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### **Sex Trafficking**

#### **The Life Cycle of Sex Trafficking From the Investigation and Prosecution to the Evaluation and Treatment**

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Sex trafficking is the process of one individual compelling another through the use of force, fraud, or coercion to engage in commercial sex acts against their will for the economic benefit of the trafficker. Colorado Revised Statute classifies most human trafficking for sexual servitude of a minor crimes as sexual offenses. Currently, the Sex Offender Management Board (SOMB) is working in conjunction with professionals in the field of domestic violence and sex offending to create a new evaluation and treatment protocol for individuals charged with sex trafficking-related crimes. This presentation will provide a contextual background, using the Risk-Need Responsivity (RNR) principle, to explore the four intervention phases of the sex trafficking process -- investigation, prosecution, evaluation, and treatment. To better understand the difference between general sex offending and sex trafficking and the need for a specific protocol for sex trafficking offenders, the following will be explored:

- Information about the investigation process from the FBI's Innocence Lost Task Force and Officer Laura Knudsen from the Fort Collins, Colorado Police Department's Sex Trafficking Unit.
- Education about the legal components and prosecution of sex trafficking.
- Data from prior sex trafficking evaluations, which outline seemingly common traits and risk factors seen in offenders involved in sex trafficking. Retroactive risk assessment scoring using the Violence Risk Scale-Sex Offense Version (VRS-SOV), the Domestic Violence Risk & Needs Assessment (DVNRA), and the Hare Psychopathy Checklist- Revised- Second Edition (Hare-PCL-R).
- Proposal for a sex trafficking-specific evaluation protocol that follows the risk-needs responsivity principle.
- Case study of Brock Franklin, most well-known Colorado sex trafficking offender who was recently given the longest-ever sentence for a sex trafficker in U.S. history.

**Learning Goals:**

- Educate professionals about the cross-over domestic violence/sex offending risk factors seen in sex trafficking cases.
- Identify common traits, risk factors, historical issues, and pathology of sex traffickers.
- Provide professionals with a sex trafficking-specific evaluation template/protocol.

**Brenna Tindall, PsyD** is a Licensed Psychologist, Full Operating SOMB and DVOMB evaluator, and a Certified Addiction Counselor III. She has extensive experience evaluating and treating adult and adolescent clients who are involved with the criminal justice system. She is also a Full Operating Level Evaluator for Offender's with Intellectual Disabilities and a Trainer for the adult and juvenile sex offender risk assessments. Dr. Tindall specializes in forensic evaluations of individuals in the criminal justice system to include psychological evaluations, insanity evaluations, competency evaluations, sex offense specific evaluations, domestic violence evaluations, dual diagnosis evaluations, substance abuse evaluations, cognitive evaluations, and Child Contact Assessments. Of particular importance to Dr. Tindall is the application of the Risk Need Responsivity Principle as it applies to the assessment and identification of needs of offenders. Dr. Tindall has presented at conferences and trainings for the past nine years on topics including adults sex offender risk assessments; juvenile sex offender risk assessment instruments; cumulative career traumatic stress/vicarious trauma; the “ins-and-outs of psychosexual evaluations;” juvenile and adult SOMB Standards; and psychological evaluations as possible mitigation in criminal cases. Dr. Tindall presented at the ATSA conference in 2017; is presenting at the 2018 MASOC conference in Massachusetts; and presents annually at the Colorado SOMB conference.

**Christian Gardner-Wood** is a Senior Deputy District Attorney for the First Judicial District, which includes Jefferson and Gilpin Counties. Christian graduated from the University of Colorado Law School in 2007 and has spent his career as a Deputy District Attorney in the First Judicial District. In his time at the DA's Office, Christian has taken well over 100 cases to trial. Christian is currently the Human Trafficking Prosecutor for the First Judicial District. In that position, he prosecutes all human trafficking cases for the district, works on legislation and policy regarding human trafficking, and presents to the community about human trafficking. The vast majority of Christian's casework for the last six years has been focused on the prosecution of child sex offenders. Additionally, Christian is an instructor at both the Red Rocks Law Enforcement Academy and the Colorado State Patrol Academy. He is a frequent presenter for the Colorado District Attorney's Council on the Role of Deputy DAs, Sexual Assault, and Child Abuse. Christian is also a member of several subcommittees of the Sex Offender Management Board and previously presented at the SOMB Conference on offender contact with children. Christian also serves, by appointment from Governor John Hickenlooper, as the statewide District Attorney representative to the Colorado Human Trafficking Council.

## How to Influence Sex Offender Policy

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Working in the field of sex offender management means working within limits imposed by laws and policies. Sometimes we may find ourselves wishing these laws and policies were different, and this has become a major theme at ATSA. This interactive workshop aims to empower participants with tools that can help them towards achieving policy changes. The Dutch National Rapporteur on Trafficking in Human Beings and Sexual Violence against Children is a high ranking public official mandated by the Dutch government to independently monitor the effect of policies combating human trafficking and sexual violence against children and provide advice to improve these policies. As designated advisors, he and his office are in a privileged position to influence policy sex offenders. In this workshop I will share the insights we gain from this role to help participants become more effective in using their expertise to influence policy. I will discuss different strategies that we employ. Examples are: framing issues in a way that motivates policy makers, building a strategic network and influencing public debate. I will also use examples of our work to illustrate the effect that can be obtained by using them, such as the policy changes obtained from a study on risk assessment and treatment allocation in the Netherlands. There will also be ample room to discuss different barriers participants encounter when interacting with policy makers.

### Learning Goals:

- Learn about barriers that can prevent policy makers from building effective policies.
- Learn strategies that can help you overcome these barriers and use them to achieve the goal of policy changes.
- Feel empowered to work towards policy changes by gaining practical knowledge that you can apply.

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