

Working Together to Save Lives: Family Justice Centers/Multi-Agency Service Center Models

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Agenda

- National Domestic Violence Perspective
- The Work of the National Family Justice Center Alliance
- MAG Protocol Evaluation Project
- The Future





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The last fourteen weeks in the United States of America...

Under FBI guidelines, a mass murder is
fourth deaths without a cooling off period



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It Is Domestic Violence Awareness Month – Are We Aware?

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“It Is Domestic Violence Awareness Month – Are We Aware?”
By **Casey Gwinn, J.D.**

As we celebrate Domestic Violence Awareness Month across America, the struggle to reduce and prevent domestic violence and related sexual assault rages. Each week this month approximately 20 women, men, children, and police officers have died in family violence related incidents (an average of four per day). Last week, the Topeka City Council decriminalized domestic violence in an effort to save money.

Sadly, many communities are prosecuting less abusers and holding less violent offenders accountable for their violence against women, children, and men even though they don't get the attention like Topeka. Even with strong support from the Obama Administration, less and less resources are available in local communities even as the amount and type of violence increases. **And as I write today, we are in week 12 of a series of domestic violence mass murders or near mass murders that have swept across America.** Not including the daily array of murders and murder-suicides, forty-six people have died in nine domestic violence-related murders since July 8, 2011 and there has been no national media or public awareness about this epidemic of deaths.

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Mass Murders & Murder/Suicides

- **July 8 - Wheatland, Wyoming: 5**
- **July 18 - Medford, Oregon: 6**
- **July 23 - Grand Prairie, Texas: 6**
- **August 7 - Copley, Ohio: 9**
- **August 19 - Newport News, Virginia: 6***
- **September 5 – Morgantown, WV: 5***
- **September 18 – Lakeland, Florida:**
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Dedication



Deputy Sheriff Roger Rice
Lauren's County Sheriff's
Office – South Carolina
July 14, 2011



Sgt. Steve Kenner
Bismarck Police
Department
North Dakota
July 8, 2011

And many others...



Diana Gonzalez, 19, Murdered on 10-12-10 in San Diego

College homicide victim identified as National City teen

BY DEBBI BAKER, KRISTINA DAVIS AND JANINE ZÚÑIGA

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SAN DIEGO — Homicide detectives are investigating the death of a 19-year-old woman whose body was found in a men's bathroom at San Diego City College on Tuesday night, two weeks after she told police her estranged husband had kidnapped her from the campus.

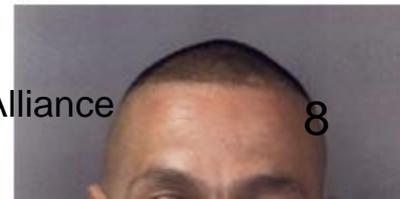
Police have named Diana Gonzalez's husband, Amando Gabriel Perez, as a "person of interest" in the case. The couple has a 10-month-old daughter.

Gonzalez, who lived in National City, obtained a temporary restraining order against Perez last month after he allegedly assaulted her and held her captive in motel rooms for three days. He was promptly arrested but released from jail when prosecutors declined to file charges, authorities said.

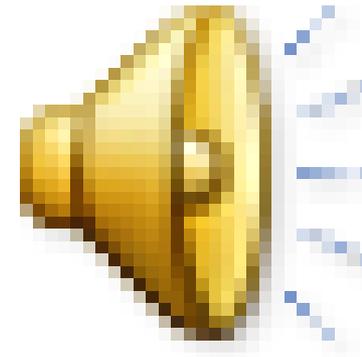


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Diana Gonzales



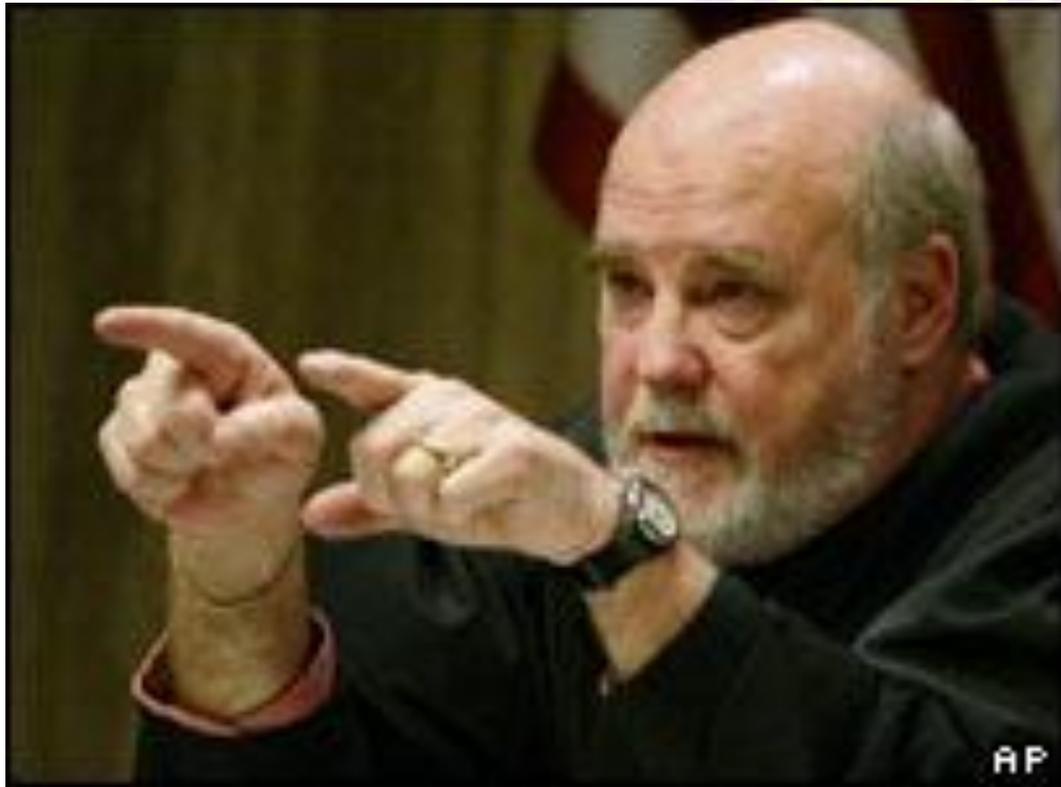
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But don't forget the children...



The Dumas Children



Judge Rowland Barnes (Court clerk
Julie Brandau and Deputy Hoyt
Teasley)

What can we do?

- Educate yourself about the sobering statistics by reviewing the research from the [National Network to End Domestic Violence](#) and the [National Coalition Against Domestic Violence](#). Then, speak out!
- Question the failures of systems to collaborate and respond earlier and more effectively to dangerous domestic violence offenders.
- Demand more attention to the issue of family violence from elected officials and local policy makers.
- Support local domestic violence shelters, Family Justice Centers, and other programs seeking to provide help and support to victims and their children.
- Refuse to let any woman, child, or man die in vain



Telling Amy's Story



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Themes

- We are not done...
- **DREAM BIG!**
- Come together and stick together
- Be the best!
- Innovate, innovate, innovate
- Stay accountable to survivors
- Working together changes the world for victims and their children



National Family Justice Center Alliance

- Publicly and privately funded national alliance
- National TA Team – On-site assistance, On-line assistance/Webinars
- National standards/Web TV/Video teleconferencing/Staff Exchanges/International Conferences/Webinars
- Comprehensive OVW TA Provider for federally funded FJC/FAC/MDT sites
- FJC Institute funded by Verizon Foundation
- New statewide initiatives evolving, shelters leading the way in some communities and police/DA in others
- Host the National Strangulation Training Institute
- www.familyjusticecenter.org



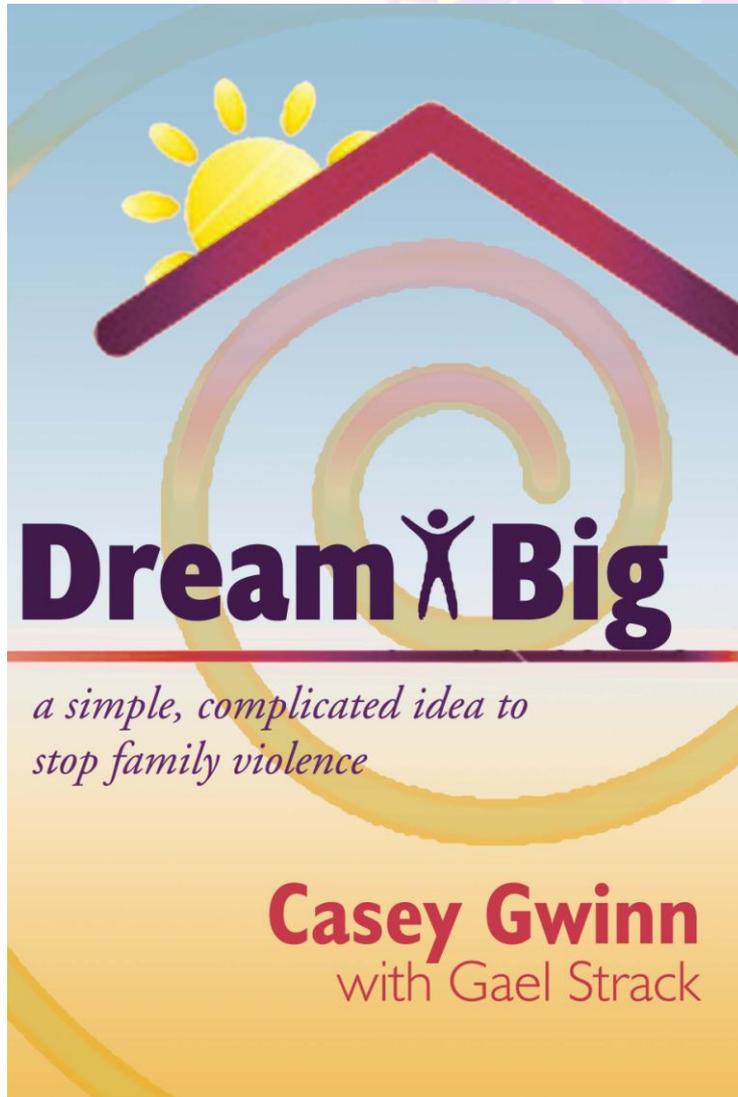
NFJCA Website

The screenshot shows the NFJCA website in a Windows Internet Explorer browser window. The address bar displays <http://www.familyjusticecenter.com/>. The browser's Favorites bar includes links for "Coordinated Community Responses t...", "eBay", and "Suggested Sites". The website header features the NFJCA logo on the left, a navigation menu with items like "Home", "About Us", "Family Justice Centers", "Get Involved", "News", "Library", "Technical Assistance", "Media Kit", and "Store", and a quote on the right: "We are often defined in life by what we stand for, what we stand against, and who we stand with, in Family Justice Centers our choices on each of these can change the world for hurting families." attributed to Casey Gwinn, Co-Founder. Below the navigation menu is a large group photo of staff members. To the right of the photo is a section for the "FJC Institute", sponsored by the Verizon Foundation, which provides specialized training and on-line learning for professionals and survivors of domestic violence. Below the photo is a purple banner for "Gael Strack's Latest Blog: 'We Used to Call It Choking'" with a link to the 2010 FJC Conference Website and Handouts. The footer contains three columns: "VIDEO GALLERY" with a video thumbnail, "NEWS ROOM" with a headline "Cleveland Creates Promotional Video for Pending FJC" and another "Ending Violent Relationships Puts Victims in Danger, and Often Leaves Them Wondering Where to Turn for Help," and "FJC ALLIANCE STORE" with a product image. The browser's status bar at the bottom indicates "Internet | Protected Mode: On" and a zoom level of 100%.

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New Book



- Dream Big
- Start Small
- Move Fast
- Or Move Over

A stylized illustration of a woman with long, dark, wavy hair, wearing a green top, holding a baby wrapped in a pink blanket. The woman has a gentle smile and is looking slightly to the right. The background is a solid teal color.

SAVE THE DATE!

12th Annual

**International
Family Justice Center
Conference**

April 17-19, 2012

New Orleans, LA

Our Vision

- **A future where...**
 - **All the needs of victims are met**
 - **Children are protected**
 - **Violence fades,**
 - **Aggressors are held accountable**
 - **Justice increases,**
 - **Families heal and thrive,**
 - **Hope is realized, and**
 - **We ALL work together...**

Our Mission

- To create a network of national and international Family Justice Centers
- With close working relationships
- Shared training and technical assistance,
- Collaborative learning processes, and
- Coordinated funding



The Collaboration Journey

- Community-based agencies with multi-disciplinary services and multi-agency partnerships
- DV Task Force/CCR
- Specialization
- DV Courts
- Law Enforcement DV Units
- Prosecution DV Units
- Probation DV Units
- Batterer Intervention Programs
- DV Prosecution/Law Enforcement/Advocacy Teams
- Best Practices/Protocol Development
- Expanding Multi-Agency Work to Increase Access to Services for Victims and Their Children
- Expanding Multi-Disciplinary Teams (Civil Legal, Medical, Faith)
- High Risk Teams



Informed by...

- Child Advocacy Centers
- Rape Crisis Centers
- Research and Evidence-Based Practices
- Multi-Disciplinary Work of DV Shelters
- MDT Models/CCR Models
- Family Advocacy Centers
- Survivors
- Greenbook Initiative Project

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Focus Group Feedback

- Victims Are Fearful of Systems and Don't Understand the Process
- Court is the Scariest Place to Seek Help
- Shelters are the Safest Place
- Victims Must Go from Place to Place
- They Must Tell Their Story Over and Over
- Victims Want All Their Services Together in One Place

Grand Opening – October 2002





Family Justice Center Grand Opening October 10, 2002



San Diego Family Justice Center

Oct. 2002 to Oct. 2010

- Located at 707 Broadway, Suites 200
- 40,000 square feet
- Near public transportation & courts
- 27 Agencies – Public and Private
- 120 Professionals
- 120 Volunteers
- 40,000 families served in 8 years



San Diego FJC New Home: Co-Located with the San Diego Housing Commission at Smart Corner October 1, 2010



Oprah Video



OVW

The President's Family Justice Center Initiative

Fiscal Year 2004 Solicitation

LETTER OF INTENT DEADLINE:
December 12, 2003

GMS REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
January 15, 2004

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
February 5, 2004





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Current Models Identified Across the Country

80 Open and 150 Developing

Tarrant County



Tarrant County (TX) -The Dreams Are Getting Bigger



Future: Statewide & Regional Initiatives



COPS Conference 2011

Power of Family Justice
Centers

Priority - Collaboration



MAG Protocol Evaluation Project

- Congratulations
- Impressive Protocol
- Amazing Collaboration



The Criminal Justice System Journey

- Do Nothing
- Do Something Even It Does Not Work
- Do Everything
- Do What Needs To Be Done
- Do What Works
- Do It in Partnership With Others

Herding Cats



The best results come from...

- Focusing on the offender
- Holding the criminal accountable
- Building cases prosecutors can win with or without victim testimony in the case-in-chief
- Partnerships between police, prosecutors, and advocates
- Increased victim safety
- Effective intervention
- Comprehensive services

MAG Protocol Evaluation

- Initial Response
 - * Brief Officers about History of DV
- On-Scene Assistance to Victims
 - * Crisis Response for victims
 - * Education about Intimidation
- On-Scene Investigation
 - * Special emphasis on Children
- Arrest Decision – no mention of felony
 - * Seize the firearms

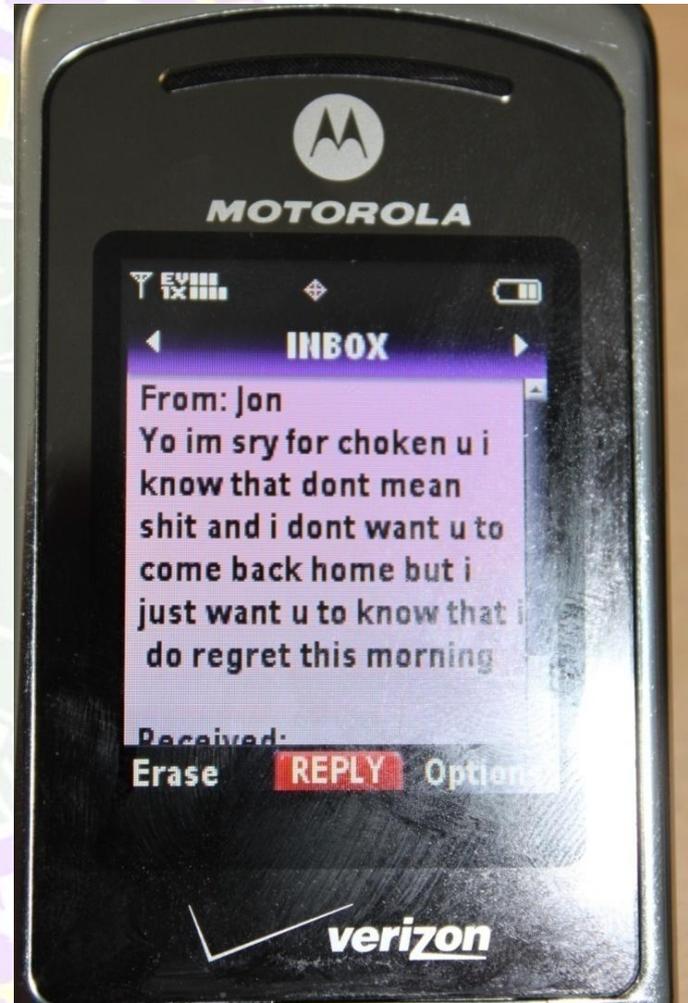
MAG Protocol

- Arrest Decision
 - Predominant Aggressor



MAG Protocol

- Complete Reports
 - * Contact information for Victims
 - Don't forget about text messages from the suspect to the victim





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Things to Consider



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Violence: Recognition, Management and Prevention

NON-FATAL STRANGULATION IS AN IMPORTANT RISK FACTOR FOR HOMICIDE OF WOMEN

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Abstract—The purpose of this study was to examine non-fatal strangulation by an intimate partner as a risk factor for major assault, or attempted or completed homicide of women. A case control design was used to describe non-fatal strangulation among complete homicides and attempted homicides (n = 506) and abused controls (n = 427). Interviews of proxy respondents and survivors of attempted

Keywords—intimate partner violence; strangulation; risk of homicide

INTRODUCTION

The 1993 National Mortality Followback Survey of



Dr. Jackie Campbell's Danger Assessment Tool

DANGER ASSESSMENT

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Several risk factors have been associated with increased risk of homicides (murders) of women and men in violent relationships. We cannot predict what will happen in your case, but we would like you to be aware of the danger of homicide in situations of abuse and for you to see how many of the risk factors apply to your situation.

Using the calendar, please mark the approximate dates during the past year when you were abused by your partner or ex partner. Write on that date how bad the incident was according to the following scale:

1. Slapping, pushing; no injuries and/or lasting pain
2. Punching, kicking; bruises, cuts, and/or continuing pain
3. "Beating up"; severe contusions, burns, broken bones, miscarriage
4. Threat to use weapon; head injury, internal injury, permanent injury, miscarriage
5. Use of weapon; wounds from weapon

(If any of the descriptions for the higher number apply, use the higher number.)

Mark **Yes** or **No** for each of the following.

("He" refers to your husband, partner, ex-husband, ex-partner, or whoever is currently physically hurting you.)

- | Yes | No | |
|-------|-------|---|
| _____ | _____ | 1. Has the physical violence increased in severity or frequency over the past year? |
| _____ | _____ | 2. Does he own a gun? |
| _____ | _____ | 3. Have you left him after living together during the past year?
3a. (If have never lived with him, check here: _____) |
| _____ | _____ | 4. Is he unemployed? |
| _____ | _____ | 5. Has he ever used a weapon against you or threatened you with a lethal weapon?
5a. (If yes, was the weapon a gun? _____) |
| _____ | _____ | 6. Does he threaten to kill you? |
| _____ | _____ | 7. Has he avoided being arrested for domestic violence? |
| _____ | _____ | 8. Do you have a child that is not his? |
| _____ | _____ | 9. Has he ever forced you to have sex when you did not wish to do so? |
| _____ | _____ | 10. Does he ever try to choke you? |
| _____ | _____ | 11. Does he use illegal drugs? By drugs, I mean "uppers" or amphetamines, speed, angel dust, cocaine, "crack", street drugs or mixtures. |
| _____ | _____ | 12. Is he an alcoholic or problem drinker? |
| _____ | _____ | 13. Does he control most or all of your daily activities? (For instance: does he tell you who you can be friends with, when you can see your family, how much money you can use, or when you can take the car)?
(If he tries, but you do not let him, check here: _____) |
| _____ | _____ | 14. Is he violently and constantly jealous of you?
(For instance, does he say "If I can't have you, no one can.") |
| _____ | _____ | 15. Have you ever been beaten by him while you were pregnant?
(If you have never been pregnant by him, check here: _____) |
| _____ | _____ | 16. Has he ever threatened or tried to commit suicide? |
| _____ | _____ | 17. Does he threaten to harm your children? |
| _____ | _____ | 18. Do you believe he is capable of killing you? |
| _____ | _____ | 19. Does he follow or spy on you, leave threatening notes or messages on answering machine, destroy your property, or call you when you don't want him to? |
| _____ | _____ | 20. Have you ever threatened or tried to commit suicide? |

Total "Yes" Answers

Thank you. Please talk to your nurse, advocate or counselor about what the Danger Assessment means in terms of your situation.

DANGER ASSESSMENT

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 Corrections to calendar scale 2/3/2010

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Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

Margaret Mead

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Safety Planning and Risk Assessment

Dr. Jacquelyn Campbell is nationally known for her work in domestic violence and will be speaking on the use of The Danger Assessment which measures the frequency and severity of domestic violence as well as the risk for continued abuse.

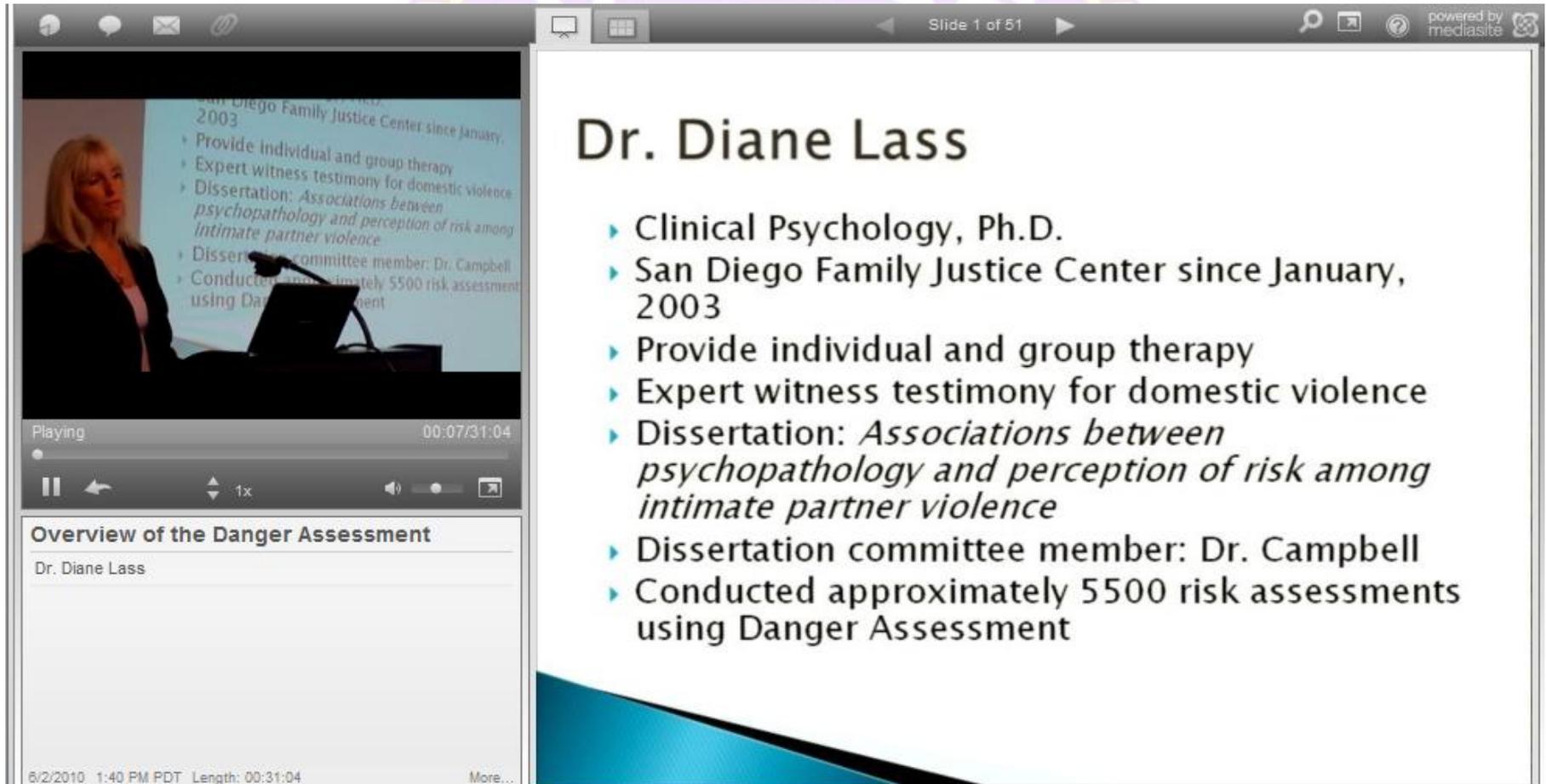


This assessment, based on her research on Femicide in the United States, can be used by law enforcement, health professionals, and advocates.

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Webinars to Watch



The image shows a screenshot of a webinar player. On the left, a video player shows Dr. Diane Lass speaking at a podium. The video player interface includes a play button, a progress bar at 00:07:31/04, and a volume control. Below the video player is a section titled "Overview of the Danger Assessment" with the name "Dr. Diane Lass". At the bottom left of the player, it says "6/2/2010 1:40 PM PDT Length: 00:31:04". On the right, a slide titled "Dr. Diane Lass" lists her qualifications and work. The slide content is as follows:

Dr. Diane Lass

- ▶ Clinical Psychology, Ph.D.
- ▶ San Diego Family Justice Center since January, 2003
- ▶ Provide individual and group therapy
- ▶ Expert witness testimony for domestic violence
- ▶ Dissertation: *Associations between psychopathology and perception of risk among intimate partner violence*
- ▶ Dissertation committee member: Dr. Campbell
- ▶ Conducted approximately 5500 risk assessments using Danger Assessment

Mosaic 20

- Developed by Gavin DeBecker
- Computer Program which assesses lethality based on 5,000 DV homicide cases
 - Los Angeles Sheriff's Department
 - Whittier Court
 - San Diego City and District Attorney
- Video



NEW HAMPSHIRE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

LAP SCREEN FOR FIRST RESPONDERS



Officer:	Date:	Case #:
Victim:	Offender:	
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Check here if victim did not answer any of the questions.</i>		
▶ A "Yes" response to any of Questions #1-3 automatically triggers the protocol referral.		
1. Has he/she ever used a weapon against you or threatened you with a weapon?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ans.
2. Has he/she threatened to kill you or your children?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ans.
3. Do you think he/she might try to kill you?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ans.
▶ Negative responses to Questions #1-3, but positive responses to at least four of Questions #4-11, trigger the protocol referral.		
4. Does he/she have a gun or can he/she get one easily?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ans.
5. Has he/she ever tried to choke you?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ans.
6. Is he/she violently or constantly jealous or does he/she control most of your daily activities?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ans.
7. Have you left him/her or separated after living together or being married?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ans.
8. Is he/she unemployed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ans.
9. Has he/she ever tried to kill himself/herself?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ans.
10. Do you have a child that he/she knows is not his/hers?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ans.
11. Does he/she follow or spy on you or leave threatening messages?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ans.
▶ An officer may trigger the protocol referral, if not already triggered above, as a result of the victim's response to the below question, or whenever the officer believes the victim is in a potentially lethal situation.		
Is there anything else that worries you about your safety? (If "yes") What worries you?		
Check one: <input type="checkbox"/> victim screened in according to the protocol <input type="checkbox"/> victim screened in based on the belief of officer <input type="checkbox"/> victim did not screen in		
If victim screened in: After advising her/him of a high danger assessment, did the victim speak with the hotline advocate? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

Note: The questions above and the criteria for determining the level of risk a person faces is based on the best available research on factors associated with lethal violence by a current or former intimate partner. However, each situation may present unique factors that influence risk for lethal violence that are not captured by this screen. Although most victims who screen "positive" or "high danger" would not be expected to be killed, these victims face much higher risk than that of other victims of intimate partner violence.

- 1) Call Crisis Center Hotline at: 603-330-0214
 - 2) Tell them your name, department and that it is a LAP call.
 - 3) Give them your call back number.
 - 4) Give screening form to department LAP contact.
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 DO NOT USE VICTIM'S PHONE NUMBER AS CALL BACK NUMBER.



Scott Kessler, ADA

- **Queens Borough District Attorney's Office.**
 - **Charge 6,000 domestic violence arrests each year in Queens.**
 - **Scott recently celebrated his 20th year at the DA's office.**
- **Forfeiture by Wrongdoing – The Next Frontier in the Prosecution of DV Cases**



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On-line Webinar on Forfeiture Hearings

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- Go to prosecution
- Click: How to Build & Handle Forfeiture Cases in Court - Nov. 14, 2008 [Download PDF](#) or Video
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Casey Gwinn's Interview with Ellen Pence

- Available as a webcast



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**The Most Effective Work Is
What WE do Together...**



Focus

On the task at hand

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