

The Missouri Office Of Prosecution Services,
The Greene County Prosecuting Attorney's Office,
The Missouri Children's Division
&
SSM St. Louis University Hospital
present



Precursor to Murder

*Identifying & Highlighting the Hidden Clues
in Strangulation Cases*

*This training will be POST, 210 & CLE certified. POST certification is
Pending for 1.5 hours Legal, 1.5 hours Interpersonal, 1 hour Technical.*

Space is very limited!
Please reserve your spot as soon as possible.
Registration will close when full or 1 week prior to the training, whichever comes first .

Free of Charge

December 7, 2017

1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

at

Greene County Election Center

1126 N Boonville Ave
Springfield, MO 65802

Handouts will be sent to all registered participants in a web link at least 48 hours prior to class. No hard copy handouts will be provided.

*Free of charge to Prosecutors, Prosecution Personnel, Law Enforcement, Victim Advocacy Center Staff, Children's Division, Juvenile Office, Probation & Parole, Health Professionals & Children's Advocacy Center Staff.
Other Similar Allied Professionals must obtain prior approval for attendance from Conference Organizers.*

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Questions? Concerns? Please contact Catherine Vannier, Family Violence Resource Prosecutor
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Agenda

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Part 1: **What Is It? & Why We Care**

Part 2: **The Interview & Investigation, & Documentation of the Faintest of Visible Injuries**

Part 3: **The Signs & Symptoms of Strangulation & Making it Count in Court**

Strangulation Facts

- Recent studies are showing that when you look at offenders who shoot and kill law enforcement officers, up to 75% have a history of strangling an intimate partner.
- There is a significant overlap between strangulation and sexual assault and abusers who employ strangulation have more in common with serial rapists and serial murderers than the average abuser.
- When a woman is strangled by an intimate partner one time, she is now 800% more likely to be murdered by that partner.
- Only 15% of cases have visible injury when investigated by an untrained officer.
- 43% of intimate partner homicides have a history of strangulation in the 12 months prior to the murder.

About the Presenters

Catherine Vannier After almost 11 years as a line prosecutor, Catherine became the first ever MOPS Family Violence Resource Prosecutor. For more than 10 years, Catherine has developed and expanded the program, continually adapting and improving her presentations based on feedback from past audiences. Catherine serves as an appointed member of the Missouri Supreme Court's Task Force on Domestic Violence & Human Trafficking. Catherine also staffs the Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys' Best Practices Special Victims Sub-Committee. As the Family Violence Resource Prosecutor, she also sits on several other groups and committees, acting as a liaison between prosecutors and our allied professionals.

Kathy Howard: A Registered Nurse and Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner who is the Forensic Nursing Coordinator for St. Louis University Hospital, Kathy is board certified by the International Association of Forensic Nurses as a SANE-A. Ms. Howard is 1 of only 23 certified SANE-As in Missouri. As such, she sits on numerous boards and task forces, including but not limited to the Missouri Hospital Regional Task Force on Sexual Assault, the Advisory Board of the YWCA St. Louis Regional Sexual Assault Center, the Washington University Sexual Assault Task Force and the Coalition Against Trafficking and Exploitation of Eastern Missouri, among others. With an impressive 43+ year career in intensive care and forensic medicine, Ms. Howard is a clinical educator on sexual assaults and other forensic medical issues. Kathy has been educating professionals for over 30 years, providing training for nurses, police, prosecutors and advocates both locally and regionally. Kathy is a 2014 graduate of the National Family Justice Center Alliance's Strangulation Training Institute and frequently speaks on the topic.