

# 2019 NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

## ON SEX OFFENDER MANAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

### AGENDA

**Wednesday, July 17**

7:00 AM – 9:00 AM

#### REGISTRATION

*Location: Fourth Floor Registration Bays*

9:00 AM – 10:15 AM

#### OPENING CEREMONY AND WELCOME

*Location: Grand/State Ballroom*

##### Introduction

###### **Dawn Doran**

Acting Director

Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring,  
Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART)

Office of Justice Programs

U.S. Department of Justice

###### **Chicago Police Department Honor Guard**

**Bagpipes and Drums of the Chicago Police Department**

Presentation of Colors

###### **Chicago Police Officer Kenyatta Gaines**

National Anthem

###### **John R. Lausch Jr.**

U.S. Attorney, Northern District of Illinois

##### Tribal Welcome

###### **Theresa Faris**

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Oklahoma

##### Opening Remarks

###### **John F. Clark**

President and Chief Executive Officer

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children

###### **Katharine T. Sullivan**

Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General

Office of Justice Programs

U.S. Department of Justice



# SMART

Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring,  
Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking

10:15 AM – 10:30 AM

### PLENARY PRESENTATION

*Location: Grand/State Ballroom*

#### **An Overview of The National Strategy for Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction**

**Presenter:** Stacie B. Harris

**Description:** The National Strategy for Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction is a report to Congress detailing the magnitude of child exploitation in the United States and globally, a review of law enforcement efforts to combat this crime problem, and a proposed set of goals and priorities for reducing child exploitation. In this session, Stacie B. Harris, the Department of Justice's National Coordinator for Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction, will discuss the upcoming National Strategy and its significance to the fight against child exploitation.

10:30 AM – 10:45 AM

### **BREAK**

10:45 AM – 12:15 PM

### PLENARY PRESENTATION

*Location: Grand/State Ballroom*

#### **DNA and Cold Cases**

**Presenters:** Steven L. Armentrout, Ph.D., Brian Martin

**Description:** In this session, the lead investigator into the 1988 rape and murder of April Tinsley in Fort Wayne, Indiana, will review the entire case, detailing the many twists and turns leading to its resolution in 2018. He will be accompanied by the CEO of Parabon NanoLabs, who will explain the basics of genetic genealogy and describe how Parabon's chief genetic genealogist generated the lead that led to the identification of April's killer.

12:15 PM – 1:30 PM

### **LUNCH (on your own)**

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

**Case Law on Sex Offender Registration**

*Location: Grand/State Ballroom*

**Presenters:** Elisha Willis, Elizabeth Yerkes

**Description:** Case law affecting sex offender registration and notification is continuously evolving at the federal, state and local levels. Panelists will provide an overview of the broad trends in relevant case law, as well as discuss case law from two states – Florida and Massachusetts – whose varying state-level registration and notification laws have resulted in informative case law.

**Interdiction for the Protection of Children**

*Location: Adams Room*

**Presenters:** Doug Fargher, Benjamin Wolf

**Description:** The Texas Department of Public Safety representatives will speak about their innovative training course “Interdiction for the Protection of Children,” which enables law enforcement to identify and rescue endangered children. The training focuses on teaching awareness and intervention methods to officers who may encounter endangered children throughout the course of their duties.

**Library of Congress Research on SORNA**

*Location: Empire Room*

**Presenters:** Kristian Hassinger, Ann Marsteller, William Noël, Helene Zakia

**Description:** In this session, Library of Congress researchers will present information on several projects under development for the SMART Office. Projects include an overview of SORNA research, claimed impacts of sex offender registration and notification and claimed state SORNA implementation challenges. These projects examine the integrity of the research in these areas, as well as findings.

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

### CONCURRENT SESSIONS (CONTINUED)

#### **Recruiting and Retaining Registry Officials**

*Location: Honoré Ballroom*

**Presenters:** Theresa Faris, Trish Mellberg, Peggy Nickerson, Samantha Opong

**Description:** Recruiting and retaining sex offender registry officials is harder than simply placing a "help wanted" ad in the local newspaper. Panelists will discuss their jurisdictions' approach to sex offender registration and how it impacts their recruitment of sex offender registrars, efforts taken to retain their registry personnel and different ways to fund these key positions.

3:00 PM – 3:15 PM

### BREAK

3:15 PM – 4:45 PM

### CONCURRENT SESSIONS

#### **Research on Information Sharing Under SORNA**

*Location: Grand/State Ballroom*

**Presenters:** Andrew Harris, Ph.D., Kimberly Kras, Ph.D., Christopher Lobanov-Rostovsky

**Description:** In this session, researchers will present an overview of the "Information Sharing and the Sex Offender Registration & Notification Act" project, supported by the National Institute of Justice. Presenters will discuss key project findings related to information sharing practices in the years since SORNA passed and elicit and capture feedback on key findings from law enforcement and registry personnel in the audience.

#### **International Tracking of Sex Offenders**

*Location: Adams Room*

**Presenters:** Michelle Ford-Stepney, Kimberly Lough, Lori McPherson, Nicole McPherson

**Description:** Since Congress passed the International Megan's Law in 2016, the issue of tracking registered sex offenders who travel internationally has gained prominence. Panelists will discuss the varying mechanisms used to issue notifications on sex offenders who plan to travel internationally, as well as passport-marking provisions.

3:15 PM – 4:45 PM

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS (CONTINUED)**

**Investigating and Prosecuting Failure to Register Cases in Indian Country**

*Location: Empire Room*

**Presenters:** Matt Mechaley, Edward Snow

**Description:** Sex offenders who fail to register with a jurisdiction may be subject to criminal penalties. But for tribal jurisdictions, there are unique challenges in investigating and prosecuting failure to register cases. Presenters will provide an overview of jurisdictional and enforcement issues, describe how to work effectively with the U.S. Marshals Service and U.S. Attorneys' Offices to investigate and prosecute absconders, and present best practices to help ensure successful dispositions.

**Registrar Safety and Rural Registration**

*Location: Honoré Ballroom*

**Presenters:** Kashan Arnold, Amber Choate, Paul Fuentes

**Description:** Presenters will discuss methods for maintaining officer awareness and safety while performing sex offender registration duties, with a special emphasis on rural and large geographic areas and technology, team and training techniques to maintain officer safety.

4:45 PM – 5:00 PM

**WRAP-UP**

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

## CONCURRENT SESSIONS

### **Psychopathic Sex Offenders**

*Location: Grand/State Ballroom*

**Presenters:** Leslie Barfknecht, Marnie Dollinger

**Description:** Psychopathy has been described as one of the most important criminal justice constructs of the 21st century. Identification, intervention and management techniques specific to sex offenders who are high in psychopathic traits will be discussed, including how to maintain objectivity, safety and sanity.

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### **Investigating State and Federal Failure to Register Cases**

*Location: Empire Room*

**Presenters:** Karin Fojtik, Matt Mechaley, Angela Serafin

**Description:** Enforcement of registration responsibilities is an ongoing task for local, tribal, state and federal law enforcement. Panelists will discuss different approaches in the investigation and prosecution of state and federal failure to register cases.

### **TTSORS-NSOR Connectivity (invite only)**

*Location: Honoré Ballroom*

**Presenters:** Yahya Fouz, Marcia Good, Adam Lehmann

10:00 AM – 10:15 AM

## **BREAK**

10:15 AM – 11:45 AM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

**Assessing and Managing the Risk Posed by Persons Under Supervision Convicted of Possession of Child Exploitation Materials**

*Location: Grand/State Ballroom*

**Presenter:** Michelle Spidell

**Description:** This session will cover research on risk assessment for persons under supervision convicted of possession of child exploitation materials and techniques to manage them in the community.

**The National Strategy for Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction: a Roundtable Discussion**

*Location: Adams Room*

**Presenter:** Stacie B. Harris

**Description:** In this session, the National Coordinator for Child Exploitation and Interdiction at the Department of Justice will moderate a conversation among law enforcement and other practitioners who combat federal, state and local child exploitation. Through this conversation, participants will be able to inform the National Strategy, as well as share best practices in their everyday efforts.

**Interplay of TLOA, VAWA and SORNA**

*Location: Empire Room*

**Presenters:** Oscar Flores Jr., Marcia Good

**Description:** With the Tribal Law and Order Act, the Violence Against Women Act and the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act, the landscape of federal law in Indian Country has changed significantly. A tribal chief prosecutor will discuss these changes and the impact on tribes and community safety. At the federal level, a senior advisor at the Office of Tribal Justice at the U.S. Department of Justice will discuss the Department changes that have allowed tribes unprecedented access to federal information sharing databases – and the impact of that access.

10:15 AM – 11:45 AM

## CONCURRENT SESSIONS (CONTINUED)

### **Victim and Community Notification**

*Location: Honoré Ballroom*

**Presenters:** Tracy Miller, Jennifer Storm

**Description:** Subject matter experts describe their jurisdictions' approaches to victim and community notification, emphasizing the unique challenges inherent in administering their departments. Panelists will also describe significant initiatives by their offices, key collaborative partners and different ways to fund these departments.

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM

## **LUNCH (on your own)**

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

## **PLENARY PRESENTATION**

*Location: Grand/State Ballroom*

### **Using Analytical Data to Assist With Sex Offender-Based Operations**

**Presenter:** Katrina Mitchell

**Description:** The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children's Sex Offender Tracking Team provides free technical assistance to law enforcement agencies to locate wanted and noncompliant sex offenders. The presenter will focus on analytical assistance available to support various sex offender-based operations, including compliance operations, enforcement operations and sex offender registry clean-up.

2:00 PM – 2:15 PM

## **BREAK**

2:15 PM – 3:45 PM

## **PLENARY PRESENTATION**

*Location: Grand/State Ballroom*

### **Building Fugitive-Enforcement Operations From the National Sex Offender Registry**

**Presenter:** David M. Bierie, Ph.D.

**Description:** The presenter will describe how the U.S. Marshals Service links the National Sex Offender Registry and other data to build sex offender fugitive-enforcement operations.

3:45 PM – 4:00 PM

## **CLOSING**