



## Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences Section – 2011

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### **I3 Necrophiliac as a Morgue Attendant: Paraphilia in the Dead of Night**

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After attending this presentation, attendees will understand the nature of paraphilias and those who exhibit such behaviors. Specifically, this presentation will concentrate on a paraphilia not otherwise specified, necrophilia.

This presentation will impact the forensic science community by assisting in the understanding of the psychological makeup of a necrophiliac. In better understanding of who will gravitate toward this aberrant sexual practice, whether or not there are certain signs and symptoms that one should look for when hiring morgue attendees and others working in sensitive legal and highly personal positions will be explored.

This presentation will explore the case of a morgue attendant with necrophilia. The individual's case will be described in detail. This will include details of the criminal case as well as results of an in-depth assessment of the individual. The prevalence and typologies of necrophilia will be explored. This presentation will include original footage of interviews with the morgue attendant.

Using this case example as a departure point, a detailed review of the history of necrophilia in both documented case law (ancient to modern) and the occult will be presented. Also discussed will be proscribed traditions for dealing with corpses of the deceased from various cultures. Furthermore, in modern day U.S. law, cross jurisdictions consider necrophiliac behaviors with considerable difference in severity of offense. That is, some states code abuse of a corpse as a misdemeanor while others consider it a felonious action.

The ethics of treating necrophiliacs who are criminally prosecuted with such disparity of punishments will be considered as well. Treatment for necrophiliacs will be reviewed in light of more recent breakthroughs in the rehabilitation of sex offenders.

**Necrophilia, Coroner, Paraphilia**