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D54 Missing in Madison, Wisconsin: A False Allegation Abduction

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After attending this presentation, attendees will gain an understanding of false allegation crimes, the offenders who commit false allegation crimes and their motivation.

This presentation will impact the forensic community and/or humanity by providing a better understanding of false allegation crimes and providing information for better identifying, analyzing, and investigating false allegation crimes.

The purpose of this presentation is to provide investigators and medicolegal professionals with an understanding of false allegation crimes, the offenders who commit false allegation crimes and their motives as highlighted through a case example involving a false allegation adult abduction. This presentation will discuss false allegation crime and its parameters, motivation of the offender, forensic and investigative issues.

False allegations are an enormous burden to law enforcement. They consume time, money and manpower as well as generating frustration within the law enforcement agency and the community they occur in. If unresolved, they can cause the public appearance of failure by the police. The FBI's NCAVC is routinely consulted by federal, state, local and international authorities in a variety of cases involving violent crimes, to include false allegations. The NCAVC has extensive experience in assisting these various law enforcement agencies in the analysis and investigation of false allegation crimes, to include rape, stalking, extortion, and abduction. The focus of this presentation is on the practical issues involved in investigating and analyzing a false allegation crime, and the benefits of input from a multi-disciplinary approach and the need for cooperation between professionals.

Upon completion of this presentation, attendees can expect to have a greater understanding of the "truth" about false allegation crimes, to include the differences between genuine and false victims, false allegation versus unfounded cases, and motivations of the offenders.

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