



Identifying, Investigating, and Prosecuting Domestic Violence Strangulation Cases

TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2017

8:30 am – 4:30 pm

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**JEFFERSON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
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*Training Institute on
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In a retrospective study of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty 1993-2013, 50% of those officers were killed by a criminal suspect with a public records act history of strangulation assault against a woman in a prior relationship. *Riverside County District Attorney's Office 2013 Study, Gerald Fineman, J.D*

Strangulation has been identified as one of the most lethal forms of domestic violence and sexual assault: unconsciousness may occur within seconds and death within minutes. When domestic violence perpetrators choke (strangle) their victims, not only is this felonious assault, but it may be an attempted homicide. Strangulation is an ultimate form of *power and control* where the batterer can demonstrate control over the victim's next breath. It may have devastating psychological effects or a potentially fatal outcome.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

- Judges
- Law enforcement officers
- Prosecutors
- Paramedics, EMTs
- Advocates
- Civil attorneys
- Medical providers
- Psychologists, MFTs, LCSWs

Course Description

National experts [Casey Gwinn](#) & [Gael Strack](#), Co-Founders of Alliance for HOPE International and the Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention, will cover:

- Findings from a study of 300 misdemeanor strangulation cases
- Understanding the lethality of strangulation
- Identifying the signs and symptoms of strangulation cases
- Anatomy and medical aspects in surviving and non-surviving victims
- Investigation, documentation, and prosecution of non-fatal strangulation cases as felonies, or attempted homicides
- Use of experts and court considerations
- Advocating for victims of strangulation
- Best practices, new resources and next steps

"For many years, we didn't realize what strangulation was. We would see it over and over in police reports. We would hear victims say over and over 'choking, choking, choking' 'he grabbed me' 'he choked me'. It didn't mean anything to us, and we certainly didn't understand how lethal it was. But, as we started to deal with it, put the medical experts on the stand and started hearing the actual accounting of what was going on, and then had research to back it up, we found out that choking wasn't down here, choking was right here. A homicide was right here. And suddenly, choking is strangulation, and now we realize if you're at strangulation, you're at death. You're right on the edge of murder." Casey Gwinn, J.D. & President, Alliance for HOPE International

POST, CLE and CEU credit anticipated. Documents necessary to receive credit available at completion of the training.

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