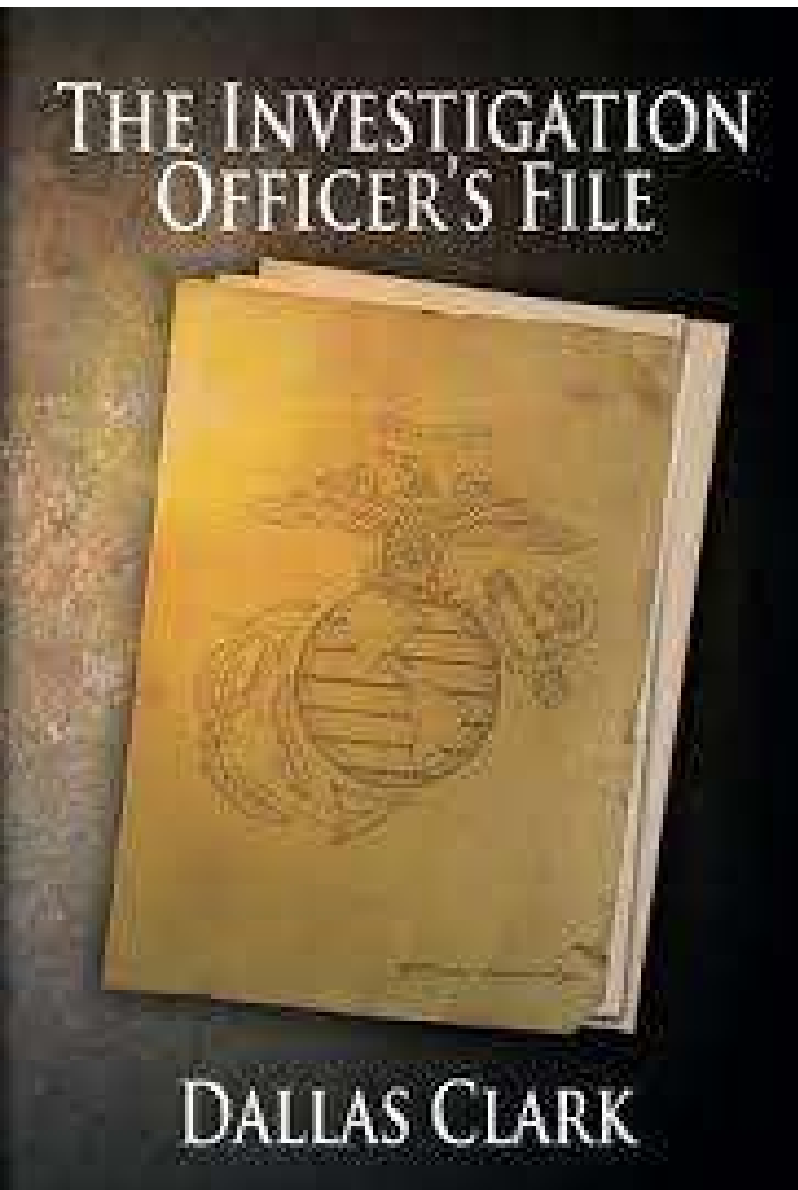


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**Domestic Violence
Training
Evidence Based
Prosecution and
Law Enforcement
Together**





Introduction

Your case. Be able to defend your work.

Be suspicious

Be organized and thorough

Think outside the box

Find ways to prosecute without a victim

Domestics are the Most Lethal Calls for Officers and Victims

- TN is one of the most dangerous states for women, ranking 5th in the nation for women killed by men (90% killed by men they knew)
- Entering someone's private domain, bringing a public face to a private matter, high emotion, fluid situations, complicating factors, escalate quickly as you approach a confrontation in progress, you don't if they have weapons, etc.

Frustration and Obstacles to Avoid

- Victims uncooperative, recant, minimize, absent, scared, difficult emotional
- See the same vics. Repeatedly
- See same defs. Repeatedly
- Some crimes seem petty or malicious



Understanding why a victim stays



- They stay because of fear, escalation of violence, social pressures, love, hope that they will change abuser, no alternative, finances, family, nowhere to go, kids, pets, raised in similar household or they think this is normal.....



Prosecutors Always On Call

- Must be familiar with DV law and the intricacies of Domestic Violence Law and it's frequent changes in an effort to be able to advise law enforcement when they have questions and provide training to your local law enforcement agencies
- [Kaylin Render=423-292-4999](#)

Who Qualifies as a Domestic Abuse Victim?

Adults/minors

Current or former spouses

Those who live together or have lived together

Related by blood or adoption

Are or were related by marriage

Children of those that are or were related by marriage

Preferred Response is Arrest

- 36-3-619 (a) if law enforcement officer has probable cause (pc) to believe that a person has committed a crime involving domestic abuse whether the crime is a misdemeanor or felony or was committed within or without the presence of the officer, the preferred response of the officer is arrest.
- Arrest is the preferred response only with respect to the primary aggressor



Ways to determine Primary Aggressor 36-3-619

- Officer Shall consider:
 - History between the parties
 - Severity of injuries
 - Evidence from persons involved
 - Likelihood of future injury
 - Did one act in self-defense?
 - Evidence from witnesses
- Officer Shall NOT base decision on:
 - Consent of victim
 - Officer's perception of willingness of victim to cooperate with court

When responding to DV call officer SHALL

- 1. transport vic. to safe place
- 2. advise vic. of shelter or community services
- 3. give vic. notice of the legal rights
- 4. offer to transport victim to the location where arrest warrants are issued

36-3-619(g) (1)-(4)



Seizure of Weapon



- **36-3-620**

- If a law enforcement officer has probable cause to believe that a criminal offense involving domestic abuse against a victim, as defined in 36-3-601, the officer **SHALL** seize all weapons that are alleged to have been used by the abuser or threatened to be used by the abuser in the commission of a crime

Other Weapons, 36-3-620 (2)

- Incident to an arrest for a crime involving domestic abuse against a victim, as defined in 36-3-601, a law enforcement officer may seize a weapon that is in plain view of the officer or discovered pursuant to a consensual search, if necessary for the protection of the officer or other persons.
- A law enforcement officer is **NOT** required to remove a weapon such officer believes is needed by the victim for self defense



Domestic Assault



Domestic Abuse
Victim

Plus

- a.) bodily injury
- b.) reasonable fear of imminent bodily injury or
- c.) physical contact with another that is extremely offensive

Enhanced Punishment

- 2nd conviction=\$350.00 and not less than 30 consecutive days
- 3rd conviction=\$1,000.00 and not less than 90 consecutive days
- Termination of firearms rights



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Aggravated Domestic Assaults

- Serious bodily injury
- Death
- Use or display of a deadly weapon
- Strangulation or attempted strangulation
- OP or no contact in place
- 100 % offense (July 1, 2021)





ORDERS OF PROTECTION

Who can qualify for an OP?

Orders of Protection

Victims of Domestic Abuse

Stalking

Sexual Exploitation of a Minor

Sexual Assault

Human Trafficking

Quick reference

OP and No contact cheat sheet

Orders of Protection and no contact/no violent contact orders

Cheat Sheet

Temporary Orders of Protection *(there has been no hearing or no opportunity for a hearing)*

If Temporary OP has been served on the Respondent: Only a violation of a court order.
Charge Contempt of Court: 36-3-612 (order of protection only)/ general contempt of court 37-1-158

Final Orders of Protections *(defendant has been served/received notice and had hearing or at least had the opportunity to have a hearing)*

Charge Violation of Order of Protection 39-13-113

May be arrested with or without a warrant

***It is a shall arrest if meets the criteria under 36-3-611 (Officer has proper jurisdiction over the area in which the violation occurred, the officer has reasonable cause to believe the respondent violated the OP and the officer verified whether the OP is in effect

Subject to the 12 hour hold

No contact Orders *(On bond)*

If defendant has been arrested on a domestic violence crime and is released on bond and has a condition of no contact.

Arrest for violation of Order of Protection 39-13-113 (i)(1)

This must be served consecutive to the original arrest

Bond Conditions 40-11-150 (i) (1) and 40-7-103(b) for Stalking and Domestic Violence Cases

A person who violates a condition of release imposed pursuant to this section shall be subject to immediate arrest with or without a warrant

If you have probable cause that a defendant is out on bond and violated a condition of release, you SHALL arrest them without a warrant IF: 1.) confirm the actual condition was ordered (see file in clerk's office, your office documentation or the DA's office) and 2.) make sure defendant was notified of condition

Prior No Contact or No violent Contact Orders

If your defendant is on probation for an offense and under a no contact or no violent contact order and is arrested for a misdemeanor domestic assault, this prior order can be used to elevate the charges to an aggravated domestic assault see 39-13-102(c)

Officer Can Get O.P. for Victim, 36-3-619(h)(1)

- For good cause shown, the court may issue an ex parte order of protection pursuant 36-3-605 upon a sworn petition filed by a law enforcement officer responding to an incident of domestic abuse who asserts in the petition reasonable grounds to believe that a person is in immediate and present danger of abuse as defined in 36-3-601, and that the person has consented to the filing in writing; provided that the person on whose behalf the law enforcement officer seeks the ex parte order of protections shall be considered the petitioner.



Violations of Orders of Protection

- *Shall arrest without a warrant*
36-3-611 IF
- **The officer has proper jurisdiction over area where violation occurred**
- **Officer has reasonable cause to believe the respondent violated and**
- **Officer has verified OP in effect**



Lifetime Orders of Protection, 36-3-627

- Must be a victim of a felony offense under title 39
- (i.e. aggravated domestic assault, felony reckless endangerment, criminal homicides, kidnappings and sexual offenses)
- Not stalking



Temporary v. Final Order

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Full Faith and Credit

each state must respect
laws of other states

A court in this
state shall
accord full faith
and credit to
an order issued
by another
state.

Unless the
order has been
vacated, stayed
or modified by
a court having
jurisdiction to
do so



Full Faith and Credit

A TN OP shall be valid and enforceable in any county of the state and other states.

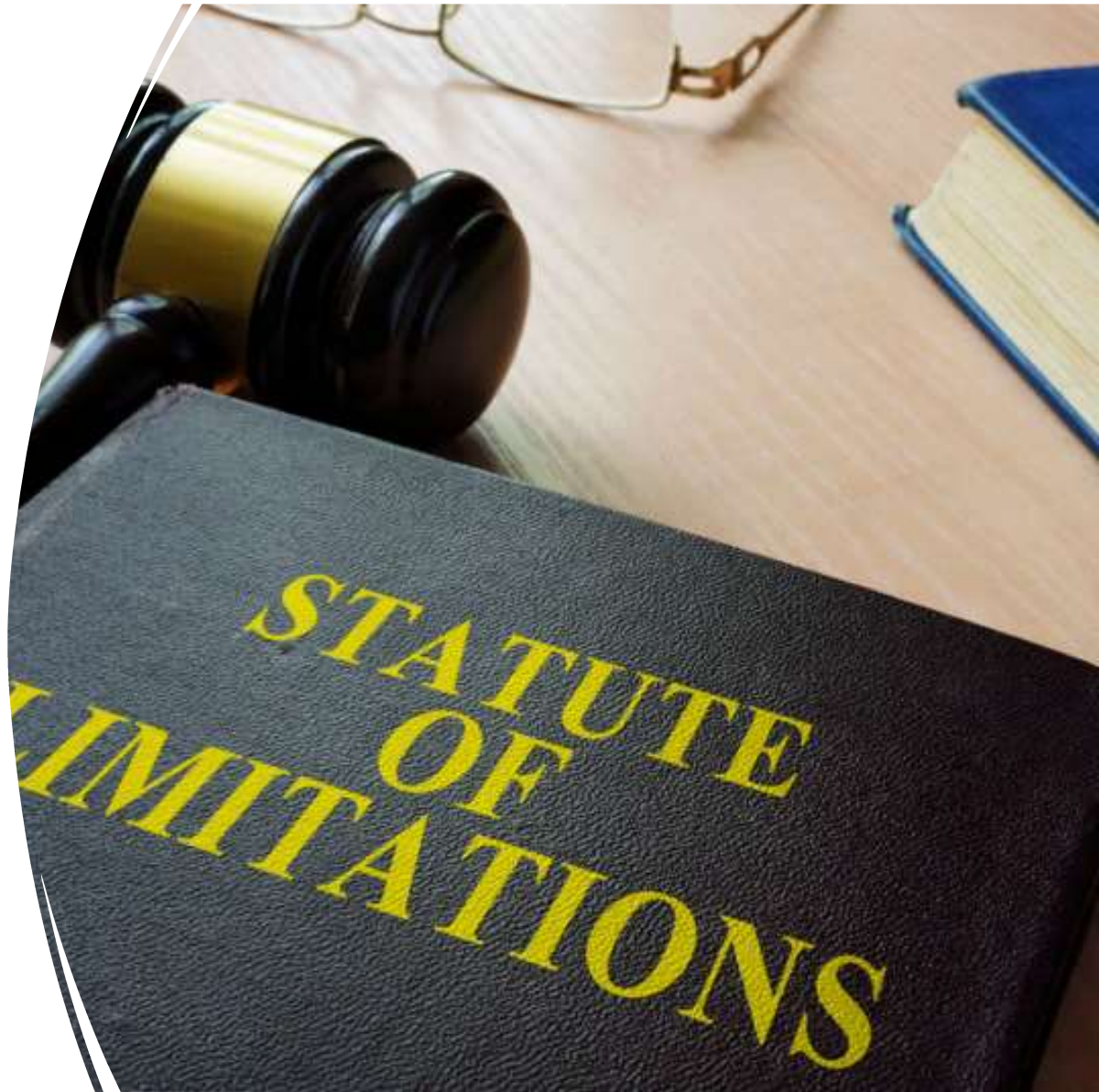
Any valid OP from another state shall be afforded full faith and credit.

Regardless of whether a foreign order of protection has been filed in this state, a law enforcement officer may rely upon a copy of an such protection order and the statement of any person protected by the order that the order remains in effect.



Special Notes

- There is no Statute of Limitations on the abuse for filing for an OP
- There is no requirement to file a police report or other criminal charges



Petition for OP must set forth “good cause”

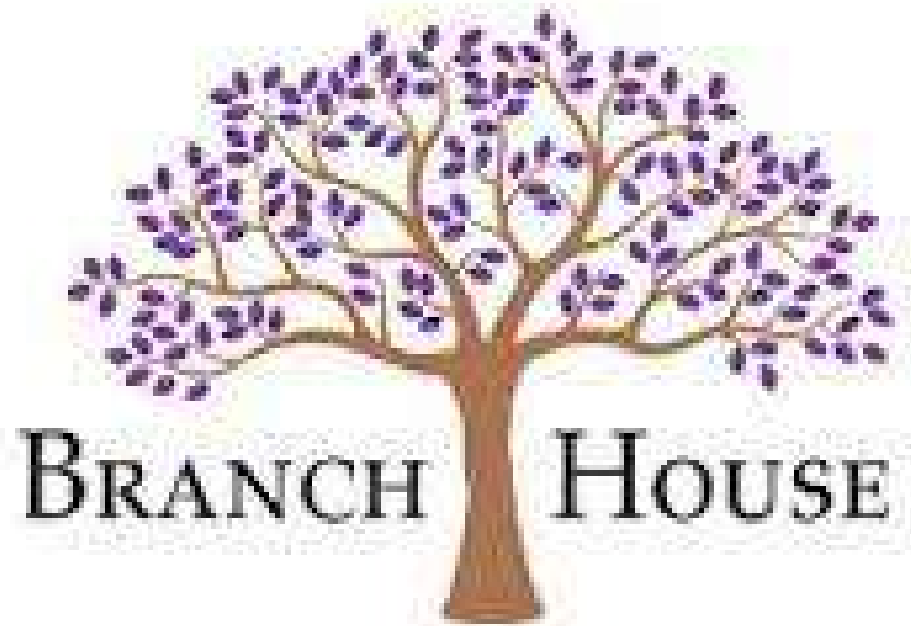
Examples:

- Immediate and present danger of abuse
- History of violence
- Respondent’s pattern of conduct
- Injuries, fear
- Threats to harm petitioner, children, animals
- Respondent’s mental history, threats of suicide, criminal history, history of stalking
- Respondent’s access to weapons



Petitions for Orders of Protection Can be a Little Tricky to Fill Out

- Victims can get help to fill out and file orders of protection from the branch house.
- Direct all DV victims and people in need of Ops to Branch House.
- Branch House: 574-7233



Law barring people with domestic violence restraining orders from having guns is unconstitutional, court rules

By Tierney Sneed, CNN

Updated 10:31 PM EST, Thu February 2, 2023



Move to Change Gun Laws Involving OPs

- A federal law that prohibits people subject to domestic violence restraining orders from possessing firearms is unconstitutional, ruled an appeals court on 2/3/23. (5th Circuit)
- This ruling is the latest significant decision dismantling a gun restriction in the wake of the Supreme Court's expansion of Second Amendment rights last year in the *New York State Rifle and Pistol Association, Inc. v. Bruen* decision which requires gun laws have historical analogy to firearm regulations in place at time of Constitution's framing.
- The Justice Department says domestic violence law analogous to 17th and 18th century regulation that disarmed "dangerous" persons.
- But Court said "dangerousness" laws were to preserve political and social order not to protect one specific person from another.

No Contact Orders v. Bond Conditions

No contact orders (def. on bond)

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39-13-102(c)



**He beat her 150 times.
She only got flowers
once.**



**Violence can
build after an
abuser loses
control**

Women in abusive
relationships are about
500 more times at risk
when the leave.

Glade Spring Virginia

- Emory & Henry remembers Nancy Griffin, her daughter, Kristin and grandson, Griffin. Dr. Griffin wounded.
- Def. already facing domestic abuse charges filed 6 days earlier
- Defendant was on a \$2,500.00 bond
- Victims staying in “safe” location.
- Grandma died on site as did shooter
- Son (17) died in helicopter to hospital
- Wife (46) died at hospital
- They had temporary protective orders against shooter



They did
everything right

- Filed charges
- Had OP
- Sought help
- Sought safe place to stay



Kingsport Tennessee
February 13, 2019

- Kelly Weaver filed for divorce from abuser
- Def. goes to her place of work and kills her
- Many people present and could have been even worse
- Hero in dentist chair with gun comes to rescue



Kelly Weaver, Did Everything Right

- Filed for divorce
- Restraining order through divorce
- Had her own apartment
- Had family and friend support

Sometimes you can Do Everything Right



- Sometimes a victim can get an OP and do all the right things and tragedy can still strike.
- Advise to keep copies of OP with them, at home, in car, at work, etc
- Advise about extra security such as cameras, increase patrol in cases of extreme concern, advise on safe house, etc

How to Build a Strong DV Case on the Front End Begins with Statements

- Audio
- Written
- At time of offense
- Victim, signed and detailed
- Suspect and witnesses
- Rule 803



Affidavits

Based on this affidavit,
what should be
included in the
prosecution report?

State, Tenn. to _____ at _____ am/pm

AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLAINT

I, the affiant named below, after being sworn, state under oath that on or about February 24th, 2020 at 5:20PM, in Sullivan County Tennessee, Aaron E Hopson committed the offense(s) of violation(s) of TCA Burglary (T.C.A. 39-14-402), Violation Of Order Of Protection (Domestic Violence) (T.C.A. 36-3-611), Interfering with Emergency Calls (T.C.A. 65-21-117), 2 counts of Aggravated Assault (T.C.A. 39-13-102), Schedule II Drug Violations (T.C.A. 39-17-417 (c)(2)(A)), Schedule VI Drug Violations (T.C.A. 39-17-417 (g)(2))

I further state under oath that the essential facts constituting the offense(s), the sources of my information and the reasons why this information is believable and reliable are as follows:

OCA # 20-004620

On 02/24/2020 at 17:25 hours, I responded to a domestic assault at Roberts Motors at 2112 Idle Hour Rd. Upon arrival I located Aaron Hopson in the front lot of the business. Hopson was detained. I then spoke with Carl and Rhonda Roberts inside the business. Rhonda said she had called 911 because Hopson, who is their son-in-law, had attacked them. Rhonda said that her daughter, Laura Hopson, and Aaron Hopson are separating after he assaulted her repeatedly. Laura has an active Order of Protection with Aaron as the respondent. It specifies that Aaron is not to assault or harass Laura, their daughter, or anyone in their family. Rhonda said that a man she did not know had come to the front desk and asked to see her daughter. Rhonda told him to wait as she went to get Carl. As Carl entered, the man left. Rhonda then tried to shut and lock the door but Hopson grabbed it and forced it open, pushing her back. Hopson then went inside and struck Carl repeatedly in the head with a closed fist. Carl had injuries consistent with being punched. Hopson then saw that Rhonda was calling 911 and grabbed her by the face before leaving, causing some injury to her lip. Laura Hopson, Carl and Rhonda's daughter, arrived on scene. She and Aaron both own the vehicle that Aaron was driving. Laura had the keys to the vehicle and was on the registration so I released the vehicle to her. Laura requested I check for narcotics in the truck. I located a pill container with 1.9 grams of a green leafy substance and .5 grams of a white crystal substance. I also located an unmarked pill bottle which contained 14 white Hydrocodone pills and 19 blue Benzodiazapine pills. Both of these pill bottles were located near the center console of the truck. Hopson was transported to the Kingsport City Jail. I am charging Hopson with Burglary, Violation of Order of Protection, two counts of Aggravated Domestic Assault, Scedule II Violation, Simple Possession of Schedule VI, and Interference with emergency calls. All events occurred in Kingsport TN.

Affiant's Signature: _____ Sworn to and subscribed before me on 02/25/20

Name (Printed): _____

Address (Printed): _____ *Daniel E. [Signature]*

TRE 803 (2) Excited Utterances

- Statement relating to a startling event or condition made while the declarant was under the stress of the excitement caused by the event or condition



Color Photos

- Take Photos of Injuries (lack thereof), scene, evidence
- Of victim and suspect
- Follow up photos



Why Do Follow up Photos?

- Bruising often looks worse a day or two in after and assault and shows that recovery took some time



Which is more powerful?



- A statement from officer about how the room was in disarray or a photo of the room



Which is more powerful?

**An affidavit mentioning the victim's injuries or a
photo of the injury**

Collecting Evidence

- In addition to taking photos, collect evidence (such as weapon)
- Search warrants (phones)
- If evidence needs to go to lab, call ADA for letter (DNA)
- Videos, security cameras





If you are aware
that Defendant has
a case pending...

- If defendant has a case pending in court already, there is a substantial chance he is under a no contact order with victim
- Check for existence of OP or no contact orders



911, What is your emergency?



- Get the 911 call
- Sometimes these can even be enhanced

911 of a murderer



Medical Records



- Have victim sign release
- Get grand jury subpoena

EMS

EMS trip tickets





Jail Calls

You'd be surprised about the little nuggets of information you find in these calls

Contact Information

victims are always moving, hiding or on the run



- Contact info for victim
- Where do they work/school
- Familial contact
- Are they on probation or in jail?

Twelve Hour Hold



- 40-11-150 (h)(i)
- Any offender arrest for the offense of stalking, aggravated stalking, or especially aggravated stalking or any other criminal offense defined in 36-3-601, domestic abuse.

Notification to Victims



- When a defendant is released, the law enforcement agency having custody of the defendant SHALL use all reasonable means to immediately notify the victim of the release and advise about the victim services and send the victim a copy of any conditions of release.

Stalking

Requires two (2) or more separate noncontinuous acts

May be good cases to get phone records



Aggravated Stalking

- Displays a weapon
- Victim less than 18 years and the offender is 5 years older than the victim
- has previous conviction of stalking within 7 years
- Makes a credible threat with intent to place a person in reasonable fear of death or bodily injury
- Under a no contact order, OP, or other court order against the victim.

Especially Aggravated Stalking



- Has previously been convicted of stalking or aggravated stalking involving same victim or
- Intentionally or recklessly causes serious bodily injury

Stalking on the National Forefront

The Idaho Murders

Stalker



Tracked by Cell Phone



Context is Critical

- Something may be frightening to the victim but not to you
- Stalking behaviors often have specific meanings known only to the victim
- Stalking might criminalize otherwise non-criminal behavior



Things a stalker might say

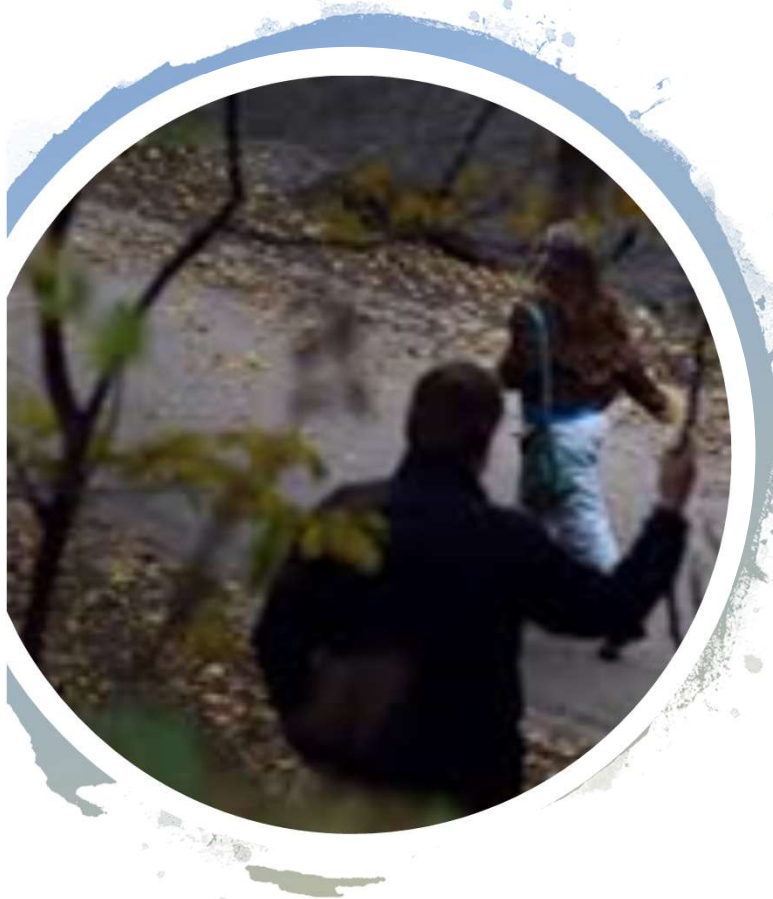
- I love you
- I miss you
- Please be with me
- You bit**
- I hate you
- I'll kill you
- No one else will have you

Victim's Response:
going to work,
attending your kids'
activities, going out for
the evening.....these
things seem routine.
For victim, they're
terrifying because you
never know that he will
do or when he will
show up.

Identifying the stalker's course of conduct



- SLII
 - Surveillance
 - Life Invasion
 - Interference
 - Intimidation



Surveillance

- Following
- Watching
- Waiting
- Showing up
- Tracking software
- Obtaining info on vic.
- Proxy stalking



Life Invasion

- Unwanted contact at home, work, etc.
- Phone calls
- Property invasion
- Public humiliation
- Harass friends/family



Interference

- Financial and work sabotage
- Ruining reputation
- Custody interference
- Keep from leaving
- Road rage
- Attack family/friends
- Physical/sexual assault

Intimidation



- Threats
- Property damage
- Forced confrontations
- Threaten to harm self
- Threats to vic about harming others

STALKING STATS

- Unwanted calls/messages=66%
 - Spreading rumors=36%
 - Following/spying=34%
 - Unwanted letters/emails=31%
 - Waiting on vic=29%
 - Leaving unwanted presents=12%
- 78% of stalkers use more than one means of approach
 - 20% of stalkers use weapons to threaten or harm vic
 - 66% of stalkers pursue their victim at least once per week



Relationships

The majority of time, the victim knows the perp.
Current or former IP, acquaintance, family member,
person of authority and stranger.



Did you miss me?

Why do they Stalk?

- Seeking affection
- Power & control
- Rejection
- Obsession
- Planning to commit a crime
- Because they can



Point when Stalking Occurs

- After relationship ends=43%
- During relationship=21%
- During and after=36%



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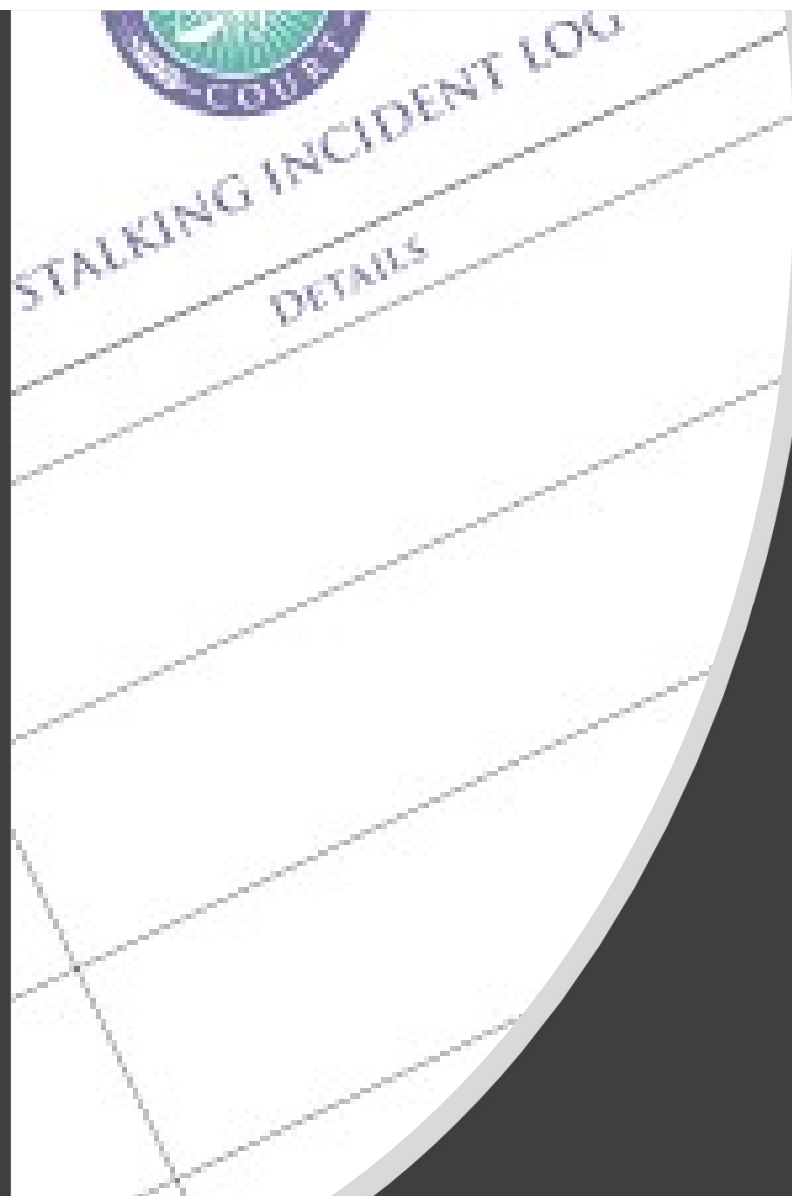
**Intimate partner stalkers
pose the greatest threats
to their victims**

- IP stalkers are more likely to:
 - Physically approach vic.
 - Be insulting, threatening and interfering
 - Quickly escalate
 - Assault 3rd parties
 - Re-offend

**Physical Abuse +
Stalking is a
greater risk of
lethality than
either behavior
alone.**

**Stalking is when two
people go for a long
romantic walk together
but only one of them
knows about it.**

Wendy's Mom's



How to approach stalking

Document the
behavior



SAFETY PLANNING

- Consider:
 - The possibility of escalation
 - The variety of behaviors the stalker is engaged in
 - Maintain contact with vic.

Advice for a Stalking Victim

Change routine

Be alert

Change numbers, passwords, delete tracking apps

Safe at home address





Overlap with other
charges

- Vandalism
- Violations of Orders of protection
- Harassment
- Unlawful exposure
- Assault
- ID theft
- Animal abuse

Search Warrants

- A lot of stalking takes place via social media or through electronics. Accordingly, you may need to get a search warrant.

SEARCH
WARRANT



Many Serial Killers Were also Stalkers

- Richard Ramirez: the “Night Stalker” who killed in California between June 1984-August 1985. Murdered in a variety of ways handguns, knives, claw hammer, strangulation, stomped. Convicted of 13 counts of murder, 5 attempted murders and 11 sexual assault. Died in 2013 awaiting execution



Stalker Serial Killer

- John Wayne Gacy: The Clown Killer. Between the years of 1972-1978 had 33 confirmed victims. He would torture, strangle, stalk and rape then murder his victims.



Harassment

- Similar to stalking
- Typically over some type of media
- May need search warrant, preservation letter, phone dump, facebook information, etc.



Strangulation

- Can be lethal
- Always recommend hospital
- Look for corroborating injuries or signs
- Most mass shooters and serial killers have a history of strangulation





Sample strangulation marks



What if the suspect says.....

- Officer, “I only choked her a little bit.” --- should immediately change your perspective on the seriousness of the situation

What's the big deal about Strangulation?

- **Lethal, fast, often no visible marks, ultimate control over someone's life, no protective structure in you neck, takes very little pressure, long term effects on victim and unborn child, potential delayed death of vic.**
- **Less about the external injury and more about the soft tissue injury and obstruction of blood or oxygen**
- **Remember visible injury is not element but obviously helpful**

Video of Strangulation

- Shows how quick and how effective strangulation can be.
- Shows that victim can be disoriented and not even really know what happened.





Kingsport, TN
January 18, 2018

- Randall Neece strangled his wife, Lakeesha Neece, with a straightening iron cord after trying to smother her with shower curtain. He records the event.

Neece Recorded the Actual Strangulation

> FIRST-DEGREE MURDER TRIAL
» SULLIVAN COUNTY, TN

Randall Neece



- > Jan. 2018 Strangulation Death of Lakeesha Neece, 27
- > Jury Seated Monday Morning
- > Testimony Has Begun

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What to Look For in Strangulation

Some signs of strangulation



Pronounced petechiae in the whites of the eyes and on the cheeks/face.

Bruising and petechiae are not usually visible immediately afterwards, but can be seen later.



Evidence of Strangulation

Important to ask questions and have EMS check victim out and document

Petechiae (eyes, lips, face=burst blood vessels)

Marks on neck, bites on tongue and lip, finger prints

Description of how it felt (I couldn't breathe, I heard popping sounds, I felt weak in my legs, everything went black, dizzy)

Throat hurts, voice hoarse, gaps in memory

Hurts to eat, swallow, drink

Coughing blood, nausea, headache, disoriented, defecated on self

More Evidence of Strangulation

- What did def. say during the offense? (I'm going to kill you)
- Did vic. fight and maybe scratch/bite def.





Important to Document

Police, EMS, victim, hospital, etc.

Petechiae



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Petechiae

Serial Killers Who Strangled Their Victims



- Boston Strangler
- Ted Bundy
- BTK

Colonel Russell Williams, Canadian Armed Forces Strangled his victims

- Convicted double-murder
- Sentenced to life without the possibility of parole for 25 years in 2010
- Tire tracks and boot prints were key evidence
- 10 hour confession
- Broke into over 82 homes to steal women's underwear and escalated to rapes and murders

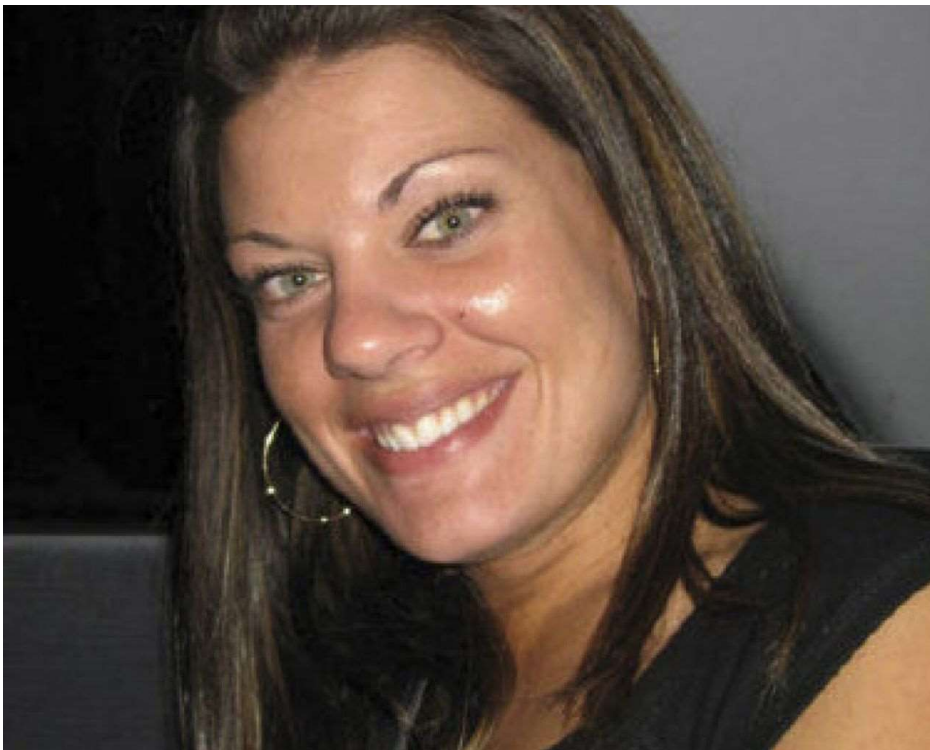




Colonel Williams' Confession

- Hours and hours but the break down is fascinating.
- Available for viewing on YouTube
- Victims: Cpl Marie France Corneau 38yrs old (left) and Jessica Lloyd 27 (right)
- He plead guilty to 88 charges including first degree murder, sexual assault and breaking and entering.

Jessica Lloyd, Victim of Colonel Williams



- “I don’t want to die, please....If I die, will you make sure my mom know that I love her?” —Jessica Lloyd.
- She died after Williams strangled her with a rope and repeatedly sexually assaulted her and abducted her from her home.
- He also video tape this and took photographs
- They were strangers and he noticed her as he drove by her house and he saw her through her window on a treadmill



Cpl Marie France Corneau

- “I want to live so badly,” Corneau. “give me a chance.”
- Autopsy show showed she suffered at least five blows to the head and Williams continued to photograph her as she struggled for breath.
- Suffocated when Williams put duct tape over her nose. He continued to take photos of her after she died.

Domestic
Violence
Murders



What to do for Murders Cases

Call ADA

Document what you do because they take a long time to resolve and you will need to be able to recall

Scene, document with photos/diagrams

Search warrants

Statements

Evidence

labs

Phones, electronics

Logs (i.e. scene, evidence, etc.

Think outside the box





Trial Prep

- Meet with your ADA
- Be familiar with your file
- Review the evidence
- Observe others testify in court
- Happy to put on trainings



Rape and sexual assault crimes

- **Call Branch House**
- SART/Emily Hite
- Director, Lenee Hendrix
- 423-574-7233
- Request Advocate
- If serious, call ADA 423-292-4999
- Request SANE Nurse
- Exams available at Branch House
- Comfort bags
- Interview both parties

SANE



- Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner, specially trained in collection of forensic evidence
- They explain procedure to victim, work with advocates, collect, document and preserve evidence, refer to follow up care, collaborate with other agencies, and provide court testimony

Medical Records

- Hearsay TN Rule of Evid 803(6)
- Records or regularly conducted activity: a memorandum, report, record or data compilation, in any form of act, events, conditions, opinions, or diagnoses made at or near the time by or from information transmitted by a person with knowledge and a business duty to record or transmit if kept in the course of regularly conducted business.....



Hold Kits

- Free to victim
- must submit kit to lab for testing within 45 days after taking possession of the kit or of the victim making the police report, unless wants kit held.
- Store rape kits for 10 years if no wish to prosecute
- Branch house willing to make calls



Domestics come in every form and shape



- Burglaries
- Kidnappings
- Vandalism
- Custodial interference
- Sex offenses
- Offenses against children
- Retaliation for past acts
- Coercion of witness
- False reports

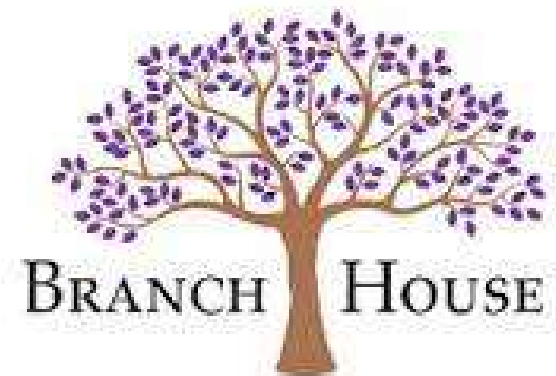
Subpoenas

- If you get a subpoena, contact your ADA or your victim witness coordinator.
- Be familiar with your file
- If you are unavailable, please let us know at earliest convenience.
- If you know of extended time off, let our office know and we can try to avoid those dates.



One STOP Shop for Domestic Violence Victims

- 313 Foothills Drive Blountville,TN / 423-574-7233
- Free Services and Support/Houses multiple local agencies
- Provides services ranging from Information and Support, Counseling, Civil Legal Assistance, Court Advocacy, Orders of Protections, Safety Planning, Victim Compensation, Access to Emergency Shelter, Access to Emergency Pet Shelter, Housing, Connections to resources such as food, clothing and transportation, Sexual Assault Forensic Examination, Consultation with Law Enforcement or Prosecutor (if requested)



We are all on the same team

Although we may not always see eye to eye, we are always on the same team and goal is safety for victims while holding offenders accountable.



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