Sex Offender Dynamics
Stereotypes verses the truth about sex offender
How do stereotypes allow the sex offender to remain undetected?
Characteristics of the Undetected Sex Offender

- Premeditation
- Instrumental violence
- Use of alcohol
- Sexual behavior
- Attitudes & beliefs

- Motivations
- Sexually violent subcultures
- Hypermasculinity
- Developmental antecedents
Characteristics of the detected sex offender

• What research suggests

• Implications to the police investigations
The Bottom Line

The more likely the offense looks like “real rape” the more likely it is that he will be convicted for it
Preparation for the Suspect Interview

• Blitz vs confidence sexual assault

• Choose an appropriate time and place

• Learn all relevant background information
The Psychopathic Personality Disorder
Interview Techniques

• Avoid a premature approach

• Have knowledge of sadistic behavior

• Maintain an “in-command” presence

• Show respect for the suspects intelligence
The Narcissistic Personality Disorder
Interview Techniques

• Use caution when considering whether to “bluff”

• Show respect for both his intelligence and status

• Any behaviors displayed by the suspect will be entirely self-serving

• Do not attempt to debate with this suspect
The Paranoid Personality Disorder
Interviewing Techniques

• Remove any items from clothing that signify authority

• Conduct interview in a formal, sterile environment

• Use non-threatening body language

• Use of humor may be viewed as a weakness
Paraphilia

(i.e. fetishism, transvestism, or voyeurism)
Interview Techniques

• The interviewing investigator must be very comfortable with abhorrent sexual behaviors

• Use a soothing and reassuring voice throughout the interview

• Keep an open mind at all times
## Jeopardy Review

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Suspect Statements
Exoneration vs Confession
Examine the following two statements and determine whether they are exculpatory or incriminating

• The suspect denies being with the victim when she claims she was sexually assaulted

• The suspect admits to having sex with the victim and to hitting her
Provable Lies, Implausible Accounts of an Incident, and Partial Admissions
The suspect states, “I never had sex with that women,” and then this is shown to be untrue with a DNA test.
The suspect states that he could not have sexually assaulted the victim because he was visiting his family on the planet Neptune.
The suspect states that the victim said “no” and struggled to get away when he initially requested sex, but then explains that she later changed her mind and consented to have sex.
Techniques to Encourage Additional Details

• The Polygraph

• An apology letter from the suspect to the victim/victim’s family

• Understanding the suspects motives and rationalizations
The Pretext Phone Call
Determine Whether a Pretext Phone Call is Appropriate
What equipment is necessary to conduct a pretext phone call?
Decide what is the best **time** and **place** to conduct a pretext call.
Preparing for the Pretext Call
Making the Pretext Call
Other Considerations