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| SEXUAL OFFENSE STATUTES | STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS | DNA EXCEPTION |
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| <p>CONN. GEN. STAT. § 53a-70 Sexual assault, first degree Class A felony if victim is under sixteen and perpetrator uses force or threatens force, or if victim is under 13 and perpetrator is more than two years older than victim Otherwise, class B felony</p> <p>CONN. GEN. STAT. § 53a-70a Aggravated sexual assault, first degree Class A felony if victim is under 16 Otherwise, class B felony</p> <p>CONN. GEN. STAT. § 53a-70b Sexual assault in the spousal or cohabiting relationship Class B felony</p> <p>CONN. GEN. STAT. § 53a-70c Aggravated sexual assault of a minor Class A felony</p> <p>CONN. GEN. STAT. § 53a-71 Sexual assault, second degree Class B felony if victim is under 16 Otherwise, class C felony</p> | <p>CONN. GEN. STAT. § 54-193 Limitation of prosecution for certain offenses (a) No limit for class A felonies (b) For any offense for which punishment is or may be imprisonment in excess of one year, within five years after commission of the offense (b) For any other offense, within one year after commission of the offense</p> <p>CONN. GEN. STAT. § 54-193A Limitation of prosecution for offenses involving sexual abuse of a minor For any offense involving the sexual assault, sexual abuse, or sexual exploitation of a minor, unless the offense is a class A felony, within 30 years after victim attains the age of majority, or within five years after victim notifies any police officer or state’s attorney of the commission of the offense, whichever is earlier; provided that if the prosecution is for sexual assault in the second degree and victim is thirteen or older but under sixteen and offender is more than three years older, the victim notified such police officer or state’s attorney not later than five years after the commission of the offense</p> | <p>CONN. GEN. STAT. § 54-193b Limitation of prosecution for sexual assault offenses when DNA evidence available For the following offenses, no time limit provided that victim notified any police officer or state’s attorney of the commission of the offense no later than five years after commission of the offense, and the identity of the person who allegedly committed the offense has been established through a DNA profile comparison using evidence collected at the time of the commission of the offense:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First degree sexual assault (§ 53a-70) • Aggravated first degree sexual assault (§ 53a-70a) • Sexual assault in the spousal or cohabiting relationship (§ 53a-70b) • Second degree sexual assault (§ 53a-71) • Third degree sexual assault (§ 53a-72a) • Third degree sexual assault with a firearm (§ 53a-72b) |

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| <p>CONN. GEN. STAT. § 53a-72a Sexual assault, third degree Class C felony if victim is under 16 Otherwise, class D felony</p> <p>CONN. GEN. STAT. § 53a-72b Sexual assault, third degree with a firearm Class B felony if victim is under 16 Otherwise, class C felony</p> <p>CONN. GEN. STAT. § 53a-73a Sexual assault, fourth degree Class D felony if victim is under 16 Otherwise, class A misdemeanor</p> <p>CONN. GEN. STAT. § 53a-191 Incest Class D felony</p> | <p>State v. George J., 910 A.2d 931, 941-942 (Conn. 2006) Statute of limitations begins to run upon notification by a minor victim to police or state's attorney and not upon notification by such minor victim's parents or legal guardians. Extended statute of limitations under § 54-193A is not limited only to offenses for which sexual abuse, sexual exploitation or sexual assault of a minor is an element of the crime.</p> <p>State v. Ali, 660 A.2d 337, 342-344 (Conn. 1995) Issuance of an arrest warrant qualifies as prosecution and tolls statute of limitations only if executed without unreasonable delay and in determining whether there was unreasonable delay the fact finder may consider whether the accused eluded authorities or made himself difficult to apprehend.</p> <p>State v. Saraceno, 545 A.2d 1116, 1124 (Conn. App. Ct. 1988) An original information can toll the statute of limitations for a separate and distinct offense alleged for the first time in the superseding information.</p> | |
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