

Pre-Text Phone Calls as an Investigative Tool

(2 Hours)

This presentation is about using “pretext phone” calls as an investigative tool. Like in most sex crimes the predator is known by the victim. Late disclosures and no physical or scientific evidence will exist in most cases. Therefore, by using a pretext phone call otherwise known as a controlled phone call is very imperative and powerful evidence in court.

The information used in a pretext phone call can be used to obtain a search warrant and also can be played in open court. The information gained by these phone calls are valuable.

The students will listen to several types a pretext phone calls and will be asked to dissect them for information and evidence for court.

Learning Objectives

- Understanding what a “pre-text” phone is and how it works.
- When and why to use this type of call.
- What information is important and how to use it in the investigation.
- How to dissect the call and what to listen for.
- What impact the call has on the victim.

This Presentation’s History

November 2009 – San Diego City Attorney’s Office, “*Sex Crimes Victimology, Sex Crime Laws & Advocate resources*”

April 2009 – **End Violence Against Women International**, “Investigating Difficult Sexual Assault Cases” – **Anaheim, CA**

October 2009 – California District Attorneys Association, Chapman University School of Law “*Innovative Investigative Responses to Sexual Assault Cases*”

April 2010 – Naval Criminal Investigative Service/JAG Corps Officers, United States Naval Base 32Nd Street, “*Innovative Investigative Responses to Sexual Assault Cases*”

April 2010 – San Diego County Sexual Assault Investigator’s Association, “*Innovative Investigative Responses to Sexual Assault Cases*”

September 2010 – 15Th International Conference of Violence, Abuse & Trauma, “*Innovative Investigative Responses to Difficult Sexual Assault Cases*”

March 2011 – California Sexual Assault Investigator’s Association Spring Training, *“Innovative Investigative Responses to Difficult Sexual Assault Cases”*

July 2011 - California Sexual Assault Investigator’s Association Training, *“Innovative Investigative Responses to Difficult Sexual Assault Cases”* *“Sexual Assault Victimology”* *“Pre-Text Phone Calls”*

April 2014 – **End Violence Against Women International**, “Investigating Difficult Sexual Assault Cases” “Contesting the “He said, She said” defense – **Seattle**

April 15, 2015 – **End Violence Against Women International**, “Investigating Difficult Sexual Assault Cases” “Contesting the “He said, She said” defense – **New Orleans**

April 22, 2015 – **West Virginia State’s Attorney’s Office**, 15Th Annual West Virginia Sexual Assault & Stalking Symposium, “Investigating Difficult Sexual Assault Cases” and “False Reporting” - **West Virginia**

May 10, 2015 – **Present** – Department of Defense, “Sexual Assault Investigations” & “False Reports” two-week training for United States JAG Corps. **Army Base Fort Leonard Wood, MO.**

July 14, 2015 – Department of Defense, “Sexual Assault Investigations” & “False Reports” three-day training for the United States National Guard. **National Guard Headquarters, Arlington, Virginia**

June 2016 – Live Violence Free – “Sexual Assault Investigations” & “False Reports” one-day training for local law enforcement and Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault advocates. **South Lake Tahoe County**

April 5, 2018 – **End Violence Against Women International**, “Investigating Difficult Sexual Assault Cases” “Contesting the “He said, She said Defense.” – **Chicago**

April 17, 2018 – **Conference on Crimes Against Women**, “False Reporting; Moving Beyond the Issues” – **Dallas**

April 5, 2018 – **End Violence Against Women International**, “Investigating Difficult Sexual Assault Cases” “Contesting the “He said, She said Defense.” – **Chicago**

April 17, 2018 – **Conference on Crimes Against Women**, “False Reporting; Moving Beyond the Issues” “Investigating Sexual Assault by Intoxication” “In Their Own Words, Practical Tools & Techniques for Obtaining Post-Arrest Communications in Cases of Intimate Partner Violence & Human Trafficking.” – **Dallas**

September 6, 2018 – **23rd International Summit on Violence, Abuse & Trauma Across the Lifespan**” – “Pretext Phone Calls as an Investigative Tool.” “Blurred Lines: The Difference between Sexual Harassment and Sexual Assault.” – **San Diego**

January 28, 2019 – **Iowa Sexual Assault Investigator’s Association Annual Training**, “Investigating Sexual Assault by Intoxication Cases” “False Reporting; Moving Beyond the Issues” “Pre-text Phone Calls as an Investigative Tool” – **Des Moines, Iowa**

May 6, 2019 – International Association of Chiefs of Police, “Investigating Sexual Assault by Intoxication Cases” “False Reporting; Moving Beyond the Issues” – Denton, Texas

May 29, 2019 – RISE, “Investigating Sexual Assault by Intoxication Cases” “Trauma-Informed Responses to Sexual Assault.” – San Luis Obispo, California

June 10, 2019 – United States Army Reserve Special Victims Command Training, “Investigating Sexual Assault by Intoxication Cases” “False Reporting; Moving Beyond the Issues” – United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado

June 19, 2019 – Northeast South Dakota Conference, Brown County State’s Attorney’s Office, “Investigating Sexual Assault by Intoxication Cases” “Effective Communication with Difficult Victims” – Aberdeen, South Dakota

September 10, 11, 12, 2019 – International Association of Chiefs of Police, “Investigating Sexual Assault by Intoxication Cases” Nampa Police Department – Nampa, Idaho

September 26, 2019 – 17th Judicial VALE, Adams County SART Team “Investigating Sexual Assault by Intoxication Cases” “False Reporting; Moving Beyond the Issues” – Brighton, Colorado

October 23, 2019 – Sexual Assault Awareness Training, Union County Ohio, “Investigating Sexual Assault by Intoxication Cases” “False Reporting; Moving Beyond the Issues” – Union County, Ohio

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