



Connecting the Dots Understanding Victims' Needs



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West Virginia Sexual Assault & Stalking Symposium

FEATURED SPEAKERS

Jennifer Storm is a content expert on victims' rights issues, a survivor of sexual assault and an outspoken advocate. Ms. Storm chronicled her own story of victimization and recovery in her memoirs *Blackout Girl: Growing Up and Drying Out in America*, and *Picking up the Pieces without Picking Up*. Currently the Victim Advocate for the State of Pennsylvania, Ms. Storm has changed the rules and laws to support and protect both adult and juvenile victims of all crimes.

Viktorija Kristiansson is an Attorney Advisor for AEquitas: The Prosecutors' Resource on Violence Against Women. In this role she authors and develops resources, publications, and curricula; provides case consultation and technical assistance for prosecutors and allied professionals; and provides collaborative policy consultation. She presents on trial strategy, legal analysis and policy, and ethical issues related to violence against women. Ms. Kristiansson received a Juris Doctor from Temple University School of Law.

William J. Ihlenfeld II has served as U.S. Attorney in the Northern District of West Virginia since 2010. He has built a career dedicated to public service, with a passion for making WV a safer place to live.

Sarah Montoro has been an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Northern District of West Virginia since 2014. Prior to this position, Ms. Montoro was in private practice.

WORKSHOP FACILITATORS

Detective Larry Hasley: Detective, Morgantown Police Department

Sherry Eling: Violence Against Women Resource Prosecutor, WV Prosecuting Attorneys Institute

David Miller and Erin Spearen: WV State Police Forensic Crime Lab

Margaret Denny and Sam Wilmoth: Project Coordinators, WV Foundation for Rape Information and Services

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Late Registration: \$65.00

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112 Braddock Street
Fairmont, WV 26554

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Accommodations needed?

AGENDA

7:30am-8:30am Registration
8:30am-10:15am Keynote: Blackout Girl – The Unspoken Cycles of Trauma and Victimization

Jennifer Storm, Victim Advocate
 A child and teen survivor of sexual assault as well as a woman in recovery from addiction, Ms. Storm will bring her own experience to help participants better understand the complexities of the biological and emotional responses of trauma, drug-facilitated sexual assault and the effects of substance abuse and recovery.

10:15am-10:30am BREAK
10:30am-12:00pm Plenary 1: Expert Testimony on Victim Behavior in Sexual Assault Cases

Victoria Kristiansson, AEquitas
 This session will discuss common victim behaviors and their impact on fact-finders' assessments of victim credibility. Laws related to the introduction of expert testimony will be reviewed, as well as trial preparation techniques. Participants will use hypothetical case problems to draw on their own experience and re-examine current beliefs and practices.

10:30am-12:00pm Plenary 2: Picking Up the Pieces: Trauma, Victimization and Victim Rights

Jennifer Storm, Victim Advocate
 Participants will gain knowledge as to how trauma impacts victims and their coping mechanisms. First responders will be informed in order to empower and assist victims in assessing their legal rights.

12:00pm-1:30pm LUNCH
 Visionary Voice Award Presentation

Nancy Hoffman, WV FRIS, State Coordinator

1:30pm-2:30pm Break-out Sessions (No sessions repeated.)
 *Participants will choose 1 of 3 sessions

A1. Revenge Porn

Sarah Montoro, U.S. Attorney's Office
 With federal revenge porn legislation pending, several existing federal statutes can be used to address components in revenge porn cases (e.g., cyberstalking, extortion, interstate violation of protections orders and identify theft). This session will provide an overview, utilizing case examples, of the elements required to prove violations and the punishment authorized by each statute.

A2. Alcohol-Facilitated Sexual Assault

Viktoria Kristiansson, AEquitas
 This session will explore common challenges in investigating and prosecuting cases involving alcohol use by victims, including the charging process, basic toxicology, working with experts, and trial strategies. Discussions will focus on societal attitudes about alcohol, their effect on determinations of victim credibility, and collaboration among allied professionals.

A3. How to Bring Sexual Assault Offenders to Justice: A Law Enforcement Response

Detective Hasley, Morgantown Police Department
 This session will discuss an offender-focused investigation utilizing case examples. The presenter will review strategies for improving outcomes in sexual assault investigations, underscoring the importance of corroborating the survivor's account, with evidence from crime scenes and eyewitness testimony.

2:30-3:30pm Break-out Sessions
 *Participants will choose 1 of 3 sessions

B1. Through the Cyber Looking Glass: Stalking Cases in the Digital Age

William Ihlenfeld II, U.S. Attorney for the Northern District
 Participants will learn about the influence that modern technology, social media, and other internet sources are having on the investigation and prosecution of stalking cases.

B2. Witness Intimidation in Non-Stranger Sexual Assault Cases

Victoria Kristiansson, AEquitas
 Non-stranger rapists often rely on intimidation and coercion to prevent victims from reporting crimes to law enforcement and participating in the criminal justice process. Witness intimidation can cause both victims and witnesses to delay disclosures, recant, and ultimately not testify in court. This presentation will discuss strategies for documenting and preventing witness intimidation.

B3. It's More Than a Box: Providing Victim-Centered Care
Margaret Denny, WV FRIS

This session will define the role of medical personnel in the care of patients who have been sexually assaulted and explain proper collection of forensic samples using the WV Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit.

3:30pm-4:30pm Break-out Sessions
 *Participants will choose 1 of 3 sessions

C1. Stalking – What You Need to Know About Risk

Detective Larry Hasley, Morgantown Police Department and Sam Wilmoth, WV FRIS
 Participants will gain a better understanding of assessing risk to determine when a stalker might begin to engage in physical violence. Presenters will discuss commonalities of the 'average' stalker and steps to improve our response and safety for victims.

C2. Body Cams: What Are the Consequences for Victims in Sexual Assault and Stalking Investigations?

Sherry Eling, WV Prosecuting Attorneys Institute
 This session will focus on the use of body-worn cameras in sexual assault and stalking investigations and the need to protect victims' privacy, the potential for victim/witness intimidation and possible evidentiary challenges.

C3. It's More Than a Box: The Impact of Forensic Evidence
David Miller and Erin Spearen, WVSP Forensic Crime Laboratory

In this session participants will learn about the testing performed on the contents of a sex crime kit – presumptive tests, confirmatory tests, and microscopic examinations as well as the impact of limited sample size on the testing process. Participants will learn how feedback is being provided to examiners to improve the quality of evidence collected.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND
 This training is essential for: law enforcement, campus security, victim advocates, SANEs, prosecutors, SART members, college campus staff, social workers, counselors, disability service providers and correctional staff.

CONTINUING EDUCATION
 This training meets the requirements for the following:

DV Advocate Certification	8 Contact Hours
Law Enforcement Training Annual Level In-Service	7 LETs
WV Board of Examiners for Counseling Provider #WVBE-518	7 Contact Hours
WV Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses WVBRN Provider #WV2000-0309RN	8 Contact Hours
WV Board of Examiners for Social Work Provider #490094	8 Contact Hours
WV State Bar	8.1 CLEs

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