RELATIONWATCH RESEARCH BRIEF #10

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# How Extramarital Affairs Were Discovered: Evidence Patterns Across RelationWatch Cases

Discovery mechanisms documented across the supported RelationWatch affair-during-marriage population.

Fixed cohort: 374 supported cases | Mechanisms may overlap | Suspicion-only records excluded

**374**

**Supported affair cases**

Affair during an ongoing marriage

**293**

**Confirmed affairs**

Text-supported confirmation or discovery

**81**

**Strongly reported/alleged**

Supported above suspicion-only

**283**

**Discovery documented**

75.7% of the fixed cohort

## Executive Summary

This Brief searched 2154 verified public RelationWatch cases and analyzes the fixed 374-case population in which the record supports an extramarital affair during an ongoing marriage. The cohort contains **293 confirmed** and **81 strongly reported/alleged** affairs. A discovery mechanism was documented in 283 cases; 91 supported-affair records did not provide enough information to classify how discovery occurred. The most frequently documented mechanism was **Discovery reported; mechanism unspecified**, appearing in 136 cases (36.4% of the complete cohort).

## Research Question

### How were supported extramarital affairs in ongoing marriages eventually discovered in RelationWatch cases?

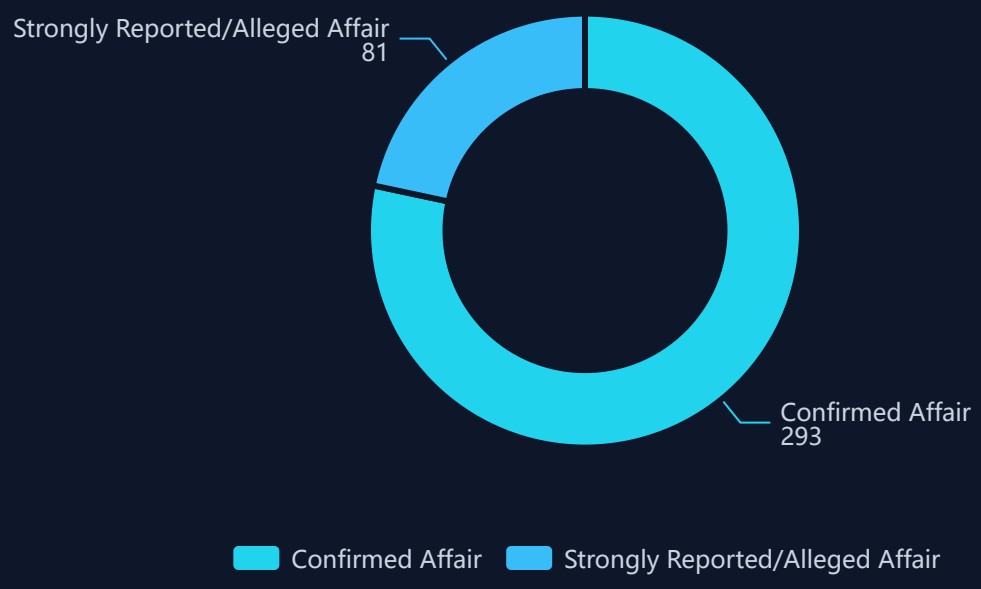
Discovery is analyzed separately from earlier warning signs. A phone message found during discovery, for example, is a discovery mechanism; it is not automatically treated as a pre-discovery red flag.

## Dataset and screening

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| TOTAL VERIFIED PUBLIC CASES SEARCHED | 2154 |
| INITIAL STRUCTURED/FULL-TEXT MATCHES | 1667 |
| ONGOING-MARRIAGE CANDIDATES | 547 |
| CONFIRMED AFFAIR | 293 |
| STRONGLY REPORTED/ALLEGED AFFAIR | 81 |
| SUSPICION ONLY — EXCLUDED | 152 |
| UNSUPPORTED/UNCLEAR — EXCLUDED | 21 |
| FIXED SUPPORTED-AFFAIR COHORT | 374 |
| COUNTRIES REPRESENTED | 25 |
| DISTINCT SOURCE URLS | 372 |
| INCIDENT-DATE COVERAGE | 1954-07-29 – 2026-08-20 |

## Affair-evidence classification

Both supported classifications are included; suspicion-only records are not.




## Key Findings

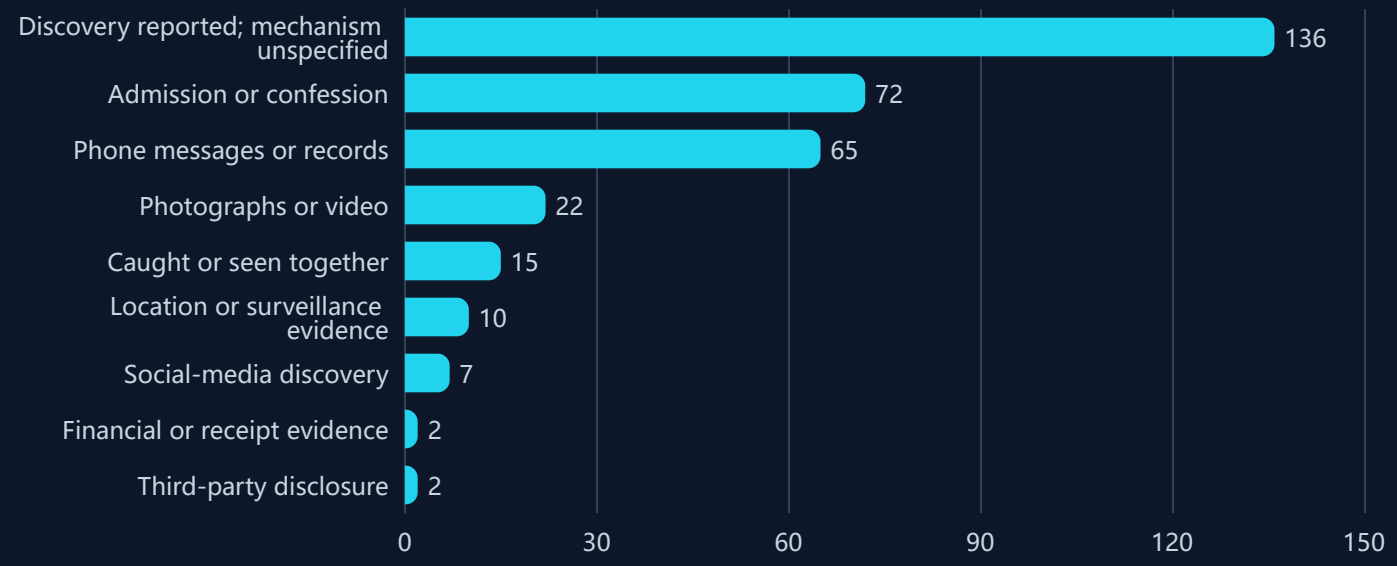
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**Phone messages or records** documented in 65 of 374 supported affair cases (17.4%).

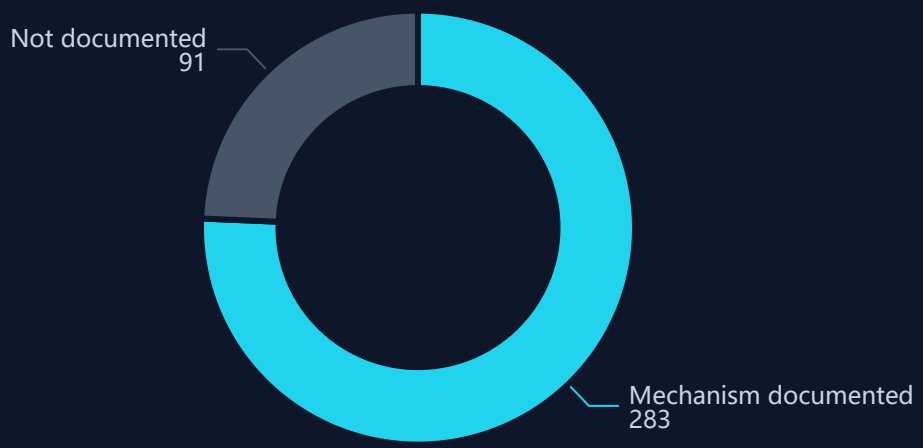
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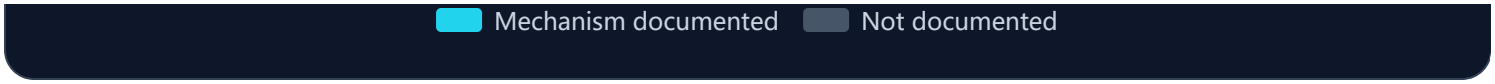
Cases can contain more than one mechanism, so percentages do not sum to 100%.




## Discovery-documentation coverage

This distinguishes “not documented” from a conclusion that no discovery occurred.



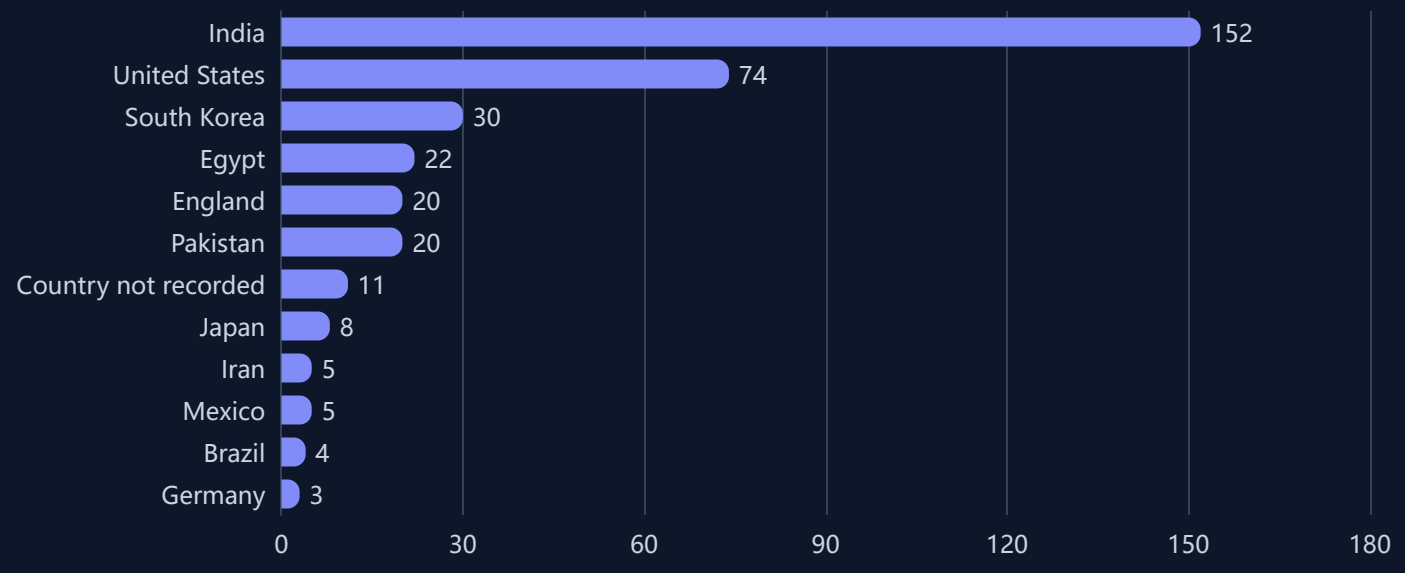



## Ranked Discovery Mechanisms

| RANK | DOCUMENTED MECHANISM | CASES | % OF ALL 374 CASES |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Discovery reported; mechanism unspecified | 136 | 36.4% |
| 2 | Admission or confession | 72 | 19.3% |
| 3 | Phone messages or records | 65 | 17.4% |
| 4 | Photographs or video | 22 | 5.9% |
| 5 | Caught or seen together | 15 | 4.0% |
| 6 | Location or surveillance evidence | 10 | 2.7% |
| 7 | Social-media discovery | 7 | 1.9% |
| 8 | Financial or receipt evidence | 2 | 0.5% |
| 9 | Third-party disclosure | 2 | 0.5% |

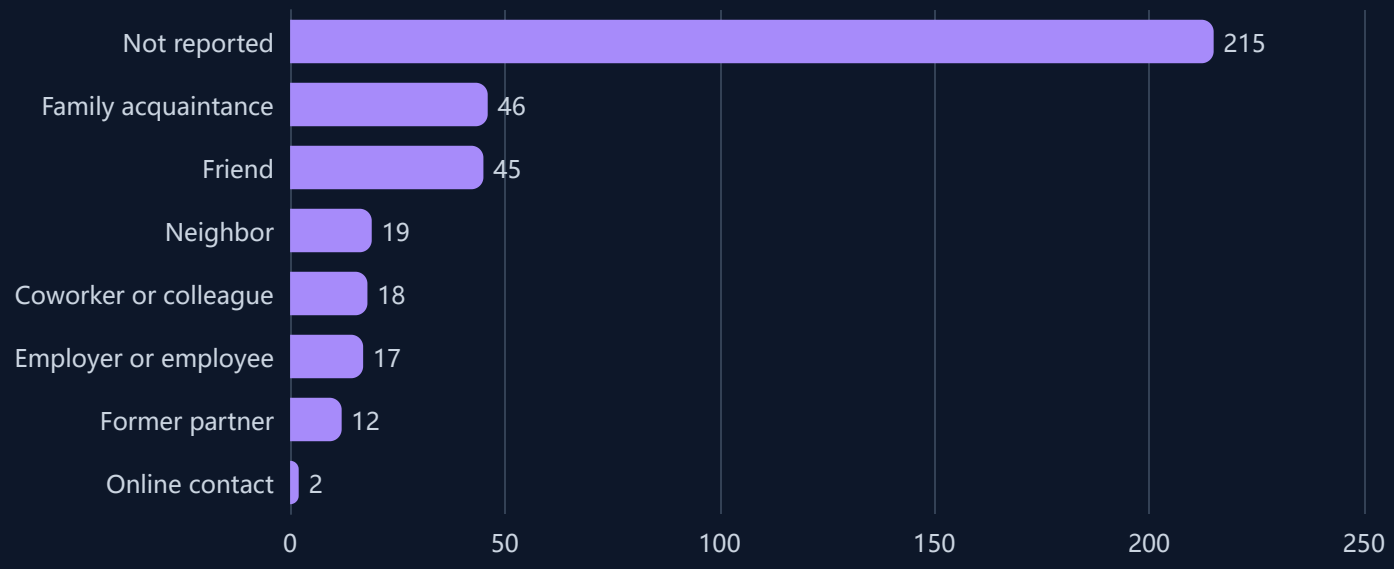
## Countries represented

Cohort composition is descriptive and is not a comparison of national prevalence.



## Reported third-party relationship

Role is shown only where the structured record or affair-context text supports it.



## Representative RelationWatch Cases

Examples are selected to cover different documented discovery mechanisms. The private audit retains the Case ID, evidence classification, discovery passages, country, third-party role, and source references.

### Mano Sharma Case Involving Nikita, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India

Case 472 · India · 2025 · Confirmed Affair

**Discovery mechanisms:** Admission or confession, Phone messages or records, Social-media discovery, Financial or receipt evidence

- Mano Sharma Case Involving Nikita, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India — Crime Tak - India

### Husband Murdered by Wife and Lover, Seo-gu, Gwangju, South Korea

Case 1653 · South Korea · 2020 · Confirmed Affair

**Discovery mechanisms:** Phone messages or records, Caught or seen together, Photographs or video, Admission or confession

- 아내가 차려준 저녁이 남편의 마지막 식사가 된 이유 I 광주 수육 살인사건 [양소영의 삐사랑] — 사건의뢰

### Diane Whitfield Allegedly Murdered by Marcus Doyle, Ohio, United States

Case 715 · United States · 2026 · Confirmed Affair

**Discovery mechanisms:** Phone messages or records, Photographs or video, Location or surveillance evidence

- He Collapsed Beside Her. Her Own Brother Was Her Secret Lover | CCTV — Last Seen Alive USA

### Jeong-si Injured in Alleged Murder Attempt by Jeon Si, Mr. Ha, and others, Gwangju, South Korea

Case 1588 · South Korea · 2001 · Confirmed Affair

**Discovery mechanisms:** Phone messages or records, Third-party disclosure

- [국내 살인사건 분석 22화] - 광주 금은방 주인 청부 살인사건 — 김복준의 사건속으로

### The Murder of Saima Khan by Sabah Khan (sister) - England

Case 36 · England · 2016 · Confirmed Affair

**Discovery mechanisms:** Discovery reported; mechanism unspecified

- Saima Khan: Killed By Her Sister Over A Secret Affair | Episode 2 | What The Killer Did Next

### Jon Satoshi Tokuhara Allegedly Murdered by Eric Thompson, Waipahu, Hawaii, United States

Case 785 · United States · 2022 · Confirmed Affair

**Discovery mechanisms:** Photographs or video, Location or surveillance evidence, Social-media discovery

- Affair with the Wrong Man's Wife Results in 48-Second Mystery Murder | Jon Tokuhara Case Analysis — Dr. Grande

### Candy Howard, Brook Howard, and others Allegedly Murdered by Dan Howard and Christopher McCullor, Kemia, Idaho, United States

Case 1936 · United States · 2021 · Confirmed Affair

**Discovery mechanisms:** Caught or seen together, Phone messages or records, Admission or confession

- Das perfekte Verbrechen? | Der Fall Kendy Howard — bekki K. - Germany

### Double Homicide of Nadia and Nabiullah

Case 17 · Pakistan · 2026 · Confirmed Affair

**Discovery mechanisms:** Phone messages or records, Photographs or video

- Double Homicide of Nadia and Nabiullah — Tehmina Sheikh Official - Pak

### The Murder of Allison Baden-Clay by her husband, Gerard Baden-Clay in Brisbane, Australia

Case 65 · Australia · 2012 · Confirmed Affair

**Discovery mechanisms:** Admission or confession, Photographs or video

- The Murder of Allison Baden-Clay by her husband, Gerard Baden-Clay in Brisbane, Australia — Kendall Rae - USA

### Manish Gupta Murder case by his wife, Niharika Kashyap Spousal Homicide in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh India

Case 67 · India · 2024 · Confirmed Affair

**Discovery mechanisms:** Phone messages or records, Admission or confession

- Manish Gupta Murder case by his wife, Niharika Kashyap Spousal Homicide in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh India — youtube.com

## Search and Reproducibility

The fixed population was generated through broad full-text screening across case narratives, AI summaries, complete article text, source transcripts, case sources, people notes, ordered events, and approved behavioral records, supplemented by existing structured relationship fields. It does not rely only on the affair drop-down or on the exact phrase “extramarital affair.” The search covered:

- Case summary
- Pattern analysis
- Investigative notes
- Investigation confusion
- Case reconstruction
- Chronological case narration
- Relationship pattern
- Risk assessment
- Key takeaways
- Early-signal analysis
- Clue analysis
- Evidence analysis
- Witness statements
- Follow-up analysis
- Unresolved questions
- Third-party context
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- Intake case title
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- Intake unresolved questions
- Intake contributing factors
- Intake red flags
- Intake motives
- Intake outcomes
- Intake third-party context
- Full article text
- Source transcript
- Relationship status
- Motives
- Contributing factors
- Red flags
- Relationship outcomes
- People and person notes
- Case-source titles and notes
- Ordered case-simulation events
- Approved behavioral profiles and pathways

Each discovery mechanism must appear in a bounded evidence passage containing both discovery language and supported affair context. Multiple mechanisms may be assigned to one case. The snapshot fixes the membership for this edition, while the private audit preserves reviewable evidence for regeneration.

## Limitations

- RelationWatch contains reported relationship-connected crime cases and is not representative of marriages or affairs generally.
- The percentages describe documentation within this fixed dataset; they are not estimates of how affairs are discovered in the general population.
- Mechanisms may be absent because source material omitted them, not because discovery did not occur.
- One case can contain several mechanisms, and source reporting, translation, and case selection create substantial bias.
- Strongly reported/alleged cases are presented separately from confirmed cases; suspicion-only records are excluded.

Discovery evidence should not be interpreted as advice to monitor, surveil, or access another person’s private accounts or devices.

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