and as she points out herself, he targeted these women because they were vulnerable, not because they were black. Eventually however both his arrogance and his perverted desires got the better of him, he attacked a **57 year old motorist**, a woman who was not a sista from da hood, a crack whore or a recidivist, and when she reported him, his fate was sealed.

If this case did not receive enormous publicity prior to his conviction, that is all the better, because there were protests against especially the composition of the jury, both outside the court and on-line. According to at least one report, chanting could actually be heard inside the courtroom. What these airheads don't seem to realise is that such behaviour can be used on appeal, somebody charged with crimes of this nature deserves a scrupulously fair trial. Even a police officer! The jury was out for 45 hours over a full four days, returning at 8pm; they convicted him on 18 of the 36 counts. This indicates they deliberated extremely carefully, white or not.

Before the verdicts were delivered, **the judge warned** that no outbursts would be tolerated from the public. Holtzclaw was convicted of the first count on the indictment, and was looking close to tears before that. Like another predator with a badge (in **this video** at 23 minutes) he soon began crying properly. Although January 21 next year has been set for his formal sentencing, in non-capital cases an Oklahoma jury decides the verdict as well as the sentence, so he already knows his fate. The longest sentence handed down was 30 years.

This case will undoubtedly remain in the news for some considerable time, but let us look at it from a slightly different angle from most commentators. Holtzclaw was accused by no fewer than 13 women of offences from lewd conduct to rape. The natural reaction when hearing this is that he must be guilty of if not all then of most of the crimes of which he stands accused. After all, what other explanation can there be, it was all a conspiracy? Ho, ho, ho.

In the UK, there have been a large number of cases, including of former teachers and care home workers, and of late celebrities, in which this type of rhetoric has been used time and time again to secure unwarranted convictions. In the United States, the Cosby circus is still ongoing; the veteran comedian has now been accused publicly by no fewer than 58 women, of everything from groping to serial aggravated rape. If there were only thirteen accusers of Daniel Holtzclaw, and four times as many of Cosby, surely Cosby is four times as guilty? That may be valid mathematics, but it is poor law, so let us compare the cases and see where the public is being wilfully misled on the latter.



Shaneice Barksdale

The first thing to note is that at least one woman has falsely accused Holtzclaw. Shaneice Barksdale **filed a report** in August of last year but has since admitted she lied. Police officers are often the subject of false allegations, including of sexual assault (see **this video** again, at 6 minutes). Whenever there is a bandwagon rolling, somebody is sure to jump on it. In criminal cases, especially of this nature, it may be the false accuser is seeking publicity, compensation, she may be politically motivated, or simply a head case like the plethora of **false campus sexual assault accusers**.

Returning to Cosby, we are told that his accusers didn't know each other, that they had no motive to lie, that their stories are strikingly similar, that they have all shown great courage to come forward accusing this powerful man years or decades later, that some of them were vulnerable, and most of all that their testimonies corroborate each other, something that is known in the UK as corroboration by volume.

The reality is very different. Many of Cosby's accusers did know each other; some of them do have clear motives to lie – revenge, publicity, some are simply mad – yet the public is never told this. For example, has even one mainstream media outlet reported that Joan Tarshis claims to have **communicated telepathically** with aliens?

What happened in the Cosby case was that one woman accused him – one – a year after the alleged sexual assault, nothing came of the legal case, and when news about her civil suit was leaked to the media, others came forward with old, indeed ancient allegations. A decade later, after a comedian alluded to Cosby raping women in his routine, the same allegations were awakened with a vengeance, and then all Hell broke loose, each one feeding off the others.

With Holtzclaw, the 57 year old motorist he violated – a woman who had no criminal convictions or other issues – came forward at once. Even taking her good character into account, her story is bizarre; ask yourself if she had accused a friend or relative of yours so, would you have believed it? Fortunately, the officers on the case conducted a thorough investigation, found a similar allegation against an unnamed officer, then dug deeper, but unlike the imbeciles who investigated allegations **against Paul Gambaccini** and others, or **the odious Gloria Allred**, they didn't put up a notice asking people to come forward to make allegations against their suspect, they went looking for probable victims, and found another eleven who were deemed credible.

This is corroboration by volume, but note how strikingly different it is from the Cosby case. In cases of this nature, the defense often comes under fire for attacking the character of the victims, but oftentimes when there is no physical evidence or other corroboration, what else can it do? In this case, one of the alleged victims actually turned up to testify while she was **high on drugs!** If you were sitting on the jury, what would you have made of that? Leaving aside any rhetoric about perfect victims, a witness of good character should always be given more credit than one of poor