

# Sexual Assault: A Community and Campus Team Approach

## For Law Enforcement

February 26, 27, & 28, 2020

### **Three Day FREE Law Enforcement Training**

Porterdale Police Department 2400 Main Street Porterdale, GA 30070

This training is aimed at enhancing the skills of community and campus police officers working sexual assault crimes.

#### Topics addressed will include:

\*Legal Definitions of Sexual Assault

- \*Victim Response to Sexual Assault
- \*Victim, Perpetrator Characteristics
- \*Neurobiology of Trauma
- \*Challenges of disclosure/report
- \*Tips for talking with victims
- \*A Survivor's story
- \*Sexual Assault Response Teams (SARTs)
- \*Title IX & Clery: Reporting Requirements for campus officers
- \*Response and Investigation of Sexual Assault
  - -First Responders
  - -Lead Investigator/Supervisor
  - -Victim Interviews
  - -Investigative Response
  - -Lead Development
  - -Misconceptions vs Realities of Sexual Assault
  - -Suspect Interviews
- \*Sexual Assault Typologies
- \*Crime Scene Processing & Documentation

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\*24 hours POST Credit Available (Must attend full 24 hour class in order to receive POST credits)

Please note that attendance is required at all three days of the training for all attendees

Online Registration is required.

**Register Now!** 

This training is hosted by the <u>Georgia Network to End Sexual Assault</u> and the <u>Porterdale Police Department</u>. This training is supported by funding from the <u>Criminal Justice Coordinating Council</u>.

#### <u>Trainers</u>

**Melanie Bliss** is a licensed clinical psychologist and co-owner of Thrive Center for Psychological Health in Decatur, Georgia. She is a psychotherapist and specializes in trauma, adolescents, women's issues, and personality disorders. Dr. Bliss serves as a consultant to the Georgia Network to End Sexual Assault, is adjunct faculty at Emory University School of Medicine, is a certified trainer in the area of sexual assault for law enforcement, and provides forensic consultation and expert testimony. She has published and presented in the area of violence against women and children, and she conducts workshops on effective therapeutic interventions, emotion dysregulation, and trauma.

**Rachel Rose** is a licensed clinical psychologist who owns a private practice in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Rose has provided therapy, clinical assessment, and related services to adolescents and adults for over 15 years. She specializes in the treatment of individuals who have experienced trauma or who have mood, anxiety, and eating disorders. She has worked at an outpatient eating disorder center as the trauma specialist for over 10 years. Moreover, she has provided treatment to veterans who experienced Military Sexual Trauma (MST). She has published and presented in the field of psychoneuroimmunology specifically how trauma influences both physical and mental

health. She is a guest lecturer at universities and other training centers.

**Tom Davis** retired as the Special Agent-in-Charge of the GBI Regional Office in Milledgeville, Georgia. A majority of his 31year career with the GBI focused on conducting and supervising complex criminal investigations. He specializes in the areas of crime scene examination and reconstruction, sexual assault, and death investigations. He has a BS Degree in Criminal Justice from Georgia Southern University and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Columbus State University. He is a graduate of the Georgia Law Enforcement Command College and currently serves as an Adjunct Instructor for that entity. He is also the owner of Insight Training Services LLC, a company that provides training to law enforcement officers and investigators.

**Todd Crosby** has served as a law enforcement officer for over 20 years. He has spent 12 years as a special agent with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, where he served as a Crime Scene Specialist and Homicide Investigator. He served 6 years with the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office, 3 of those years as the Child Abuse Specialist. He is a graduate of Georgia College and State University and the University of Tennessee National Forensic Academy. He is a recipient of the Dr. William Bass Award for Outstanding Achievements in Forensic Investigations. Todd has testified as an expert witness in the areas of crime scene investigation, bloodstain pattern analysis, and crime scene reconstruction. He serves as a teaching associate at the National Forensic Academy and teaches local law enforcement at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center. He is also a guest lecturer at universities and other training academies.

**Brian Hargrove** has served as a law enforcement officer since 1999 with both local and state departments. Brian has been with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation as a Special Agent for 8 years. Previously, he was with the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office for 8 years where he worked violent crimes, crimes against children, and narcotics investigations. Throughout his GBI career, Brian has been assigned to investigate narcotics crime, sex crime, and violent crime. Brian is currently assigned to the Region Six Field Office located in Milledgeville, Georgia as a Crime Scene Specialist. He is a graduate of Georgia College and State University where he earned a Bachelor's of Science degree. He is also a graduate of the National Forensic Academy located at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Brian has testified in State, Superior, and Federal Court in the areas of violent crime many times throughout his career and has testified as an expert witness in the area of latent print development. He also serves as an adjunct instructor for many courses taught by the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, the GBI Training Unit, and the US Department of State (Republic of Georgia). He is also a guest lecturer at Georgia Military College.

Cecil Hutchins has served as a Special Agent of the Georgia Bureau of Investigations for

31 years. He served seven years in drug investigations and seventeen years in Criminal Investigations and as the Crime Scene Specialist. During this time, he was assigned to the GBI Region Six Field Office, Crime Analysis Unit and the Region Ten Field Office. He has worked in the Child Exploitation and Computer Crimes Unit working internet crimes against children. He is currently assigned to the Major Theft Unit conducting Cargo Theft Investigations. Hutchins has testified as an expert witness in the areas of crime scene investigation, bloodstain pattern analysis, and crime scene reconstruction. He is a graduate of the National Forensic Academy located at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Hutchins is also an instructor for many courses taught by the Georgia Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth, Columbus, GBI Training Unit, and the US Department of State (Republic of Georgia).

**Christina Kanner** has served as a law enforcement officer since 2010, starting her career with Douglasville Police Department as a Patrol Officer. Christina has been with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation as a Special Agent since 2012 and was assigned to the Region 2 Columbus Field Office. For the first 2 years, she worked as a field agent on a variety of cases to include sexual assault, financial, officer involved use of force incidents, homicides, and more. In 2014, Christina became a Crime Scene Specialist. Christina has a Bachelor of Science in Criminology with a minor in Computer Science from the University of West Georgia. Christina obtained her Georgia state certification as a Crime Scene Technician and graduated the University of Tennessee National Forensic Academy. Christina has testified as an expert witness in the area of crime scene investigations. She is also an instructor for courses taught by the Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC) in Forsyth and Columbus.

**Bryan Smith** served as a law enforcement officer for almost 21 years. He spent 10 years with the Albany Police Department where he worked as a patrol officer, a patrol supervisor, a criminal investigator and an Internal Affairs investigator. Bryan has been with the Georgia Bureau of Investigations for over 10 years now. He currently serves as a Crime Scene Specialist in the Region 3 Office in Americus, Georgia. Bryan is certified through the International Association for Identification as a Crime Scene Analyst. He regularly instructs for the Georgia Police Academy at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center and the regional Academies. Bryan has taught internationally traveling to the Republics of Georgia and Moldova where he taught Crime Scene Investigations to the National Police of those countries for the United States State Department. Bryan obtained a Bachelor of Science degree from Georgia Southwestern State University in Americus, Georgia. Bryan has testified as an expert in crime scene analysis and bloodstain pattern analysis in multiple judicial circuits in the state of Georgia.