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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Instructor, Savage Training Group, San Jose, CA.** February 2020 – Present
- Co-developer and co-presenter, California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (CA POST) certified, 24-hour Modern Interview and Interrogation course.
- Peace Officer, Davis Police Department, Davis, CA.** January 2006 – Present
- Patrol Division January 2006 – July 2015; July 2019 – Present
 - Cadet Program Advisor 2008 – 2013
 - Evidence Response Team member 2013 – 2015
 - Investigations Division, General Crimes Detective July 2015 – July 2019

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

End Violence Against Women International

- **Cadre of Experts, Member.** December 2020 through Present.

Sacramento Valley Domestic Violence and Strangulation Summit Planning Committee

- **Chair.** July 2019 through Present. Coordinate planning of annual two-day, multidisciplinary conference on criminal justice responses to intimate partner violence and strangulation crimes.

Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention (TISP)

- **Legal/Law Enforcement Advisory Subcommittee, Member.** November 2018 through Present.
- **Training Faculty Member.** November 2018 through Present.

EDUCATION

University of the Cumberland, Williamsburg, KY 2018 – 2020
Bachelor of Science, Psychology
Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (CA POST) Institute of Criminal Investigation (ICI): Domestic Violence Investigations specialty certificate, 2016.

CA POST Peace Officer – Advanced certificate, 2015.

CA POST Instructor Development Institute Academy Instructor – Basic certificate, 2009.

CA POST Field Training Officer certificate, 2009.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Symbol of Service Award (2019), Sacramento County Domestic Violence Prevention Collaborative.

Unit Citation (2018), Davis Police Department, Investigations Division.

Unit Citation (2017), Davis Police Department, Investigations Division.

PROJECTS

Co-developed the Savage Training Group CA POST-certified course: Modern Interview and Interrogation (24 hours). Approved July 2020.

Authored the Davis Police Department CA POST-certified course: Domestic Violence Update (4 hours). Approved March 2020.

Co-authored the California District Attorneys Association (CDAA) CA POST-certified course: Domestic Violence Investigations and Prosecution (4 hours). Approved May 2019.

Authored the Davis Police Department Sexual Assault Response policy. Adopted December 2018.

Authored the Davis Police Department Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence resource brochure. Adopted July 2018.

PRESENTATIONS

Helton, J. (2021, February 3). *Non-fatal strangulation awareness/Trauma-informed interviewing basics*. Empower Yolo, Woodland, CA.

Helton, J. (2020, December 15 – 17). *Domestic violence investigations* [Conference presentation]. California District Attorneys Association (CDAA) 2020 Domestic Violence and Stalking Seminar, Sacramento, CA.

Strack, G., & Helton, J. (2020, December 9 – 11). *Conducting the investigation* [Conference presentation]. Advanced Course on Strangulation Prevention, Sacramento, CA.

Gamboa, D., Helton, J., & Lowe, F. (2020, October 26 – 28). *Modern interview and interrogation*. Sunnyvale, CA.

Helton, J. (2020). Davis Police Department Domestic Violence Update, Davis, CA.

Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention (TISP) faculty, & Helton, J. (2020, October). Advanced Course on Strangulation Prevention, San Diego, CA.

- *How do you know: The crime scene exercise.*
- *How do you know: New investigations chapter.*
- *How do you know: The follow-up investigation.*

Gamboa, D., Helton, J., Garces, M. (2020, July 27 – 29). *Modern interview and interrogation*. Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department, Modesto, CA.

Helton, J. (2020, April 28). *Law enforcement response to sexual assault*. Empower Yolo Peer Counselor Training, Woodland, CA.

Schaub, P., & Helton, J. (2020, February 25 & 26). *Bridging the gap between probable cause and beyond a reasonable doubt* [Conference presentation]. 2020 Sacramento Valley Domestic Violence and Strangulation Summit, Folsom, CA.

Strack, G., & Helton, J. *Strangulation: The Last Warning Shot [How Do You Know – Trauma and Investigations]* [Conference presentation]. 2020 Sacramento Valley Domestic Violence and Strangulation Summit, Folsom, CA.

Helton, J. (2020, January 30). Sacramento Regional Family Justice Center Domestic Violence Volunteer Advocate/Counselor Training, Sacramento, CA.

- *Advocacy and non-fatal strangulation.*
- *Trauma-informed interviewing basics.*

Helton, J. (2019, December 3 – 5). *Domestic violence investigations* [Conference presentation]. CDAA Domestic Violence and Stalking Seminar, Long Beach, CA.

Helton, J. (2019). *Briefing training: Basic trauma-informed interviewing*. Davis Police Department, Davis, CA.

Helton, J. (2019, November 5). *Law enforcement response to sexual assault*. Empower Yolo Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence Advocate Training, Woodland, CA.

Helton, J. & Chavez, J. (2019, May 29). *Domestic violence investigations and prosecution*. Alpine County District Attorney's Office, Markleeville, CA.

Helton, J. (2019, May 13). *Law enforcement response to sexual assault*. Empower Yolo Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence Advocate Training, Woodland, CA.

Helton, J. (2019, February 8). Sacramento Regional Family Justice Center Domestic Violence Volunteer Advocate/Counselor Training, Sacramento, CA.

- *Advocacy and non-fatal strangulation.*
- *Trauma-informed interviewing: The quick version.*

Helton, J. (2019, January 24). *Advocacy and non-fatal strangulation.* Sacramento Regional Family Justice Center Human Trafficking Training, Sacramento, CA.

Helton, J. (2018, December 10 – 12). *Domestic violence investigations* [Conference presentation]. CDAA Domestic Violence and Stalking Seminar, San Diego, CA.

Helton, J. (2018, August 7). *Non-fatal strangulation: A brief overview.* Yolo County Child Welfare Services, Woodland, CA.

Helton, J. (2018, July 31). Sacramento Regional Family Justice Center Domestic Violence Volunteer Advocate/Counselor Training, Sacramento, CA.

- *Advocacy and non-fatal strangulation.*
- *Trauma-informed interviewing: The quick version.*

Helton, J. (2018, June 12). *Strangulation: A brief overview.* Sutter Davis Hospital Emergency Department Committee, Davis, CA.

Strack, G., & Helton, J. (2018, June 5). *Strangulation: The Last Warning Shot – Identifying and Responding to Non-Fatal Strangulation cases/How do you know – trauma and investigations.* Woodland, CA.

Helton, J. (2018, April 18). *Trauma-informed interviewing in a nutshell.* California Association of Licensed Investigators, Sacramento, CA.

Helton, J. (2018, February 1). *Strangulation.* Yolo County District Attorney's Office, Woodland, CA.

Helton, J. (2017). *Strangulation: Improving our response.* Davis Police Department, Davis, CA.

SPECIALIZED TRAINING

Fineman, G. (2021, January 26). *Strangulation* [Webinar]. California Sexual Assault Investigators Association, Walnut Creek, CA.

Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention (TISP) faculty. (2020, August 18 – 20). Masters Summit on Strangulation Prevention [via Zoom], San Diego, CA.

- Shores, M., & Layon, M. (2019, September 3 – 5). *Strangulation forensic medical exam* [Conference presentation]. 8th Annual SART Summit Multi-Disciplinary Conference, San Diego, CA.
- Layon, M. (2019, September 3 – 5). *San Diego county strangulation protocol implementation* [Conference presentation]. 8th Annual SART Summit Multi-Disciplinary Conference, San Diego, CA.
- Gwinn, C., Strack, G., Smock, W., & Zimm, L. (2019). *Expert testimony in strangulation cases*. Ft. Worth, Texas.
- Strack, G., & Smock, W. (2019, April 22 – 25). *Prosecution of strangulation cases and making good use of experts* [Conference presentation]. International Conference on Sexual Assault, Intimate Partner Violence, and Increasing Access, San Diego, CA.
- Smock, W., & Faugno, D. (2019, April 22 – 25). *Implementing non-fatal strangulation medical and photography protocol with law enforcement and hospitals* [Conference presentation]. International Conference on Sexual Assault, Intimate Partner Violence, and Increasing Access, San Diego, CA.
- Strand, R., & Wilson, C. (2018, December 3 – 4). *Introduction to the Forensic Experiential Trauma Interview (FETI)*. San Diego, CA.
- TISP faculty. (2018, August 28). *Handling strangulation cases on the front lines* [Webinar]. TISP, San Diego, CA.
- Smock, W. (2018, August 24). *The forensic evaluation of gunshot wounds: Application for domestic and officer-involved shootings*. San Diego, CA.
- TISP faculty. (2018, August 21 – 23). Masters Summit on Strangulation Prevention, San Diego, CA.
- Strack, G., Fineman, G., & Green, W. (2018). *Strangulation for prosecutors*. Sacramento, CA.
- Strand, R., Hull, C., & Heitman, L. (2018, April 11 – 13). *Practical application of FETI*. Brighton, CO.
- Strand, R., & Wilson, C. (2018, April, 9 – 10). *Introduction to FETI*. Brighton, CO.
- Riviello, R. (2018, April 24-26). *Handling nonfatal strangulation cases: All things medical* [Conference presentation]. 18th Annual International Family Justice Center Conference, Ft. Worth, TX.
- Smock, W., & Riviello, R. (2018, April 24-26). *Connections between sexual assault and domestic violence* [Conference presentation]. 18th Annual International Family Justice Center Conference, Ft. Worth, TX.

Strack, G., Smock, W., Baldwin-Johnson, C., Faugno, D., Sievers, V., & Green, J. (2018, February 22). *Pediatric strangulation, part 2* [Webinar]. TISP, San Diego, CA.

TISP faculty. (2017, October 24 – 27). Advanced Course on Strangulation Prevention, Ft. Worth, TX.

Strack, G., Smock, W., Baldwin-Johnson, C., Faugno, D., Sievers, V., & Snyder, K. (2017, October 10). *Pediatric strangulation, part 1* [Webinar]. TISP, San Diego, CA.

Wilson, C. (2017, August 14 – 18). *Neurobiology of trauma and sexual assault* [Conference presentation]. End Violence Against Women International (EVAWI) Regional Training, St. Louis, MO.

Strand, R. (2017, August 14 – 18). *Improving interview with the Forensic Experiential Trauma Interview* [Conference presentation]. End Violence Against Women International (EVAWI) Regional Training, St. Louis, MO.

Fineman, G., Green, W., & Wallace, M. (2017, June 8). *Strangulation investigation, documentation, and testimony*. San Francisco, CA.

Green, W., Weaver, M., & Riviello, R. (2016, September 6 – 8). *Strangulation: Part 1/Part 2* [Conference presentations]. Newport Beach, CA.

Institute of Criminal Investigation (ICI) faculty. (2017, January 9 – 13). ICI Sexual Assault Investigation. Northern California Regional Public Safety Training Authority (NCRPSTA), Sacramento, CA.

ICI faculty. (2016, November 14 – 18). ICI Child Abuse Investigation. NCRPSTA, Sacramento, CA.

ICI faculty. (2016, January 18 -22). ICI Homicide Investigation. NCRPSTA, Sacramento, CA.

ICI faculty. (2015, October 19 – 30). ICI Criminal Investigation Core Course. NCRPSTA, Sacramento, CA.

CDAAs faculty. (2012, May 10). *Identifying, investigating, and prosecuting domestic violence and sexual strangulation cases*. Woodland, CA

ICI faculty. (2009, May 18 – 22). ICI Domestic Violence Investigation. Government Training Agency, Sacramento, CA.

EXPERT WITNESS TESTIMONY

October 17, 2019	Superior Court of California, County of Yolo	Expert witness for the prosecution regarding domestic violence relationship dynamics. Docket #: CR-F-19-3842.
October 2, 2019	Superior Court of California, County of Yolo	Expert witness for the prosecution regarding the signs, symptoms, and effects of strangulation. Docket #: CR-F-19-4597.
June 25, 2019	Superior Court of California, County of Yolo	Expert witness for the prosecution regarding the signs, symptoms, and effects of strangulation.
December 28, 2018	Superior Court of California, County of Yolo	Expert witness for the prosecution regarding the signs, symptoms, and effects of strangulation.
December 24, 2018	Superior Court of California, County of Yolo	Expert witness for the prosecution regarding the signs, symptoms, and effects of strangulation. Docket #: CR-F-18-6686.
November 14, 2018	Superior Court of California, County of Yolo	Expert witness for the prosecution regarding the signs and symptoms of strangulation. Docket #: CR-F-18-4734.
March 13, 2018	Superior Court of California, County of Yolo	Expert witness for the prosecution regarding the signs and symptoms of strangulation. Docket #: CR-F-18-1168.
February 7, 2018	Superior Court of California, County of Yolo	Expert witness for the prosecution regarding the signs and symptoms of strangulation. Docket #: CR-F-17-5286.

PUBLICATIONS

Strack, G. B., Agnew, M., **Helton, J.**, & Hernandez, W. (2020). Investigation of strangulation cases. In California District Attorneys Association (Ed.), *The Investigation and Prosecution of Strangulation Cases* (2nd ed.). Sacramento: California District Attorneys Association.