

**The Missouri Office Of Prosecution Services,
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present

Precursor to Murder

Identifying & Highlighting the Hidden Clues in Strangulation Cases

*This training is POST, 210 & CLE certified. POST certification is
for 1.5 hours Legal, 2.5 hours Interpersonal, 2.5 hours Technical.*

*6 Nursing CEs are available upon successful completion of the course, which includes in-person
attendance and completion of an evaluation form. ***

Free of Charge

November 19, 2024

8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

at

Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center

601 West Marshall
Charleston, MO

Space is limited!
Please reserve your spot.

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

To register please copy & paste this link into your browser, or find the link at prosecutors.mo.gov/training*

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/fg5zpr6>

*PLEASE NOTE Persons needing special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act should notify MOPS at catherine.vannier@prosecutors.mo.gov or (573) 644-2409 on or before October 25, 2024.

Questions? Concerns? Please contact Catherine Vannier, Special Victims Resource Prosecutor
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8:30 to 9:30 AM *What is it? Anatomically & Legally*

- The Impact of Strangulation
- Vulnerable Victims & Pediatric Strangulation

9:30 to 10:30 AM *The Intimacy & Lethality of Strangulation*

10:30 to 12:00 PM *Documentation : The Interview*

- The Chemistry of Trauma & the Anoxic Brain
- Interview Tactics
- Mock Interview Demonstration

1:00 to 3:00 PM *Physical Assessment*

- Signs & Symptoms & Documentation Strategies
- Medical Recommendations
- Symptom Logging

3:00 to 4:00 PM *Collaboration*

- Identifying the Champions & Trial Strategies
- Protocols & Kits, Training & Community Education

Handouts will be sent to all registered participants in a web link a few days prior to class. No hard copy handouts will be provided.

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 Domestic Violence Resource Prosecutor. For more than 16 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 Special Victims Violence Resource Prosecutor, she also sits on several other groups and committees, acting as a liaison between prosecutors and our allied professionals.

Jennifer Sonsiadek As Clinical Forensic Program Manager at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, MO, Jennifer Sonsiadek has over 15 years experience in nursing. Jennifer's current responsibilities include collaboration with the Clinical Forensic Medical Director, assuming accountability for coordinating the functions with the Saint Luke's Health System Clinical Forensic Program. This includes program planning and development to ensure the Clinical Forensic Program is compliant in maintaining the local, state, and national guidelines for clinical forensic patients as well as AHA, JCAHO State guidelines and state wide forensic committee initiatives. The Clinical Forensic Program Manager collaborates within the health system with other specialty care areas regarding all aspects of clinical forensic care. Externally, The Clinical Forensic Program Manager collaborates with other forensic programs, appropriate pre-hospital, criminal justice, and advocacy personnel while promoting compassionate, trauma informed, patient centered, coordinated, collaborative, and competent care. Ms. Sonsiadek also serves on numerous task forces and committees.