

November 26, 2018, Lansing, Michigan

Sexual Assault Summit: Rethinking Suspect Interviews

Sponsored by the Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board,
Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards, and the Prosecuting Attorneys' Association of Michigan



For Law Enforcement, Prosecutors, and Allies

Conference Highlights

- Understanding Sexual Assault Perpetrator Behavior
- Turning the Case Upside Down –Rethinking the Art & Science of Sexual Assault Suspect Interviews
- The Investigation of Larry Nassar: Insights into an Offender Focused Investigation

Featuring Russell Strand

Program:

Date: Monday, November 26, 2018

Time: 7:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Location: Crown Plaza Lansing West
925 S. Creyts Rd., Lansing, MI

Cost: Free

Register: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MI2018SA>





Conference Agenda

- 7:30—8:00 Registration
- 8:00—8:15 Welcome
- 8:15—10:45 **Sexual Assault Perpetrators—Russell Strand**
Understanding the behavior, strategies and tactics of sexual assault perpetrators is critical to investigating and responding to sexual assault. This presentation will examine the myths and realities of sexual assault perpetrators including how they manipulate and groom their victims and everyone around them.
- 10:45—11:00 Break
- 11:00—12:00 **Turning the Case Upside Down –Rethinking the Art & Science of Sexual Assault Suspect Interviews — Russell Strand**
It's time to take a fresh look at an age-old problem – suspect interviews. Reducing false confessions, deception, and false information have long been at the center of criminal justice interest and research. Suspect interviews have been the topic of great controversy in the criminal justice field. Torture, manipulation, and mind games have all been used, with various degrees of success, to determine the truthfulness of those who have been accused of crimes including rape, child abuse, and domestic violence. This presentation focus on sexual assault suspect interrogation and will:
- review the history of interrogation techniques,
 - discuss the impact of numerous suspect interview/interrogation techniques and the efficacy of these techniques,
 - challenge long-held beliefs in what works and what doesn't, and
 - provide newly developed suspect forensic interview techniques.
- 12:00—1:15 **Working Lunch : Michigan's Sexual Assault Kit Tracking System—Lore Rogers**
- 1:15—3:30 **Turning the Case Upside Down –Rethinking the Art & Science of Sexual Assault Suspect Interviews Continued —Russell Strand**
- 3:30—3:45 Break
- 3:45—4:45 **Panel Discussion: The Investigation of Larry Nassar—Insights into an Offender Focused Investigation —Angie Povilaitis, Andrea Munford, Russel Strand, Danielle Hagaman-Clark**
Angie Povilaitis and Andrea Munford led the criminal investigation that resulted in Larry Nassar's sexual assault conviction. This panel will include Russ Strand and a reflection on their offender focused approach to the investigation.
- 4:45-5:00 Evaluation and Closing



Speaker Biography

Russell W. Strand, CFP-A

Senior Special Agent (Retired) Russell W. Strand, CFP-A, is the Executive Director of Certified FETI and a co-founder and managing partner of SHIFT, LLC is an independent consultant, educator and presenter. He is a retired Federal Special Agent and retired Chief of the Behavioral Sciences Education & Training Division, United States Army Military Police School, with an excess of 40 year's law enforcement, investigative, and consultation experience. Russ is an internationally recognized expert in the areas of domestic violence intervention, critical incident peer support, sexual assault and child abuse investigations, human trafficking, forensic interviews, response to trauma, and culture change. Russ was inducted into the United States Army Military Police Regimental Hall of Fame. He was also selected to receive the 2012 End Violence Against Women International Visionary Award in recognition of his impact, vision and leadership in ending violence against women around the world. He was previously selected by the Secretary of Defense to serve on the Congressionally mandated Response Systems to Adult Sexual Assault as a member of the Comparative Systems Subcommittee. Russ is unconditionally dedicated to continue his work to build a world that doesn't currently exist. A world in which every victim of abuse and trauma has confidence in reporting their experience and has a genuine voice that is truly heard. A world in which all professionals responding to trauma and abuse are properly educated and feel confident in all they do. And a world in which we significantly reduce or eliminate all forms of criminal violence and abuse.

Angela Povilaitis, JD

Ms. Povilaitis is currently a Policy Attorney for the Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board. Most recently Ms. Povilaitis was an Assistant Attorney General in the Michigan Department of Attorney General, Criminal Division and was the lead prosecutor on the state sexual assault cases brought against former USA gymnastics and Michigan State University doctor Larry Nassar. At the Attorney General Office, Ms. Povilaitis was tasked with prosecuting violence against women and intimate partner criminal cases throughout the State of Michigan and developed a Statewide Cold Case Sexual Assault Project at the AG's office. Ms. Povilaitis trains state prosecutors annually on Sexual Assault Trial Advocacy. Ms. Povilaitis has also participated in a number of policy groups and initiatives, including the Michigan Model Policy: The Law Enforcement Response to Sexual Assault and the first responder's training video, Sexual Assault: A Trauma Informed Approach to Law Enforcement First Response.

Lt. Andrea Munford

Detective Lieutenant Andrea Munford has been with the MSU Police Department since 1997 and has been a member of the department's seven-person Special Victims Unit (SVU) since its inception in 2014. Members of the SVU receive special training in "victim-centered" policing, which emphasizes restoring victims' sense of control and educates officers in the psychological effects of trauma on memory and other functions. The SVU team works collaboratively with campus and community partners to ensure survivors are receiving informed options and resources.

Danielle Hagaman-Clark, JD

Danielle J. Hagaman-Clark is the Violence Against Women Training Attorney for the Prosecuting Attorney's Association of Michigan. Ms. Hagaman-Clark was the lead attorney for the Sexual Assault Team of the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office (WCPO), in Detroit. She has prosecuted cases involving sexual assault, conducted investigative subpoenas, made charging decisions and handled preliminary examination, trial and sentencing for high-profile, complex and multi-defendant cases. Ms. Hagaman-Clark is also a founding member of the WCPO's Sexual Assault Team. She is a member of the State Bar of Michigan and the American Inns of Court. In 2014, Ms. Hagaman-Clark was a guest lecturer for the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law on using expert forensic evidence.

Lore Rogers, JD

Lore Rogers is a Staff Attorney for the Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board. In that capacity, she has worked since 2010 on projects to address stockpiled and untested sexual assault evidence kits in Michigan, and was primarily responsible for the Board's partnership with the Michigan State Police to implement the statewide electronic sexual assault evidence kit tracking system. Prior to her work with the Board, Ms. Rogers worked with sexual assault and domestic violence programs, including as Interim Co-Director for the University of Michigan Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center.



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This conference is free of charge to Michigan criminal justice professionals. It is intended to improve the criminal justice response to sexual assault in Michigan.

Priority Registration is Open Now: Priority registration is currently open to law enforcement, prosecutors, investigators working in prosecutors offices, and MCOLES instructors.

General Registration Opens October 29: Conference registration will be open to all criminal justice professionals and allies such as advocates, forensic medical professionals, and coordinated community response coordinators starting October 29.

Registration closes on November 16.

Overnight

Reservations: Attendees are responsible for any overnight accommodations. A limited number of rooms has been held at the state rate of \$75 night. Use the code **CLS** or Sexual Assault Summit to reserve a room. Call 877-322-5544 to reserve a hotel room today.

Questions: Contact Joe Cole at 517-241-7103 or ColeJ10@michigan.gov

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