



Managing Your Most Dangerous Offenders: Firearms, Stalking and Strangulation Cases

June 18-20, 2018 | San Diego, California

Agenda

After attending this conference, pre-trial and probation officers will better:

- Incorporate effective principles of continuing victim engagement as a means to improve victim safety and offender accountability;
- Integrate risk assessment strategies and protocols to better inform the supervision of offenders, while recognizing potential issues of bias and disparate impact;
- Recognize and address the heightened risks posed by the most dangerous offenders, specifically offenders who commit stalking, strangulation or use firearms; and
- Refine their use of assessment tools and tailor effective messages to offenders that accurately reflect the severity and danger posed by this group of offenders.

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Day One: Monday, June 18, 2018

8:00-9:00 Registration

9:00-9:15 Welcome and Opening Remarks

James Henderson, Battered Women's Justice Project

Room Assignment TBD

9:15-10:30 Plenary: The Impact of Differential Sentencing Severity of Batterers: What Happens When Domestic Violence (DV) is Treated More Seriously Than Other Crimes?

Andrew Klein, PhD, Advocates for Human Potential, Inc.

Room Assignment TBD

During this session agents will explore the research findings when offenders who commit both DV and non-DV crimes are more likely prosecuted and sentenced more seriously or less seriously for one set of crimes than the other. Is there a significant effect regarding victim safety, recidivism and reabuse? While some research questions the effectiveness of batterer intervention for the lack of offender behavior change, Dr. Klein challenges this idea, emphasizing the overall message both victims and offenders receive from the court and the "going rates" assigned IPV crimes. Officers can play a vital role in shaping that court message, explaining the seriousness of the offense and the danger to the victim by what they put into their pre-sentence report, what they elaborate on in court, and how they supervise abusers placed in probation. Dr. Klein will also research on specialized IPV probationary programs and what they reveal about effective supervision of abusers.

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-12:00 Plenary: Implicit Bias; Why It Matters

Wayne S McKenzie, Esq. General Counsel, NYC Department of Probation

Room Assignment TBD

Mr. McKenzie is a former prosecutor and was the founding director of the Prosecution & Racial Justice Program at the Vera Institute of Justice. He has lectured and trained criminal justice professionals nationally on the role implicit bias can play in decision-making and contribute to racially disparate impact. He will present a primer on cultural competency and implicit bias.

12:00-1:30 Lunch on Your Own

1:30-2:45 Plenary: Strangulation – The Last Warning Shot

Gael Strack JD, Alliance for Hope International

Room Assignment TBD

Attorney Gael Strack will share key findings from the San Diego study of 300 non-fatal strangulation cases, the lethality of strangulation, the medical aspects of strangulation in surviving and non-surviving victims, legal aspects of investigating and prosecuting non-fatal strangulation cases, practical tips, best practices and new tools. Including the use of various multi-media, this session will review cover the most recent research and case law and demonstrate how the knowledge of strangulation's lethality is necessary for effective supervision of abusers who strangle.

2:45-3:00 Break

3:00-4:30 Workshop Sessions I

A. Supervising Batterers Who Strangle

Gael Strack JD, Alliance for Hope International, Jim Henderson, Battered Women's Justice Project

Room Assignment TBD

Building upon the lessons from the plenary presentation, this workshop will discuss in more detail the particular supervision needs and challenges presented by batterers who strangle, the importance of consistent messaging from the system and the role that certain and swift sanctions plays in promoting victim safety.

B. The Role of Probation in Sentencing Practices

Andrew Klein, PhD, Advocates for Human Potential, Inc.

Room Assignment TBD

Building upon his plenary presentation, Dr. Klein will work with attendees to identify and implement the lessons that probation officers can utilize to create more effective sentencing and supervision recommendation for IPV offenders.

C. Racial Bias and Probation: Findings from a National

Jesse Janetta, Urban Institute Truls Neal [Multnomah County Dept. of Community Justice](#)

Room Assignment TBD

Using the findings from its recent national study on the impact of racial bias and probation outcomes, this workshop will help attendees improve their awareness of how bias affects their own case decisions and the skills needed to reduce its impact.

End of Day One

Day Two: Tuesday, June 19, 2018

8:30-8:45 Welcome Back and Announcements

James Henderson, BWJP

Room Assignment TBD

8:45-10:00 Plenary: Stalking Offenders and Risks: What Probation Officers Need to Know to Effectively Manage This

Professor TK Logan, University of Kentucky

Room Assignment TBD

Based upon her years of stalking research, Professor Logan will assist attendees to recognize the threatening stalking behaviors that offenders utilize in cases of IPV, describe the critical role that probation officers and other community corrections personnel can play to promote effective offender accountability and victim safety, and identify resources available to community corrections to improve their supervision of stalking offenders.

10:00-10:15 Break

10:15-11:45 Workshop Sessions II

A. Using the SHARP Tool in Supervising Stalking Offenders

Professor TK Logan, University of Kentucky and Denise Pena Community Justice Manager Crime Victims Services Unit

Room Assignment TBD

Following her plenary presentation, Professor Logan will work with attendees to identify and understand various resources available to assist in more effective supervision of stalking offenders, including her own SHARP tool.

B. Supervising Batterers Who Strangle

Gael Strack, Alliance for Hope International and Jim Henderson, Battered Women's Justice Project

Room Assignment TBD

Building upon the lessons from the plenary presentation, this workshop will discuss in more detail the particular supervision needs and challenges presented by batterers who strangle, the importance of consistent messaging from the system and the role that certain and swift sanctions plays in promoting victim safety.

C. Racial Bias and Probation: Findings from a National Study

Jesse Janetta, Urban Institute Truls Neal, Multnomah County Dept. of Community Justice

Room Assignment TBD

Building on findings from a recent national study examining bias and probation outcomes and efforts in Multnomah County to mitigate bias, this workshop will help attendees improve their awareness of how bias potentially affects their own case decisions and provide approaches that have the potential to reduce its impact.

11:45-1:15 Lunch on Your Own

1:15-2:30 Plenary: Offenders Who Use Firearms: How Can Probation Respond

Jennifer Waindle, DeKalb County State Court Probation

Room Assignment TBD

Based upon standards utilized in her own probation caseload, Ms. Waindle will identify how proactive supervision of offenders with a history of firearm use can promote more effective accountability and victim safety, through preventing possession by prohibited offenders and removal of firearms from those offenders.

2:30-2:45 Break

2:45-4:15 Workshop Session III

A. Implementing Effective Probation Firearms Practices

Jennifer Waindle, DeKalb County State Court Probation

Room Assignment TBD

Building upon her plenary presentation as well as her own caseload practices, Ms. Waindle will engage attendees in identifying effective proactive supervision techniques for offenders with firearms histories, including safe and legal discovery and seizure practices, the communication of specific consequences of firearm possession to offenders, and the vital role of collaboration across community corrections and law enforcement.

B. Using the SHARP Tool in Supervising Stalking Offenders

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C. The Supervision of Domestic Violence Offenders in Franklin County Ohio; Use of Assessment, Differentiated Treatment and Coordinated Community Response

Cassandra Munoz, M.S., Domestic Violence Unit Supervisor, Franklin County Municipal Court, Department of Probation Services

This workshop will identify various risk assessment and practical tools available to assist probation officers in their supervision of high risk offenders and demonstrate how community corrections can leverage the use of such tools used throughout the criminal system while being aware of the limits of their use within the probation context.

4:15-4:20 Move to Plenary

4:20-5:00 The Importance of Victim Engagement by Probation

Jim Henderson, Battered Women's Justice Project

Room Assignment TBD

During this session, Mr. Henderson will highlight the value of engaging with victims throughout an offender's supervision time, discuss the challenges of sharing and obtaining information about the offender and demonstrate how corrections officers' understanding of offender risk can better promote victim safety.

End of Day Two

Day Three: Wednesday, June 20, 2018

8:30-8:45 **Welcome and Announcements**

8:45-10:30 **Plenary: Probation Group Reporting Practices**

Megan Harrison, KC Hunsicker, Kristy Oster, Caspar, Wyoming Probation Department, moderated by Jim Henderson, Battered Women's Justice Project

The probation department from Caspar, WY will highlight their implementation of probation group reporting (PGR) among their domestic violence offenders. They will demonstrate the challenges of adopting the practice, the important role that policy plays in guiding the development of such practices, their incorporation of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) methods within PGR and putting together a "tribunal" model to enhance victim safety and hold IPV offenders accountable.

10:30-11:15 **Plenary: Confidentiality and Probation Supervision: What Can Be Shared? What Should Be Shared? And Why?**

Ian Harris, National Network to End Domestic Violence

Room Assignment TBD

End of Conference