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Mysopeds: A Profiling Analysis of Sadistic Child Killers

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This is in an on-demand training event worth 3.0 CEU hours

Training Description

Much misunderstanding exists in differentiating sex offenders who prey upon minors. This confusion reinforces stereotypes and undermines criminal investigations. A mysopede is a type of child molester who receives sexual gratification through sadistic, emotional, and physical harm of children. The violence may be repetitive and sadistic involving rape, mutilation, cannibalism, and/or necrophilia. Mysopeds fantasize about harming and killing children, including post-mortem abuse. Primary factors in the transition of fantasy into reality stems from the mysopede's lack of empathy and emotional detachment from the victim. In contrast to a true pedophile (those who are sexually, emotionally, socially attracted to prepubescent children and develop relationships via grooming), the mysopede often has no previous connection to his victim(s). He seeks children easily accessible in public places, such as schools, parks, and shopping centers. While an abduction may appear to be spontaneous, the mysopede has, in fantasy and ritual, prepared himself for when victim access, location, and opportunity align. Mysopeds, in stalking their victims, often use force and weapons. This advanced training is especially designed for law enforcement, forensic psychologists, attorneys, social workers, marriage and family therapists, victim specialists, victim advocates, and mental health practitioners. Participants will examine definitions, current research and literature, etiology, social dynamics, cognitive processing, fantasy development, behavioral profiles, and case studies of mysopeds. Best practices for professionals and future research will be explored.

Training Objectives

1. Acquire definitional and applied understanding of mysopedia and other terminology
2. Review current social and behavioral facts about mysopeds
3. Explore the etiology of mysopedia including biological and environmental factors
4. Examine the role of fantasy development and cognitive processes in mysopeds
5. Review case studies of mysopeds and their criminal profiles
6. Review empirical research on mysopeds and areas for future research
7. Examine best practices for professionals

Presenter Biographies

Jerrod Brown, Ph.D., is an Assistant Professor for Concordia University, St. Paul, Minnesota and has extensive experience teaching courses at the undergraduate and graduate level. Jerrod has also been employed with Pathways Counseling Center in St. Paul, Minnesota for the past seventeen years. Pathways provides programs and services benefiting individuals impacted by mental illness and addictions. Jerrod is also the founder and CEO of the American Institute for the Advancement of Forensic Studies (AIAFS) and the Editor-in-Chief of Forensic Scholars Today (FST). Jerrod has completed four separate master's degree programs and holds graduate certificates in Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Other Health Disabilities (OHD), and Traumatic-Brain Injuries (TBI). Jerrod is also certified as a Youth Firesetting Prevention/Intervention Specialist, an Anger Resolution Therapist (CART), a Thinking for a Change (T4C) Facilitator, a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Trainer, an Autism Specialist, and a Mental Health Integrative Medicine Provider (CMHIMP).

Dr. Eric Hickey is a senior core faculty member in Walden University's Forensic Psychology doctoral program. As the former Dean of the California School of Forensic Studies at Alliant International University and Professor Emeritus at California State University, Fresno, Dr. Hickey has taught many courses involving the psychology of crime. Some of the topics explored include serial and mass murder, criminal paraphilia and sexual predators, crime scene investigations, psychopathy and criminal personalities, arson and fire-setting, threat assessment and risk management, school and workplace violence prevention and victimology. He has also taught seminars at several universities and colleges, as well as for jail and prison staff trainings and supervises theses and dissertations involving current topics in forensic psychology. Dr. Hickey has considerable field experience working with the criminally insane, psychopaths, sex offenders and other habitual criminals. He consults with private agencies and testifies as an expert witness in both criminal and civil cases involving sex crimes against children and adults, criminal paraphilia, stalking, homicide, domestic violence and serial crimes. His seminars for law enforcement and mental health practitioners focus on criminal profiling, offender psychopathy, female criminality, sex crimes, homicide, and other forensically related topics. An international survey (2014) identified Dr. Hickey as one of the top 30 active forensic experts in the world.

See full the biographies for Jerrod Brown, Ph.D. and Dr. Eric Hickey at www.aiafs.com under "Expert Trainers."

COST: \$69.00 (Individual Rate)

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