



D16 Investigative Case Management for Missing Children Homicides

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After attending this presentation, attendees will understand results from this study that will help police investigators to more timely and efficiently identify strategies and implement tactics that will lead to the capture of child abduction killers and the solutions of child abduction murder cases.

This presentation will impact the forensic community and/or humanity by demonstrating how very little information exists in social science literature about the victims of child abduction murder. This research will be used to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the investigation processes of those murders.

The existing research on the rarity of child abduction murders, particularly those committed by non-family killers, shows clearly that most law enforcement jurisdictions in the United States will not be called on to investigate a child abduction murder. In fact, most homicide investigators will never investigate a child abduction murder over their entire career. However, it is prudent for investigators to be prepared. These investigations can put enormous strain on even the best prepared detectives, investigations, and jurisdictions. Their typically emotion- laden, volatile, high profile characteristics present unique challenges to law enforcement. This presentation will discuss the initial police involvement, the time frame within which an abducted child is killed and give an overview of the victims of child abduction murders.

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