

## **STRANGULATION SERIES:**

### **Strangulation Series: A Blueprint for Collaboratively Responding to Strangulation**

Hosted by Kelsey McKay and RESPOND Against Violence

If you don't know a crime exists what are the chances it will be identified, investigated or prosecuted? Join us for a five-part virtual training on all aspects of asphyxiation, including strangulation, suffocation and aquatic crimes, from how to recognize non-visible injuries, to understanding dynamics/motivations of those who strangle, to ensuring successful prosecutions of these highly lethal offenders. This multidisciplinary series goes beyond the basics--addressing fatal, non-fatal, and sexually-motivated asphyxiation crimes and will give attendees practical, collaborative tools to transform how their communities identify, investigate, and develop protocols to respond to dangerous crimes.

Building on the "Strangulation Foundations" webinar, this series challenges current beliefs, practices and policies--providing awareness to better identify, investigate and prosecute these heinous and potentially fatal crimes for everyone from first responders through prosecution.

#### **Pt. 1: WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY: The Dynamics of Asphyxiation**

Kelsey McKay, Kelly Dunne, Scott Hampton, Julie Owens

CEU: Social Workers, LPC, LMFT

Effective prevention, safety planning, and accountability all require that we understand why perpetrators strangle, the traumatic impact on victims, and the potential for lethality. The presenters will examine both sides of the coin by providing practical information for use by those tasked with handling these cases.

#### **Pt. 2: BUILDING A CASE: Identification, Investigation, & Medical Response**

Kelsey McKay, Khara Breeden, Jordan Ferguson, Kimberly Orts

CEU: Social Workers, LPC, LMFT

Traditional approaches often fail when applied to asphyxiation cases, resulting in missed opportunities, improper arrests of victims, and unsuccessful prosecutions. With a multi-disciplinary approach, these cases can be improved by incorporating best-practices and evidence-based tools for law enforcement, collaboration with the medical community, and updated trauma-informed practices and protocols.

#### **Pt. 3: HOW TO GET AWAY WITH MURDER: Homicides, Staged Scenes, & Missed Opportunities**

Kelsey McKay, Dawn Wilcox, Andrea Zaferes

CEU: Social Workers

Drowning, strangulation, and suffocation are leading causes of death across the lifespan. But without obvious signs of external trauma, homicides resulting from asphyxiation are often missed or mislabeled. Whether called a suicide, natural cause, or a tragic accident, intent can rarely be determined without a deeper investigation. This webinar introduces insight that the criminal justice system can use to catch a killer.

#### **Pt. 4: CONVINCING THE COURTS: Bonds, Prosecutions, & Seeking Justice**

Kelsey McKay, Carvana Cloud, Michael Denton

CEU: Social Workers, LPC, LMFT

With laws formally codified in penal codes across the country, barriers still exist and greatly inhibit the effectiveness of these important laws. This webinar will include tips on charging, combatting common defenses, and effectively translating cases to a judge or jury. From setting bonds to picking juries and using experts, the presenters will provide practical tips to evaluate and strengthen your case and move them from probable cause to beyond a reasonable doubt.

**Pt. 5: LET'S TALK ABOUT SEX: The Sexual and Serial Component of Asphyxiation Crimes**

Kelsey McKay, Scott Hampton, Myra Strand, Russell Strand

CEU: Social Workers, LPC, LMFT

From date/marital rape to the most complex human trafficking or serial predator cases, this webinar will add a new lens to uncovering the role of asphyxiation in sexually motivated acts. By exploring the role that asphyxiation plays in the world of pornography, sadism, serial killers, and vulnerable populations, attendees will be prepared to take on the most dangerous offenders in our society.