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The objectives of the study are to find the problems and obstacles in detection practice of the police detectives in sexual assault cases in the 7<sup>th</sup> provincial police region and to find the factors affected such problems and obstacles. The subjects are 279 police detectives in the provincial police stations in the 7<sup>th</sup> police region and the data were collected through questionnaires. The results of the study are as follow:

1. The intra-unit problems and obstacles are the numbers of sexual assault cases were overloaded, the processes of detections paused as the results of lack of budget, insufficiency and deprivation of office facilities , vehicles and fueling.

2. The inter-unit problems and obstacles are the risk of law and order violation for the tasks' sake, the undesired effects of the presentations of information by mass media on the security of witnesses, and the detailed information of cases presented by mass media that affected the awareness of the offenders and resulted in escape.

3. The problems and obstacles in the process of detection are the lack of case-details from the victims, the frightened affects of the victims in informing the details of the offenders following the assaults, the information from the witnesses, the protection of witnesses in cases, the lack of training in the detection courses of the detectives, and the support of expense in case procedures from the accusing victims.