

ALCOHOL-FACILITATED SEXUAL ASSAULT

AEquitas

Visit AEquitas to for a recorded webinar and other relevant resources. <http://www.aequitasresource.org/>

WV Foundation for Rape Information and Services

Visit the WV FRIS website for training resources and print material. www.fris.org

BODY CAMS

Police Body Cameras in Domestic and Sexual Assault Investigations: Considerations and Unanswered Questions

This paper identifies and addresses the various issues – those known and unresolved – that may arise when law enforcement equipped with body cameras respond to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, including issues of privacy and confidentiality, witness intimidation, possible evidentiary challenges when using body camera footage in trial, and unintended consequences such access and use may create for victims.

<http://www.bwjp.org/resource-center/resource-results/police-body-cams.html>

EXPERT TESTIMONY

Introducing Expert Testimony to Explain Victim Behavior in Sexual and Domestic Violence Prosecutions

Mental health experts as well as other professionals who work with domestic or sexual violence victims understand that behavior termed counterintuitive by the public actually represents common victim responses to trauma. This monograph sets forth recommended practices for addressing victim behavior in a sexual or domestic violence prosecution, and providing an accurate context in which a jury can evaluate a victim's behavior.

http://www.ndaajustice.org/pdf/pub_introducing_expert_testimony.pdf

The Use of Expert Witnesses in Cases Involving Sexual Assault **Kimberly A. Lonsway, Ph.D.**

The purpose of this paper is to summarize existing knowledge on the use of expert witnesses in cases involving sexual assault. The focus is primarily on expert testimony that is provided for the prosecution in a criminal case discussing the general dynamics of sexual assault and common reactions of victims. This paper was written both on the basis of a literature review of published material and contributions provided by numerous experts in the field. Ultimately, it is expected that expert witnesses will be used increasingly in cases involving sexual assault and we must proceed carefully to insure that they serve in responsible ways that truly assist both individual victims as well as the criminal and civil court systems.

<http://www.mincava.umn.edu/documents/commissioned/svandexpertwitnesses/svandexpertwitnesses.html>

When and How: Admitting Expert Testimony on Victim Behavior in Sexual Assault Cases in Pennsylvania

AEquitas brief provides information related to the impact of myths on jurors and recommended practices for including expert testimony. <http://www.aequitasresource.org/When-and-How-Admitting-Expert-Testimony-on-Victim-Behavior-in-PA-Issue-18.pdf>

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

How to Bring Sexual Assault Offenders to Justice: A Law Enforcement Response

This discussion guide is designed to reinforce key information contained in the roll call training video, encourage discussion and exploration and assist officers in applying this knowledge to their role, whether first responder, investigator/detective or supervisor. To increase the impact of this video, please use in conjunctions with the *IACP Sexual Guidelines and Investigative Strategies and Sexual Assault*

Supplemental Reports Form

<http://www.theiacp.org/Portals/0/pdfs/Investigating-Sexual-Assault-Training-Video-Discussion-Guide.pdf>

Police Response to Violence Against Women

The “Bringing Sexual Assault Offenders to Justice”, developed by IACP, will help officers generate stronger cases by reframing sexual assault crimes, providing tools to conduct perpetrator focused investigations and build an

understanding of victim behavior, such as delayed reporting, alcohol or substance abuse, and encounters that start out consensually, that can be used to support a sexual assault report. This video will also provide useful information detailing how perpetrators often have a history of unreported acts of sexual violence and may select victims with vulnerabilities to exploit.

<http://www.iacp.org/Police-Response-to-Violence-Against-Women>

Sexual Assault Incident Reports- Investigative Strategies – IACP

The goal of these guidelines is to support officers and departments in preparing sexual assault cases for successful prosecution through detailed case documentation and thorough investigations. Key points addressed are: Standardizing Case Coding and Clearance Practices, Report Writing, Victim Interview, Suspect Interrogation and Investigation. *NOTE: These guidelines are NOT intended for use when the victim is a minor.*

<http://www.theiacp.org/portals/0/pdfs/SexualAssaultGuidelines.pdf>

Sexual Assault Investigations

This series of educational tools, developed by ICAP help to strengthen sexual assault investigations and set national uniform standards for the investigation of cases.

- **Supplemental Report Form**
<http://www.iacp.org/Portals/0/pdfs/SexualAssaultSupplementalReportForm.pdf>
- **Sexual Assault Pocket Tip Card**
http://www.iacp.org/Portals/0/pdfs/IACP_SexAssaultRpt_TIPScard.pdf
- **Training Key #571 Investigating Sexual Assault Part 1: Elements of Sexual Assault & Initial Response**
<http://www.iacp.org/portals/0/pdfs/571InvestigatingSexualAssaultsPart1.pdf>
- **Training Key #572 Investigating Sexual Assault Part II: Investigative Strategy & Prosecution**
<http://www.iacp.org/portals/0/pdfs/572InvestigatingSexualAssaultsPart2.pdf>
- **Training Key #573 Investigating Sexual Assault Part III: Investigative Strategy & Prosecution**
<http://www.iacp.org/portals/0/pdfs/573InvestigatingSexualAssaultsPart3.pdf>
- **Training Key #574 Pretext Phone Calls in Sexual Assault Investigations**
<http://www.iacp.org/portals/0/pdfs/574PretextPhoneCalls.pdf>

Supervisor Report Review Checklists

The IACP created five violence against women Report Review Checklists to assist supervisors in ensuring that reports capture significant and comprehensive details and the totality of crimes that occurs in cases of sexual assault, cases involving strangulation, domestic violence and stalking. The checklists can also be utilized by first-responders as a training tool to highlight the specifics needed when completing reports, interviewing victims, and reflecting on whether pertinent information has been effectively documented.

- **Response to Stalking Report Review Checklist**
<http://www.iacp.org/Portals/0/documents/pdfs/ResponsetoStalkingChecklist.pdf>
- **Response to Non-Lethal Strangulation – Report Review Checklist**
<http://www.theiacp.org/Portals/0/documents/pdfs/ResponsetoStrangulationChecklist.pdf>
- **Sexual Assault Report Review Checklist**
<http://www.iacp.org/Portals/0/documents/pdfs/ResponsetoSexualAssaultChecklist.pdf>
- **Protection Order Violations Report Review Checklist**
<http://www.iacp.org/Portals/0/documents/pdfs/ResponsetoPOViolationsChecklist.pdf>

Witness Intimidation: Meeting the Challenge

This 92 page guide was developed by Aequitas to create an understanding about how witness intimidation can hinder an investigation and prosecution of any criminal case. It can result in failure to report crimes, refusal to speak with investigators, recantation of statements and refusal to testify at trial. This information is intended to help allied professionals understand the issues presented by witness intimidation. It provides best practices to prevent it occurrence along with effective response when it does happen.

<http://www.aequitasresource.org/Witness-Intimidation-Meeting-the-Challenge.pdf>

Witness Intimidation: The Prosecutors' Resource

This resource is intended specifically for prosecutors to provide a checklist of actions that can increase the likelihood of successful prosecution and as a reference to assist the prosecutor in handling typical problems and legal issues that arise in cases involving intimidation. It also provides practices to increase the safety of victims and witnesses. (Visit AEquitas for additional resources.)

<http://www.aequitasresource.org/The-Prosecutors-Resource-Intimidation.pdf>

REVENGE PORN

AEquitas: Prosecuting Image Exploitation

This bulletin provides insight into the overlap of interpersonal violence crimes and image exploitation. Topics include strategies for prosecuting image exploitation when it intersects with 'sexting,' 'revenge porn,' sexual assault, stalking, cyberstalking and more. <http://www.aequitasresource.org/Image-Exploitation-Strategies15.pdf>

Criminalizing Revenge Porn

Citron, Danielle & Franks, Mary Anne (2014)

<http://isp.yale.edu/sites/default/files/page-attachments/Danielle%20Citron%20-%20Criminalizing%20Revenge%20Porn%20-%20FESC.pdf>

The Cyber Civil Rights Initiative

Though advocacy about Nonconsensual Nude Image Distribution, commonly referred to as "Revenge Porn," is still developing, CCRI is at the forefront of this issue. Use this website to learn about what victims of revenge porn can do to remove material from google listings and report online harassment..

<http://www.cybercivilrights.org>

Revenge Porn: Infographics

Infographics that show the prevalence of revenge porn, how it most often happens and how to stop it.

Revenge Porn: How To Stop It

<http://www.visualistan.com/2013/11/revenge-porn-how-to-stop-it-infographic.html>

The Anatomy of an Effective Revenge Porn Law

<http://www.cybercivilrights.org/anatomy-effective-revenge-porn-law/>

STALKING RESOURCES

Praxis International Blueprint for Safety- Training Memo: Law Enforcement Response to Stalking

The Blueprint for Safety, originally developed and implemented in Saint Paul, MN, is a prototype that can be used by any community hoping to link its criminal justice agencies together in a coherent, philosophically sound domestic violence intervention model. If you would like to speak with someone about how to become a Blueprint community, or would like more information on The Blueprint, email blueprint@praxisinternational.org.

Responding to Stalking: A Guide for Community Corrections Officers

Stalking Resource Center

Helps community correction officers understand the nature and dynamics of stalking. Provides an overview of stalking and suggestions on how to supervise probationers and parolees who engage in stalking behaviors.

<http://www.victimsofcrime.org/docs/src/supervising-stalking-offenders.pdf?sfvrsn=0>

Responding to Stalking: A Guide for Prosecutors

This guide provides an overview of what stalking is, best practices for prosecuting offenders and for problem-solving in prosecuting these types of cases.

http://www.victimsofcrime.org/docs/default-source/src/stalking_prosecutorguide_hi.pdf?sfvrsn=0

Stalking: Effective Strategies for Prosecutors

This resource highlights the need for prosecutors to be able to understand stalking techniques that are growing with technological advances and how to employ strategies that will improve their ability to respond to stalking more effectively by recognizing the link between stalking and other crimes like burglary, physical assault and homicide.

Three (3) key strategies highlighted are:

- Recognizing the danger stalker pose to their victims;
- Working with experts to understand and respond to stalking
- Collaborating and coordinating with other allied criminal justice

http://www.aequitasresource.org/Stalking_Effective_Strategies_for_Prosecutors_Issue_11.pdf

Safety Planning with Adult Sexual Assault Survivors: A Guide for Advocates and Attorneys

Victims Right Law Center

Provides help to advocates and attorneys who work with survivors of non-intimate partner sexual assault to identify potential threats and create a safety plan tailored to the individual's needs and concerns

http://www.victimrights.org/sites/default/files/Safety%20Planning%20with%20Adult%20Sexual%20Assault%20Survivors_A%20Guide%20for%20Advocates%20and%20Attorneys.pdf

Stalking Safety Planning Tool

Victims of Crime – Stalking Resource Center

Victims can be empowered to take steps to keep themselves, family and loved ones safe. This information highlights key considerations of safety planning.

<http://www.victimsofcrime.org/our-programs/stalking-resource-center/help-for-victims/stalking-safety-planning>

TRAUMA RESOURCES

Building Cultures of Care: A Guide for Sexual Assault Services Programs

Sexual Assault Demonstration Initiative – National Sexual Violence Resource Center

This SADI publication details ways in which programs serving survivors of sexual assault can reform their agencies in trauma-informed ways. This practical guide has tips applicable to any agency whose clients might be survivors of sexual assault.

http://www.nsvrc.org/sites/default/files/publications_nsvrc_guides_building-cultures-of-care.pdf

The Neurobiology of Sexual Assault

Dr. Rebecca Campbell (NIJ Webinar)

There is no better introduction to the neurobiology of trauma than Dr. Campbell's now classic webinar. Participants will learn how trauma from sexual assault affects the human brain, which in turn affects memory, behavior, and legal investigations.

<http://nij.gov/multimedia/presenter/presenter-campbell/pages/welcome.aspx>

Recovering from Sexual Assault

Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network (RAINN)

This page from the RAINN website is easy to read and filled with helpful information for survivors of sexual assault. The resources available here answer common concerns of trauma survivors, even on a small scale. For instance, RAINN addresses media that might trigger PTSD, self-care, and even how trauma survivors can approach potentially invasive airport security measures.

<https://rainn.org/get-information/sexual-assault-recovery>

Trauma Informed Advocacy and Services

Sexual Assault Demonstration Initiative – National Sexual Violence Resource Center

This is a fantastic annotated bibliography that will help professionals begin reading on trauma and sexual assault. Linked resources include articles about trauma theory, reforming agency practices, and meeting the needs of trauma survivors.

http://www.nsvrc.org/sites/default/files/Publications_Recommended-Reading-Trauma-Informed-Advocacy-Services_0.pdf