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Voluntarily intoxicated victims present special challenges for prosecutors and investigators. Rather than focusing on the predator’s use of intoxication as a tool, many investigators and prosecutors focus on explaining away the victim’s choices and behaviors. Consequently, these cases are often not charged or are lost at trial. Many predators know of these challenges and prey upon voluntarily intoxicated victims. This lecture will offer strategies for winning alcohol facilitated sexual assault cases. The presenters will explain the toxicology of intoxication, how to use it in a case, and provide techniques for investigation and prosecution.

10:15-10:30    | Break                        | Marquis South Ballroom    |
10:30-12:00    | Plenary II – The Hidden Scares of Domestic Violence | Grand A-E               |
|               | Presented by Mildred Muhammad, Executive Director, After the Trauma, Inc. |                      |

Mildred Muhammad is a domestic violence survivor with a story to tell the world. Many know her first and foremost by her former husband, John Allen Muhammad – the convicted DC sniper who terrorized the Washington DC region in late 2002. However, many are not aware that the reasons for the horrific attacks on innocent women, children and men in the DC Metro area, originated from John Allen Muhammad’s stalking and the control tactics he used on Mildred, his former wife, whom he sought to find and kill before, during and after the divorce.

Keeping her promise to help other survivors after her personal trauma, Mildred speaks to domestic violence organizations and survivors. She strives to enlighten more people to this cause as a means to get the information out to the public on ways to help survivors after their domestic violence experiences.
Monday, May 18th

12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:00-2:30 Six Concurrent Breakout Sessions

**Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse**

Salon A & B

Presented by Detective Cherie M. Hill, Anaheim Police Department

This talk will focus on elder abuse investigations from a law enforcement perspective. It will cover the main types of elder abuse, including physical abuse, neglect, sexual abuse and financial abuse. Case examples will be given. Social workers, health care workers, and law enforcement will gain knowledge regarding the elements and evidence necessary to conduct elder abuse investigations.

**Sex Offenders: A Law Enforcement Perspective – Taking the Blinders Off**

Salon E

Presented by Russell Strand, Chief, Family Advocacy LE Training Division, US Army MP School

Sex offenders are masters of deceit. They routinely ply their trade in secret. Sex offenders are also extremely cunning and extremely effective in their criminal activity. They have a great capacity to fool not only their victims, but mental health and criminal justice professionals as well. This instruction will explore how they deceive, why they do what they do, and how we can peer through the fog and identify them and their horrific acts. Participants will be presented with up-to-date research, case studies, and strategies on understanding sex offenders from a criminal justice viewpoint. This session will take what we've been taught about typical offender typologies and compare what we think we know with empirical research and the current state of knowledge. This contrast and comparison will facilitate a better understanding for all professionals who work with adult and child victims of sex offenders and sex offenders themselves.

**Assisting Victims of Intimate Partner Stalking**

Salon C & D

Presented by Michelle Garcia, Director, Stalking Resource Center, National Center for Victims of Crime

This interactive workshop will examine the impact of stalking on victims and explore the related issues of safety, advocacy, documentation and support. Participants will discuss topics including threat assessment, safety planning, and evidence collection, and brainstorm ways in which we can enhance our responses to victims.

**Containment in Domestic Violence Cases: A New Perspective in Risk Reduction**

Orange County 3

Presented by Jana Loveall, Coordinator of Advocacy Services, AMEND, Inc.; Nancy Lantz, Coordinator, AMEND, Inc.; and Shane Severance, Probation Officer, 18th Judicial District Probation Department

AMEND has been a leader in the Domestic Violence treatment community and the community in general for the last 30 years. Our mission has been to break the cycle of violence in the family so victims and children can live safely in their own homes. AMEND was one of four programs in the country studied where a majority of the men who participated have remained violence-free after a five year follow-up (Gondolf, 2005). Historically, AMEND’s work has been research backed and has been in the forefront of emerging trends. Some recent research suggests that effectiveness of batterer treatment, risk assessment and recidivism rates in domestic violence need to be addressed to ensure victims and children are safer.

This presentation will focus on how the process is working, how the collaboration works, who the collaborators are, case studies, research in regard to why this process was chosen, and successes and failures to date with the process. The participant will gain an awareness of our intervention process, how this collaboration can be a positive part of the containment process and how victims can benefit from this collaboration. The presenter will give an overview of the past and present processes, and provide tools to enable participants to start their own program.
Beyond Batterers: Positive Roles Men Can Play in Working to End Violence Against Women

Presented by Alan Berkowitz, PhD, Scholar/Researcher and Todd Minerson, Executive Director, White Ribbon Campaign (Toronto)

Presenters Alan Berkowitz and Todd Minerson will draw upon their experience to look at the positive roles that men can play in working to end violence against women. Moving beyond the perception that all men are actual or potential perpetrators, this workshop will examine the paradigm shift in our understanding that there are many positive roles men can play.

Some of these roles include:
- men as engaged bystanders
- men as mentors and role models
- men challenging peers
- men as allies and advocates for broader systemic change
- the personal changes men can make in their own lives.

Finally, the workshop will explore some of the challenges, approaches, and modalities of working with men to end violence against women and offer a brief look at the evidence base, promising practices, and lessons learned.

Exploration of the Criminal Justice Response to Prostitution and the Link between Prostitution and Violence Against Women

Presented by Jennifer Long, JD, Director, NCPVAW, APRI, National District Attorney’s Association

Prostitution is often described as a victimless crime. What this characterization fails to recognize is that prostitutes suffer abuse and sexual violence at the hands of their pimps, “customers,” and other criminals. Often, this abuse escapes notice and punishment, either because it is viewed as an “occupational hazard,” the prostitute is viewed only as a prostitute and not as a potential crime victim, the prostitute is rebuked because of her work as a prostitute, or the prostitute is afraid to report her abuse to authorities because she fears that she will be charged with a crime herself or that she will be harmed or killed because of her “value” to her pimp. In addition, it is common for prostitutes to have children—fathered by their pimps or customers—who then may be victims of abuse, neglect, or exploitation themselves. These children are used as bargaining tools and are also used as tools to will the prostitute into further submission. Some prostitutes are recruited into the profession as minors, who have come from troubled homes or who ran away from home. Others may choose to engage in this profession after evaluating it as the best economic employment option.

The purpose of this presentation, therefore, is to explore the existence of physical and sexual violence of victims who are used in prostitution and to develop strategies/protocols for screening, investigation, and prosecution that identify and respond to this violence. This presentation aims to develop a criminal justice response that addresses the economic, social, and emotional issues that drive individuals to choose prostitution.

2:30-2:45 Break

Marquis South Ballroom
2:45-4:15 Six Concurrent Breakout Sessions

The Virtual Practicum: Training Tools for Sexual Assault Responders, Part I
Salon A & B

Presented by Kim Day, RN, CFN, FNE, SANE-A, SAFE Tech Assistance Coordinator, IAFN; Karen Carroll, RN, SANE-A, NY-SAFE, Associate Director, Bronx SART; and Dr. Michael Weaver, Medical Director, Sexual Assault Center, St. Luke’s Hospital

Please note: This is a two-part course. To get the most benefit from this course, please plan to attend both sessions. The second session immediately follows this session from 4:30-6:00.

Sexual Assault: Forensic and Clinical Management is a computer based learning program for health care practitioners who may perform sexual assault medical forensic examinations. The program incorporates mentor/apprentice learning strategies, patient-based learning via rich-media virtual patients, lectures, computer-based activities, interviews with survivors and practitioners, and role-modeling by experts (clinical and courtroom), all in a graphically integrated learning environment. Using the practicum in a classroom or conference environment is one way to operationalize the content and adapt it to any members of the multidisciplinary team.

This presentation will present the SAFE Virtual Practicum™ as a teaching tool for multidisciplinary team members. After a brief overview of the program and its creation, there will be an opportunity for participants to experience a ‘guided view’ of the DVD, with suggestions on teaching uses for different members of multidisciplinary teams. The audience will be encouraged to offer thoughts on current training modalities. Facilitated discussion with the attendees will focus on incorporating the SAFE Practicum into these teaching arenas.

Where In the World Are The Men? An Update on Global Activities
Orange County 1

Engaging Men & Boys in the Effort to End Violence Against Women

Presented by Todd Minerson, Executive Director, White Ribbon Campaign (Toronto)

Todd Minerson will share a global perspective on the state of efforts engaging men and boys in working to end violence against women. Starting with a brief history of the White Ribbon Campaign, which began in Canada in 1991, and now has a presence in 57 different countries around the world, and concluding with a report from the first ever Global Symposium on Engaging Men and Boys in Gender Equality, to be held just a month earlier, in March 2009 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

These updates will chronicle the growing momentum towards recognizing the necessity of working with men and boys in violence prevention, education and awareness around violence against women if we are to achieve real transformative societal change. This workshop will also identify the subtle yet profound shift from having to debate this necessity, to how to implement this work most effectively.

The workshop will conclude with an examination of the many ways men and boys can get involved in their own communities, putting a twist on the idea of “thinking globally, and acting locally”

Using Technology to Stalk
Salon C & D

Presented by Michelle Garcia, Director, Stalking Resource Center, National Center for Victims of Crime

This workshop focuses on how stalkers have used technology such as phones, computers, video cameras, and global positioning systems to stalk. Preventative measures, safety planning, and legal remedies will be discussed.
Partnerships to Reduce Domestic Violence Homicides – A Proactive Approach
Presented by Detective Sgt. Mike Davis, Vancouver (WA) PD; Detective Carole Boswell, Vancouver (WA) PD; and Judy Bradley, Community Corrections Officer, WA State DOC

The purpose of this workshop is to demonstrate and discuss the benefits of uniting community partners to combat Domestic Violence, and reduce or prevent Domestic Violence Homicides. Detective Carole Boswell will discuss the techniques for overcoming obstacles in Domestic Violence investigations, common batterer and victim behaviors and how to understand and work with them efficiently to resolve cases for a positive outcome. Department of Corrections Officer Judy Bradley will discuss how probation and parole officers can play a key role in assisting law enforcement with cases, as well as hold batterers accountable and improving victim safety. Sgt. Mike Davis will conclude with a discussion about how working with a variety of community partners has prevented Domestic Violence Homicides in Vancouver, WA. Vancouver, Washington is the fourth largest city in Washington with a population of over 162,000 people and is located directly north of Portland, Oregon.

Investigating Allegations of Sexual Abuse within a Psychiatric Institution: The Importance of Open Collaboration between Risk Management and Local Law Enforcement
Presented by Detective Sgt. Daniel Barrett, Buffalo (NY) PD and August William Hasbrouck, RN, Associate Quality Manager, Buffalo Psychiatric Center

Collaboration between risk management and local law enforcement is essential to the effective investigation of criminal sexual allegations from within a psychiatric facility. The partnership between the Buffalo, NY Psychiatric Center and Buffalo, NY Police Department Sex Offense Unit and case histories will be used to illustrate how effective and capable such an investigation can be.

For the past several years the Buffalo Psychiatric Center has partnered with the Buffalo Police Department Sex Offense Unit to investigate all alleged sexual crimes. Many patients, especially those with a borderline or anti-social personality, are involved in such allegations, which are not part of the protocol of the Psychiatric Center. In an effort to realize a high degree of consistency, the two agencies have developed a relationship involving one specific detective to deal with the facility’s Office of Risk Management. This relationship has proved to be extremely beneficial by means of a developed rapport not only between the Psychiatric Center and police department, but also between the detective and patients. Many times these allegations can quickly be dealt with by the familiarity between the patient and detective from previous dealings. This unique and close relationship will be discussed in detail illustrating how investigations can be enhanced by arriving at dispositions much sooner, more comfortably, and mutually beneficial to all parties involved. The developed investigative procedures, as well as individual case histories, will be discussed by the specific detective and risk management investigator. Examples will be discussed and drawn from cases of genuine criminal events that have led to prosecution and conviction, as well as those where the initial allegation proved to be false.

Working with Experts to Explain Victim Behavior in Sexual Assault Prosecutions
Presented by Jennifer Long, JD, Director, NCPVAW, APRI, National District Attorney’s Association and Roger Canaff, JD, Deputy Chief, Sex Offender Unit, Office of the Attorney General

When a victim alleges a sexual assault, the prevalence of myths causes the public to search for a reason to doubt the allegation rather than to search for the truth. This presentation compares the myths about victim behavior with the realities of the behavior, addresses the necessity of offering expert or other testimony to explain a victim’s behavior and offers recommended strategies for explaining victim behavior—either through the introduction of expert testimony or through the victim’s own testimony—at trial.
4:30-6:00  Special Evening Session

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5:00-8:00  Pamper & Play – A Night to Remember
Marquis South Ballroom

Join us for an evening of fun, frolic and festivities as we celebrate the 2009 EVAW International Conference. Try your hand in true casino style at Blackjack or roulette to win fantastic prizes. If the tables are not your game, while the evening away with a chair massage, or perhaps a manicure! Ready for a walk on the “wild side?” How about a Henna tattoo to commemorate your trip to sunny Anaheim? The evening will be filled with countless ways to relax and enjoy good food, daring drinks, fine friends, and terrific activities. To complement the casino area and personal pampering section, we’ll have an absolutely amazing silent auction and an opportunity drawing with prizes that can’t be beat!

Only ticketed guests will join the fun so be sure to purchase your ticket(s) online at https://www.evawintl.org/store.aspx. Very limited tickets may be available on site, but we expect to sell out so act fast to save your place at the table!

Tickets to this special event are only $25.00 each.

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Engaging Bystanders to Prevent Sexual Assault  Orange County 1
Presented by Alan Berkowitz, PhD, Scholar/Researcher

Sexual assault and other forms of violence will only end when all community members take responsibility for their prevention. This requires that passive bystanders who have the potential to intervene be provided with the skills and understanding that will help them be part of the solution. In this presentation, we will review theory and research on bystander behavior to help us understand why people don't intervene and what can be done to help them take responsibility for violence prevention. Stages of bystander behavior and reasons why people don't intervene are presented, along with intervention skills.

SANE Program Sustainability  Orange County 3
Presented by Jenifer Markowitz, ND, RN, WHNP-BC, SANE-A, Forensic Consultant

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner programs have become the standard of care for victims of sexual violence in many parts of the country. However, access to such specialty medical care is jeopardized by a number of programs folding or failing to launch in the first place. This presentation will examine the reasons why SANE programs fail, as well as strategies for maintaining a strong and successful program, including staff retention, long- and short-range planning, and economic collaboration.

Realities, Not Soundbytes: Sex Offender Profiles, Recidivism, and Public Policy Initiatives  Orange County 2
Presented by Roger Canaff, JD, Deputy Chief, Sex Offender Unit, Office of the Attorney General

The public perception is typically that: (1) all sex offenders are the same, (2) treatment doesn't work, and (3) recidivism is inevitable. Yet the reality is more complicated. In this workshop, we will review the research pertaining to each of these three issues and then explore the implications for common public policy initiatives. For example, there is no single “profile” of a sex offender; they differ in motivations, methods, and other important characteristics. Second, certain types of treatment can be effective in reducing recidivism among certain types of sex offenders. In addition, treatment of sex offenders is more likely to be successful when offenders can be effectively supervised or monitored, and when there are community support systems in place. Third, the pattern of recidivism varies for different types of sex offenders and depending on whether recidivism is defined as including only repeated sex offenses or other technical violations (e.g., probation violations). Based on this public perception, it is not surprising that the legal and policy response has been extremely punitive in recent years. Across the country, states have enacted increasing stringent policies regarding registration, public notification, electronic monitoring (e.g., GPS tracking), residency restrictions, mandatory minimum sentences, and civil commitment. Yet, there is little evidence to support the effectiveness of many such measures. In fact, some may actually decrease public safety. To illustrate, sex offenders who continually move or become homeless as a result of residency restrictions are more difficult to supervise and monitor, thereby increasing the risk of re-offense. On the other hand, community education is critical in the effective management of sex offenders, yet is often not a strong component of management policies. Clearly, comprehensive strategies are needed to effectively manage sex offenders and reduce the risk they pose to members of our communities.
Interviewing Sexual Assault Victims - A Police Science Perspective, Salon E
Part I

PLEASE NOTE: This is a two-part course. To get the most benefit from this course, please plan to attend both sessions.
The second session is from 9:30-10:45 and is entitled “How to Successfully Interview Victims of Sexual Assault.”

Sexual assault victims undergo experiences most will never understand. Even survivors of sexual assault may not be able to fully appreciate the experiences of each and every victim. Traditional victim interviewing techniques sometimes actually do more harm than good. Professionals may inadvertently close down victim disclosure and build barriers to further disclosure, which may also increase the risk of future false recantations. Criminal justice personnel, healthcare providers, victim advocates, and other helping professionals who struggle with understanding victims of sexual assault and their experiences will benefit from this session. This instruction has been designed to assist professionals in understanding how to conduct a better interview, ensuring justice, and providing much needed intervention to assist victims in dealing with the affects of these cruel violations. This presentation will address many of the disclosure obstacles facing victims and interviewers alike. Attendees will understand some of the basic, intermediate, and advanced issues and hidden factors surrounding the solicitation of information regarding the experiences of the victim. Providing victims with a sensitive and empathetic response is just the beginning. This session will offer practical methods in working with a victim of sexual assault going beyond “Just the facts, ma’am” to truly understanding the trauma experienced by a victim. Training will also explore useful methods to assist professionals in obtaining the information and experiences of the victim needed for the proper investigation and intervention of reports of sexual assault. Special issues affecting victimization will also be discussed.

ABA Standards of Practice for Lawyers Representing Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking in Civil Protection Order Cases, Salon A & B
Presented by Robin Runge, JD, Director, ABA Commission on Domestic Violence

The American Bar Association adopted Standards of Practice for Lawyers Representing Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking in Civil Protection Order Cases in August 2007. These standards have significant implications for all of those working to assist victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. This session will provide attendees with a description of the development and drafting of the Standards, their goals and focus. Moreover, the presenter will provide an overview of the Standards and a description of their significance. The presenter also will provide a description of the ways for participants to integrate and implement the Standards in their daily practice and advocacy on behalf of these crime victims and then lead them in an activity designed to identify specific methods for implementation and integration.

The Role of Advocates Working within the Criminal Justice System, Salon C & D
Presented by Detective Carl Hershman, Sex Crimes Unit, San Diego PD; Kay Buck, Executive Director, CAST; and Aurelia Sands-Belle, Executive Director, Durham Crisis Response Center

We often emphasize how important it is for professionals within a community to work cooperatively across disciplines, and a fundamental requirement for this type of collaboration is understanding each other’s roles. This workshop is designed to clarify the role of victim advocates particularly as it pertains to working with the criminal justice system. Training content will begin with a discussion of the general role of victim advocates and explore how this role differs between community-based and system-based advocates. Facilitators will then provide specific strategies that advocates can use to successfully work on behalf of sexual assault victims within the criminal justice system.
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How to Successfully Interview Victims of Sexual Assault, Part II  
Salon E
Presented by Sgt. Joanne Archambault (Ret. San Diego PD) and Russell Strand, Chief, Family Advocacy  
LE Training Division, US Army MP School

**PLEASE NOTE:** This is a two-part course. To get the most benefit from this course, please plan to attend both sessions. The first session is from 8:00 to 9:15 and is entitled

In a recent study of the factors that influence a prosecutor’s decision to charge in a sexual assault case, researchers validated what many experienced investigators already know – that charging decisions are primarily, if not exclusively, determined by the victim’s perceived character and her behavior at the time of the assault. We could conclude on this basis that law enforcement should just give up thoroughly investigating difficult cases and focus only on those cases where the victim has an untarnished moral character and impeccable behavior at the time of the assault. To the contrary, this study shows the importance of good police investigation and the crucial role that police have in corroborating the victim’s allegations by conducting and documenting thorough victim interviews.

Family Justice Centers...more than just convenience for domestic violence victims  
Orange County 1
Presented by Chief John Welter and Lt. Chris Sayers, Anaheim PD

In most communities throughout the country, victims of domestic violence, child abuse, elder abuse and sexual assault need to go to numerous agencies spread throughout their community to seek assistance. Since the first family justice center opened in San Diego nearly eight years ago, over 30 communities have embraced this innovative strategy to address the growing problems of domestic violence. In October 2006, the Anaheim Family Justice Center (AFJC) opened its doors to our community. The AFJC utilizes a collaborative multi-disciplinary approach to provide assistance to victims. Victims can seek assistance from police, prosecutors, financial assistance, legal services, victim advocacy, faith based support and other social services in a "one-stop" facility. This greatly increases the chances a victim will follow through and receive the assistance they need.

Many survivors of domestic violence continue to endure barriers and hardships in their quest to seek assistance and prosecution of the batterer. Recent United States Supreme Court decisions and laws passed at the state level have made those prosecutions even more challenging. How will the justice system provide the support these survivors need to change their lives and break this cycle of violence?

There are multitudes of people, organizations and service providers that have a strong desire to assist family violence survivors. Where can they go to combine their efforts and resources? Where can they safely meet with others to discuss these highly sensitive issues and develop strategies that best meet the needs in their communities? Where can they attend or provide training to increase awareness and the level of expertise among those involved in their efforts? The family justice center is where families come first and professionals and people come together to make a difference.

Sexual Assault and the Elderly Patient  
Orange County 3
Presented by Diana Faugno, RN, MSN, CPN, FAAFS, SANE-A, SANE-P, Forensic Consultant and Dr. Michael Weaver, Medical Director, Sexual Assault Center, St. Luke’s Hospital

Over the next 50 years, the population age 85+ is expected to grow faster than any other age group. The graying of America brings us to this vulnerable population. The subject of sexual assault (SA) in the elderly is rarely addressed in studies of elder maltreatment and there is little data on the sexual abuse of elders. One study reports that SA accounts for less than 1% of all elder mistreatment. The elderly are indeed a vulnerable population that is for the most part easily accessible. They are vulnerable because they are likely to live alone, lack the physical size and strength and have variable guardianship. They are at increased risk for sustaining serious injury from sexual assault because of increased genital tearing
and bruising that never fully heals due to their own health. This lecture will review the literature for the past two years as well as provide statistics from one program in San Diego and the MAD data on elder sexual assault. Challenges to identifying Elder Sexual Abuse will be discussed as well as several cases presented on elder sexual assault and court outcomes. This session will increase the participant’s knowledge about elder sexual assault.

Emerging Issues in Human Trafficking
Presented by Kay Buck, Executive Director, CAST, Los Angeles, CA

Human trafficking – a form of modern day slavery – is a rapidly growing problem throughout the world, particularly in California which is now known for being one of the top destination areas for victims to be trafficked. The US government estimates that human trafficking is the fastest growing criminal enterprise, equal to that of arms trafficking, and is now a nine billion dollar business in the world today. Nearly 18,000 women, men and children are trafficked into the US each year. Those who are trafficked make clothing, grow food for export, assemble toys for children, clean homes and act as caregivers to the family of their slaveholders. Some are forced into prostitution. All suffer unspeakable trauma at the hands of the traffickers. Many fall prey to traffickers by fleeing from family or gender-based violence, and the effects of globalization and poverty in their countries of origin. Given the recent public attention on trafficking and the growing number of cases handled by advocates, federal, and local law enforcement, there is a timely opportunity for the criminal justice system and advocacy organizations to build upon our respective experiences and become strategic allies to inform our common public safety goals. Working together, we will be better able to ensure safety and dignity for survivors of human trafficking and hold accountable the traffickers who are responsible for this heinous crime.

Justice and Science: Trials and Triumphs of DNA Evidence
Presented by George “Woody” Clarke, JD, Superior Court Judge, San Diego County

Databases of both convicted offenders and no-suspect cases demonstrate the power of DNA testing to solve the unsolvable. George “Woody” Clarke is a leading authority in legal circles and among the news media because of his expertise in DNA evidence. Clarke will talk about his experiences in some of the most disturbing and notorious sexual assault and murder cases in California. He will illustrate the power of science in cases he personally prosecuted or in which he assisted, including his work with the prosecution team in the trial of O.J. Simpson. Clarke will also cover cases where DNA evidence was used to exonerate.

The Language of Rape on Trial
Presented by John Clune, Esq., Victim Justice Initiative, Boulder, CO

“Um, tell me again why can’t I call the victim, the victim?” This session will address the growing national trend of sanitizing the language and testimony of rape cases in the courtroom. “Alleged Victim” … “Rape” … “Assault” … “Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner” … “Force” … are all words that have in recent times been forbidden from use by attorneys and victims/witnesses alike in trial. Using recent national cases, this session will break down the reasoning behind the courts’ decisions and examine the impact of those rulings on criminal prosecutions. Specifically, we will discuss the recent dismissal of a Lincoln, Nebraska, rape case based on such a language ruling by the trial court (Nebraska v. Pamir J. Safi, appeal petition pending in the US Supreme Court). Finally, the session will discuss the possible solutions for the criminal justice system, factoring in the potential impacts of these rulings on sexual assault victims along with the defendant’s right to due process.

10:45-11:00 Break

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Sexual Assault: Investigating and Responding to Difficult Cases, Orange County 1
Part I
Presented by Sgt. Joanne Archambault (Ret. San Diego PD) and Detective Carl Hershman, Sex Crimes Unit, San Diego PD

**PLEASE NOTE:** This is a three part course, participants **must** attend all three sessions.
The second session is from 1:15 to 2:30 and the third session is from 3:00 to 4:15.

This workshop provides the opportunity for small groups of multi-disciplinary professionals to analyze several difficult cases, with materials drawn from real investigative files of non-stranger sexual assault. Participation will be limited to 32 people, broken down into 4 groups of 8 workshop participants. To register for this 3-part workshop, conference participants must be willing to commit to:

1. participate in all three sessions and
2. read investigative case materials that will be provided in advance.

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Part I
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Justice Denied: When He Said - She Said Wins the Day
Presented by Teresa Scalzo, JD, Sexual Assault Litigation Specialist, Criminal Law Division, US Navy Judge Advocate General Corps

All too often, rape cases are characterized as “he said / she said.” Case decisions are made based on faulty assumptions about credibility and misunderstandings of the evidence as well as how corroboration can be used to simply establish who is telling the truth. When this happens, justice is denied to victims and offenders walk free. This lecture offers multidisciplinary strategies for bringing justice to victims and combating the “he said / she said” mentality. The presenter will offer techniques for working with communities, victims and other responders to ensure that justice is done.

Stalking is Criminal Harassment: Understanding, Evidence and Safety
Presented by Detective Kim Lafreniere, Edmonton Police Service (Alberta, Canada)

Criminal Harassment, most commonly known as stalking, is recognized by the criminal courts as a crime involving power and control. There are three classifications of ‘stalkers’, with the majority of cases involving people who have separated from an intimate relationship. Separation is identified as one of the most dangerous times for a victim, as the perpetrator becomes desperate, going to great lengths to regain a possession they’ve lost.

Victims have been known to report concerning and frightening situations to police, with little or no consequences to the perpetrator. Often the evidence to support a criminal charge was insufficient. Other reasons may be due to a lack of understanding and knowledge of Criminal Harassment by people called upon to assist.

With the use of case studies, video and PowerPoint presentation, conference delegates will attain an understanding of the fear and trauma suffered by victims of criminal harassment. They will learn how to help victims’ stay safe, how to assist a victim in preventing a continuation. As well as learning about the police culture in regards to domestic violence investigations, and the collection of evidence required to support criminal charges.

Understanding Transgender: There’s More to Gender than M or F
Presented by Lori Girshick, PhD, Consultant

This workshop will explore the gender binary and how the binary does not fit the gender identity of many people. Based on interviews with 150 trans-identified individuals, Dr. Girshick will discuss different identity labels such as transgender, transsexual, cross-dresser, and others; experiences in adolescence; relationship issues; transitioning for transsexuals; identity documents; the impact of gender socialization; inner turmoil and stresses of trans-identified people; and how these issues relate to advocates, service providers, and law enforcement.
Innovations for Comprehensive Victim Response in Communities and Universities

Presented by Mandy K. Mount, Ph.D., Director, UCI Campus Assault Resources and Education; Commander Mike Hamel, Irvine Police Department; and Heather Williams, Program Director, CSP Victim Assistance Programs

This workshop will highlight a Comprehensive Victim Response Initiative newly implemented by the University of California at Irvine and how this initiative is complemented by a recently adopted Countywide Victim Services Protocol. Dr. Mount of UCI will discuss a new model of comprehensive victim response, aimed at shielding against secondary victimization. The model incorporates the five “C”s of comprehensive victim responding (Collaboration, Crime Prevention, Codification, Competence and Creativity). Each of these elements will be discussed as it plays a vital role in meeting the needs of victims of violent crime, including sexual assault and intimate partner violence. Examples of programs and innovations will be described as they have been implemented in Orange County and the City of Irvine. Commander Mike Hamel and CSP Program Director Heather Williams will explain the recently adopted Orange County Comprehensive Victim Services Protocol. This protocol standardizes resource information given to victims at the scene of violent crimes and creates a mechanism by which victim advocates will proactively contact victims to offer support services. Through active collaborations between law enforcement and community victim service units, these programs have been designed to ensure that victims receive comprehensive care and support throughout the criminal justice process.

12:15-1:15 Lunch

1:15-2:30 Six Concurrent Breakout Sessions

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Prosecuting Sexual Assault Cases with "High Risk" Victims
Presented by Gretchen Means, JD, Deputy District Attorney, San Diego County District Attorney’s Office

This session will discuss the challenges of prosecuting criminal cases involving victims with "high risk" lifestyles; specifically, prostitutes and victims of human trafficking. It will explore the unique forces that have shaped how these victims are treated in society and the criminal justice system and the issues that these cases present during investigation and prosecution. Tools for effective prosecution will be discussed including working with NGOs, coordinating state and federal responses, and vertical prosecution.

Interventions to Prevent Long-term Trauma in the Aftermath of Violence
Presented by Elaine Walters, Executive Director, The Trauma Healing Project

The initial response of first responders and other caregivers has proven vital to determining both short and long-term health and mental health outcomes for victims of violent assault. With the advent of imaging technology and our increased understanding of the neurobiology of both attachment and trauma, conventional wisdom about how best to intervene and support survivors is being challenged and new models are emerging. In this interactive workshop, participants will gain an understanding of neurological responses to trauma, learn to recognize and take advantage of critical healing opportunities, learn simple and effective techniques, and understand the role of first responders in supporting short and long-term healing and recovery in the aftermath of violence.
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How to Improve your Investigation and Prosecution of Strangulation
Presented by Dr. Michael Weaver, Medical Director, Sexual Assault Center, St. Luke’s Hospital

This workshop is designed to provide participants with the background information and specific techniques that are needed to effectively investigate and prosecute strangulation cases. Discussion will cover the prevalence and lethality of strangulation, including the implications for both the medical and police response. Various types of strangulation will be defined, and participants will be provided with the tools to better identify the signs and symptoms among strangulation victims. The medical response to a strangled patient includes evaluation, examination, and disposition; each of these will be discussed. Suggestions will then be provided for effective documentation. The workshop will conclude with recommendations for building a successful case for successful prosecution, including tips for prosecutors, advocates, judges, probation officers, medical professionals, and local experts who can testify in court.

Woman-to-Woman Violence
Presented by Lori Girshick, PhD, Consultant

This workshop examines the rarely discussed cases of women who are sexually assaulted by other women. Dr. Girshick interviewed 70 lesbians and bisexual women to learn of their experiences, what they did in response to the assaults, and how the assaults affected them. Half the cases are within the context of a battering relationship. She will share these first person accounts and discuss how service providers and law enforcement can be more sensitive to the needs of these survivors.

2:30-3:00 Break

3:00-4:15 Six Concurrent Breakout Sessions

NICS – FBI National Instant Criminal Background Check System
Presented by Richard Dean and Brian Allen Barker, Legal Administrative Specialists, FBI NICS

The FBI Criminal Justice Information Services Division’s National Instant Criminal Background Check System Section is highlighting the effects of a conviction for domestic violence on a person’s right to purchase, possess or transport firearms and ammunition. The NICS Program Support Unit’s (NPSU) Legal Research and Analysis Team (LRAT) presentation provides information pertaining to the federal firearm prohibitions under Title 18 United States Code Section 922(g)(1)-(9) and (n). Subsection (8) and (9) may be of particular importance to the attendees. Section (8) pertains to persons that are subject to a court order that restrains them from harassing, stalking, or threatening an intimate partner or child of such intimate partner, or from engaging in other conduct that would place the partner or child in reasonable fear of bodily harm. Section (9) refers to persons convicted in any court of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence. These are persons convicted of a local, state or federal offense that is a misdemeanor under state or federal law. The offense involves the use or attempted use of physical force or the threatened use of a deadly weapon; and was committed by a current or former spouse, parent, or guardian of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabiting with or has cohabited with the victim as a spouse, parent or guardian, or a person similarly situated to a spouse, parent, or guardian of the victim. The presentation will also provide a brief overview of how a NICS check is conducted for a prospective firearm purchase.

Many people are surprised to learn that firearm rights can be lost for a misdemeanor conviction or as a result of the issuance of a protection order. The loss of this right helps to protect the victim from further abuse as well as the public in general. It also helps to protect the law enforcement community when handling domestic violence cases. This training will also provide information on the requirements, under state and federal law, for removal of firearm rights as well as the restoration of firearm rights.
International Challenges and Triumphs, Serving American Women and Children Living Abroad
Presented by Paula Lucas, Executive Director, American Domestic Violence Crisis Line

The American Domestic Violence Crisis Line operates an international toll free domestic violence and child abuse hotline, 866-USWOMEN, providing services to an estimated 6 million Americans living in foreign countries. (According to a recent survey by the American Association of Residents Overseas, AARO, 34% of Americans move overseas because of marriage.)

We work with abused American women and children in this population to provide domestic violence and child abuse advocacy, resources & tools so that they can navigate the complicated jurisdictional, legal and social international landscapes to be able to live their lives free of abuse, either in the foreign country or back in the United States.

While all domestic violence victims face obstacles in leaving abusive relationships, there are additional obstacles for Americans overseas. We will look at the hurdles they face while overseas and when they flee abuse trans-nationally and return to the USA, and why they do not have the same protections in place as battered mothers and their children who experience abuse in the USA. We will also look at the dynamics of serving a population of Americans spread out over 194 countries and what can be done by agencies in the USA to help serve this population, especially when they return home for safety and seek shelter and other resources in the United States.

In 2007, the hotline received 1,679 crisis calls and emails from 411 people in 57 countries, relocated 10 families back to the USA, paid three legal retainers to enable battered mothers to file for custody of their children, provided professional counseling to 24 women and placed 2 families into transitional housing.

Attendees will learn about the obstacles battered American women & children face overseas and what they encounter if they decide to return to the United States including the Hague Convention on International Child Abduction.

Attendees will learn about the challenges and lessons learned in providing domestic violence and child abuse services to a population of American citizens spread out all over the world.

Attendees will learn about the defenses that can be used to try to help mothers who have fled trans-nationally back to safety to help them keep their American children in the United States and not be forced to return them to the abuser in the foreign country.

Attendees will learn about the efforts of various groups in the USA working on related issues and what can be done by shelter advocates, family law attorneys and judges in the USA to keep these families safe.

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The Impact of Violence on Women of Color
Salon C & D

Presented by Aurelia Sands-Belle, Executive Director, Durham Crisis Response Center

In this workshop, participants will explore the intensity, trends, and influences of violence against women of color. How are service providers and the criminal justice system responding? Are we doing enough? What things need to be considered or eventually changed in order to make a difference? This workshop will examine best practice principles from communities across the country.

Creating a Trauma Sensitive Approach to Helping Battered Women
Salon A & B

Presented by Beverly Engel, Sexual Assault Program Director, Hays-Caldwell Women’s Center

When a woman calls 911 or a crisis line to report domestic violence she needs to be responded to with the utmost sensitivity by first responders, including police, medical providers and domestic violence advocates. In addition to receiving training in domestic violence issues, first responders and those who offer shelter and other services to domestic violence victims need to learn how to provide trauma-informed services. Otherwise, the lack of trauma sensitivity can result in preventing the woman from getting what she most needs or even in triggering a reemergence or an exacerbation of trauma symptoms.

In this presentation, Ms. Engel will assert that the style of interaction between the service provider and the victim is as important as the content of the service delivered. First and foremost, it is very important that service providers do not retraumatize or revictimize the woman. Providers need to be aware of the dynamics that characterize abusive relationships and make certain that those same dynamics are not being unwittingly replicated in the helping relationship. Characteristics of abusive relationships such as betrayal, hierarchical boundaries, secret knowledge, being unheard or invalidated, feeling powerless and the reconstruction of reality will be discussed, as well as how to avoid replicating abusive relationships.

Participants will learn the many differences between traditional response and trauma-informed approaches, the most significant being that a trauma-informed system is based on collaboration between the victim and the service provider. Using the traditional model, the service provider assumes that he or she knows what is best for the woman. But in a trauma informed approach, the service provider asks the woman what she wants and what would help her to feel comfortable and safe. Since many victims of domestic violence have been traumatized in the past, either in childhood or adulthood, many find it difficult to trust others, no matter how well-meaning. By beginning a new service relationship with an open question about what the woman wants and what would help to make her feel comfortable, the provider takes the first step toward establishing safety. The provider should also make a clear statement about what he or she can or cannot do. By eliminating ambiguity and vagueness, the provider once again takes steps to establish trust.

In a trauma-informed relationship, both parties are acknowledged for bringing valid sources of information and expertise to the relationship. Providers have information and expertise to offer victims, but victims also have information to share with the provider. A victim knows her own responses, needs and history better than anyone else. By respecting her knowledge and insights about what she needs to bring order and healing in her life, the provider allows for a truly collaborative partnership.
By the end of this workshop, those who provide assistance to battered women will understand fully the importance of trauma informed services and will be able to implement strategies that will be more effective in providing victims what they need.

**An Introduction to Secure Digital Forensic Imaging**

Presented by Ward Allen, Digital Imaging Consultant, SDFI-TeleMedicine

This extraordinary 60 minute event defines the intricate values of forensic digital pictures through the use of side-by-side on-screen sample comparisons and interactive classroom discussions including information about RAW files.

By defining the attributes of both “good and bad” digital pictures, forensic pictures can be analyzed, evaluated and judged instantly during a forensic examination. This objective evaluation should be used, on-site, to determine the need for additional pictures.

Examples of “focused and un-focused” pictures, “properly framed and poorly framed” pictures, “properly lighted and improperly lighted” pictures along with “overexposed, properly exposed, and underexposed” pictures will be compared and discussed openly.

Illustrations that show the unique relationship between “good and bad” pictures and the separately defined technical attributes of a digital picture will be shown. Examples that identify digital resolution, file compression, file types and overall quality will be presented, evaluated and described in understandable terms.

This course was specifically created for anyone capturing or handling SANE, SART or SAFE related still digital forensic pictures. It contains must have knowledge that can be applied to your forensic digital workflow process.

**5:00-6:00 Special Evening Sessions**

**SANE Program Success: Quality Programs on Any Budget**

Presented by Jenifer Markowitz, ND, RN, WHNP-BC, SANE-A, Forensic Consultant; Diana Faugno, RN, MSN, CPN, FAAFS, SANE-A, SANE-P, Forensic Consultant; and Dr. Michael Weaver, Medical Director, Sexual Assault Center, St. Luke’s Hospital

It's easy to become entranced with the latest technology and equipment, but for many SANE programs, small budgets and frequent staff turnover make high dollar purchases less feasible. And yet, when talking with program managers around the country we have regularly heard about people prioritizing these types of expenditures over more fundamental things such as staff development and recruitment campaigns. The truth is that technology and equipment can positively impact programs and their patients, but only if the program has a strong foundation. This panel discussion will feature national experts discussing the variety of ways in which successful SANE programming occurs and why more money doesn't always equate to a stronger, more sustainable program. Participants are encouraged to share questions, concerns and stories from the field as we examine a variety of programs in existence and strategies to ensure success regardless of budget size.

**5:00–6:30 Anaheim Family Justice Center Tour (3 groups of 20 each maximum)**

If you are interested in taking a tour of the Anaheim Family Justice Center, please call 509-684-9800 to pre-register. Due to limited space, registrations will be on a first-come, first served basis. Any remaining tour openings will be filled at the conference.
Tuesday, May 19th

7:30–9:30   Special Screening of the Movie “Open Window”  Salon E

Please join us for a special showing of “Open Window” on Tuesday, May 19th starting at 7:30 p.m. After the movie, Writer/Director Mia Goldman and Producer Thomas Barad will be available to respond to your questions. There is NO charge to attend this special event.

This intense, intimate drama tells the story of two people: Izzy (Robin Tunney), a struggling photographer, and Izzy's fiance, Peter (Joel Edgerton). The movie shows how their relationship unravels after she is raped by a man who enters her studio through an open window. Both Izzy and Peter are devastated by the rape. As writer/director Mia Goldman describes: "I wanted to show how the act violates not only the woman, but also the man -- and how it creates circles of pain that may extend to the entire family."

For more information, please download our movie flyer or visit the movie website at http://www.openwindowmovie.com.
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Debra describes how she now lives as a survivor after struggling to heal from her horrendous ordeal; the devastating loss of her husband, enduring an agonizing trial, the raw grief of her children and her own crippling fear.