

# PCSOT – Structured Interviewing

## POST-CONVICTION SEX OFFENDER TESTING

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Introduction to Sex Offender Management

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# Outline

- Structured Interviewing Basics
- Sexual History
- Maintenance / Monitoring
- Instant Offense

# Structured Interviewing

- Debrief and obtain a complete range of information
- Clarify issues, definitions, and content of concern
- Sensitize the deceptive examinee
- Reassure the truthful examinee
- Cover a large range of information in an efficient manner
- Ensure consistency among various professionals

# Operational Definitions

- Describe what each behavior would look like if were observed by others
- Should be consistent among professionals
  - Supervising officers
  - Treatment providers
  - Polygraph examiners

# Interviewing Basics - Questions

- Open questions – require discussion or explanation
- Closed questions (yes/no) – used only to establish and unequivocal issue for further discussion
- Direct questions provide clearest flow of information
- Indirect questions reduce stigma and embarrassment
- Ambiguous questions provide insight into the interviewee's paradigm

# Types of Questions

- ***Screening Questions***
  - Invitation to discussion or admission
- ***Challenge Questions***
  - Response to denial or minimal admission
- ***Probing Questions***
  - Develop detailed information in response to admission to Screen or Challenge Questions

# Questions - examples

- ***Screening Questions***
  - Tell me about your history of involvement in...
  - When was the last time you used any...
  - How many different times did you...
- ***Challenge Questions***
  - Response to denial or minimal admission
- ***Probing Questions***
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# Screening Question Examples

- Tell me about your history of involvement in...
- When was the last time you used any...
- How many different times did you...
- How often do you find yourself engaging in...
- Can you give me some information about...



# Challenge Question Examples

- Are you sure?
- Is that the truth?
- Are you going to pass that question when I ask you on the test?
- Is it possible that it was more times than that?
- Why are you minimizing that right now?
- What is your reason for not discussing the whole thing?
- What is the rest of the story?

# Probing Question Examples

- How many times?
- When was the very last time?
- How much...
- Where did that occur?
- Who else was involved?
- Do you remember your reasons for...
- Where did you get the idea...
- Who else knew?
- Who found out / how was it discovered

# Probing Questions - Drugs

- Use
- Sale / profit
- Distribution / transport
- Manufacture / prepare

# Probing Questions – Organized Crime

- Associates
- Profit / benefit
- Assist
- Lie or cover up
- Provide information
- Contact with
- Approached by
- Intimidated by
- Knowledge of activities

# Sexual History Disclosure

- Sexual Contact – operational definition
  - *Any form of rubbing or touching another person's sexual organs - breasts, buttocks, vagina, or penis - either over or under clothing, for the purpose of sexual arousal/stimulation, sexual gratification, or sexual curiosity; or ever causing or allowing others to touch or rub his private parts either over or under his clothing, for the purpose of sexual arousal/stimulation, sexual gratification, or sexual curiosity, including ever engaging in sexual sexual hugging and kissing activities , and also including any sex-education lessons, sex play games, 'doctor' or 'show-me' games, 'mommy and daddy' or 'house' games, 'spin-the-bottle', strip-poker', 'truth-or-dare' or other sex-play games, or sexualized wrestling or horseplay activities*

# Sexual History Disclosure

- Sexual Contact with underage minors - adult
  - *Sexual contact with persons who were under age 15 since turning age 18*
  - *All underage persons with whom you engaged in any form of rubbing or touching (including attempts) of a person's sexual organs (i.e., breasts/chest area, buttocks, vaginal area, penis), either over or under clothing, if it was for the purpose of sexual arousal, sexual gratification or stimulation, or “sexual curiosity,” along with all persons whom you caused or allowed to rub or touch your private parts, either over or under clothing, for the purpose of sexual arousal, sexual gratification or stimulation or sexual curiosity*
  - *Including persons with whom you engaged in any sexual petting (i.e. sexual hugging and kissing) behavior*

# Sexual History Disclosure

- Sexual Contact with Relatives or Family Members
  - *Sexual contact (including attempts) with all person related by blood, marriage (excluding spouse or someone in a spousal role) or adoption (e.g., mother, father, sister, brother, aunt, uncle, grandparents, grandchildren, cousins, nieces, nephews, step-children, in-laws)*
  - *Including all relatives with whom you engaged in any sex play games (e.g., mommy-daddy, house, doctor, show-me, spin-the-bottle, truth-or-dare, etc.) or sexuality education lessons*

# Sexual History Disclosure

- Sexual Contact with underage minors - adult
  - *Sexual contact with persons who were under age 15 since turning age 18*



# Sexual History Disclosure

- Forced (violent) sexual contacts
  - *Sexual contact (including attempts) with any person (including spouses or partners) whom you physically hit or struck, physically restrained using your body strength or any object, or threatened to harm through the use of weapons, including implied or improvised weapons, threatening gestures, or verbal threats of harm, including threats of harm towards the person's relatives or family members (including pets), in order to prevent the person from resisting or escaping*

# Sexual History Disclosure

- Sexual Contact with underage minors - adult
  - *Sexual contact with persons who were under age 15 since turning age 18*

# Sexual History Disclosure

- Sexual Contact with Sleeping, Incapacitated, or Helpless Persons
- *All sexual contacts (including attempts) involving persons when they were (or appeared) asleep, severely intoxicated, drugged/sedated, unconscious, mentally or physically incapacitated*
- *Including sexual peeping or voyeurism against persons who were (or appeared to be) asleep or incapacitated*

# Sexual History Disclosure

- Sexual Contact with Anyone 4 or More Years Younger – as a juvenile
  - *Any form of rubbing or touching (including attempts) of a person's sexual organs (i.e., breasts/chest area, buttocks, vaginal area, penis), either over or under clothing, if for the purpose of sexual arousal, sexual gratification or stimulation, or sexual curiosity, along with all persons whom you caused or allowed to rub or touch your private parts, either over or under clothing, for the purpose of sexual arousal, sexual gratification or stimulation or sexual curiosity*
  - *Include younger persons with whom you engaged in any sexual petting (i.e. sexual hugging and kissing) behaviors*
  - *Also include all younger children with whom you engaged in any sex play games (e.g., mommy-daddy, house, doctor, show-me, spin-the-bottle, truth-or-dare, etc.) or sexuality education lessons*

# Sexual History Disclosure

- *Sexual Contact with Anyone Age 15 or 16, or 10 years or more years younger, since the age of 24*
  - *All persons with whom you engaged in any form of rubbing or touching (including attempts) of a person's sexual organs (i.e., breasts/chest area, buttocks, vaginal area, penis), either over or under clothing, if it was for the purpose of sexual arousal, sexual gratification or stimulation, or sexual curiosity, along with all persons whom you caused or allowed to rub or touch your private parts, either over or under clothing, for the purpose of sexual arousal, sexual gratification or stimulation or sexual curiosity\*
  - *Include persons with whom you engaged in any sexual petting (i.e. sexual hugging and kissing) behaviors.*

# Sexual History Disclosure

- Sexual Contact with Anyone Under Age 18, With Whom You Had Any Type of Position of Trust (i.e. babysitter, teacher, coach, older relative, foster parent, etc.)
  - *All persons with whom you engaged in any form of rubbing or touching (including attempts) of a person's sexual organs (i.e., breasts/chest area, buttocks, vaginal area, penis), either over or under clothing, if it was for the purpose of sexual arousal, sexual gratification or stimulation, or sexual curiosity, along with all persons whom you caused or allowed to rub or touch your private parts, either over or under clothing, for the purpose of sexual arousal, sexual gratification or stimulation or sexual curiosity*
  - *Include persons with whom you engaged in any sexual petting (i.e. sexual hugging and kissing) behaviors*

# Sexual History Disclosure

- **Coerced (non-violent) Sexual Contacts**

- *Sexual contact (including attempts) with any person (including spouses or partners) whose compliance you obtained through any non-violent form of coercion (i.e, bribery, manipulation, money, drugs, loss of relationship), despite the person's expressed or implied reluctance*

# Sexual History Disclosure

- Frottage or Opportunistic Sexual Rubbing, Bumping or Touching Against Strangers or Unsuspecting (non-incapacitated) Persons
  - *Include sexual touching (including attempts) of others' private parts during any play, horseplay, wrestling or athletic activities, or unsuspecting persons in public places (e.g., school, work, stores, gym, crowds, etc.)*



# Sexual History Disclosure

- Solicitation via Computer or Electronic Devices
  - *All sexual contacts/interactions and attempted sexual contacts/interactions via computer or electronic devices, including e-mails, chat rooms, cyber-sex, live web-cams, electronic bulletin board systems, Internet Relay Chat, DCC chat channels, private bulletin boards, other user groups*
  - *Including ages or approximate ages at time of contact.*
  - *Also include law enforcement agents who posed as person willing to engage in any of the above sexual contacts, even though the actual contact may have been prevented*

# Sexual History Disclosure

- Voyeurism or Sexual Peeping

- *All sexual behaviors (including attempts) involving peeping or voyeurism, including all attempts to look into someone's home, bedroom or bathroom without the person's knowledge or permission, in attempt to view someone naked, undressing/dressing, or engaging in sexual acts*
- *Including all voyeurism attempts involving using or creating a hole opening to view others for sexual arousal, including all attempts to use any optical devices (i.e., cameras, mirrors, binoculars, or telescope) to view others for sexual purposes*

# Sexual History Disclosure

- **Exhibitionism or Indecent Exposure**

- *All incidents in which you accidentally or intentionally exposed (including attempts) your bare private parts to unsuspecting persons in public places*
- *Include incidents involving loose or baggy clothing that allowed your sexual organs to become exposed to others.*
- *Also include mooning, streaking or flashing behavior, and public urination while in view of others*

# Sexual History Disclosure

- Prostitution

- *All sexual contacts (including attempts) in which you paid for sex, or when you performed sexual acts for money, property or favors*

# Sexual History Disclosure

- Public Masturbation

- *All incidents of masturbation (including attempts) in public places (i.e., outside your residence, bedroom, or bathroom) in which you could view others or could possibly be observed by others while masturbating, including public restrooms, workplace/school settings, vehicles, and others' homes*

# Sexual History Disclosure

- Use or Theft of Underwear, Undergarments, or Personal Property for Masturbation or Sexual Arousal
  - *Taking or keeping undergarments (including other trophies or personal property) from sexual partners, relatives, friends, or strangers for masturbation or sexual arousal*
  - *Including all incidents of trying on or wearing another person's underwear or undergarments without their knowledge or permission*
  - *Also including all incidents of returning someone's underwear or undergarments after using them for masturbation or sexual arousal*

# Sexual History Disclosure

- Stalking Behaviors

- *All behaviors involving following someone without their awareness or permission*
- *Including all incidents of following someone to their home, workplace or vehicle, or following others around a store, aisle, parking lot, campus, or community*
- *Also including all other efforts to monitor or observe another person's behavior without their knowledge*

# Sexual History Disclosure

- Child Pornography

- *Including all activities related to viewing, possessing, using, producing, or distributing of nude or sexualized images of minors (persons under age 18)*



# Sexual History Disclosure

- Sexual Contact with Animals
  - *All sexual behaviors (including attempts) involving domesticated, farm/ranch, or wild animals, whether living or deceased, and whether whole or dismembered*
  - *Including all sexual contact with pets, whether one's own or belonging to others*

# Sexual History Disclosure

- History of Obscene Phone Calls
  - *Offender's age, or approximate age, and description of the behaviors at the time*

# Sexual History Disclosure

- Domestic Violence

- *All behaviors involving hitting, striking, slapping, pushing, throwing things, or breaking things out of anger or frustration, toward intimate partners, family members, or member of your household*
- *Including threats of harm or intimidation through the use of words, weapons, or gestures*

# Maintenance / Monitoring

- Sexual contacts

- *any form of rubbing or touching another person's sexual organs - breasts, buttocks, vagina, or penis - either over or under clothing, for the purpose of sexual arousal/stimulation, sexual gratification, or sexual curiosity*
- *causing or allowing others to touch or rub his private parts either over of under his clothing, for the purpose of sexual arousal/stimulation, sexual gratification, or sexual curiosity; or engaging in sexual hugging and kissing activities*

# Maintenance / Monitoring

- Sexual activities with others
  - *sexual hugging or kissing activities*
  - *sexual flirting behaviors, sexual grooming activities, cruising for sexual partners, or sexual talk with others*
  - *initiating, encouraging, or participating in any sexual talk, sexual jokes or sexually objectifying conversations*

# Maintenance / Monitoring

- Reoffense behaviors

- *Physically forcing, restraining, threatening to harm, or coercing anyone for sexual contact*
- *Sexual contact with relatives or family members*
- *Sexual contact with underage persons*
- *Sexual contact with sleeping, unconscious or incapacitated persons*
- *Frottage*
- *Exhibitionism*
- *Voyeurism*
- *Public masturbation*
- *Theft or use of underwear/undergarments for sexual arousal*
- *Stalking following (store, aisle, parking lot, campus, community)*
- *Prostitution*
- *Sexual contact with animals*

# Maintenance / Monitoring

- Sexual behaviors

- *Pornography use (magazines, movies/video, internet, cell-phone, iPod, video-game)*
- *Using non-pornographic images for masturbation*
- *Non-human objects (sex toys, “fifi” devices, objects not intended for sex)*
- *Computer/Internet sex-chat activities (IRC, web-chat, IM, SMS messaging)*
- *Group sex activities*
- *Same-sex partners*
- *Telephone sex lines*
- *Sexual infidelity in relationships*

# Maintenance / Monitoring

## – Contact with past victims or other minors

- *Last contact with past victim/s*
- *Plans for resuming a relationship or contact with past victim/s*
- *Incidental reporting requirements (greeting, interaction, physical)*
  - *Reporting requirements for visual or proximity contact*
- *Incidental contact instructions*
- *Unreported incidental contacts*
- *Physical contact with minors*
- *Unsupervised (completely alone) with minors*
- *Sexual thoughts about towards teenagers or children*
- *Wrestling horseplay, sporting/athletic activities with minors*
- *Spending the night in the same location with minors*
- *Diapering, wiping, bathing, dressing, changing infants*



# Maintenance / Monitoring

- Masturbation issues

- *Frequency (daily, weekly, monthly)*
- *Common fantasies*
- *Masturbating when stressed, bored, or frustrated*
- *Masturbating to sleep*
- *Voluntary or involuntary thoughts of victim or other minors*
- *Thoughts of violence harm or humiliation*
- *Inflicting self harm, pain, or injury*
- *Pornography*
- *Non-pornographic images*
- *Non-human objects*
- *Masturbating outside the bedroom, bathroom or home*
- *Watching others*
- *In view of others*

# Maintenance / Monitoring

- Supervision issues

- *Other forms of behavioral monitoring*
- *Cell phone (camera use / other optical devices)*
- *Computer use and monitoring*
- *Recreation activities*
- *Unauthorized activities (without an approved safety-plan)*
- *Travel (with or without approval) including work, vacation, holiday*
- *Un-reported arrest, citation, investigation*
- *Contact with firearms or other weapons*
- *MJ or other illegal drugs*
- *Tasting or consuming any beverage containing alcohol*
- *Taking other's meds, (selling, trading, giving, misusing meds)*
- *Shoplifting, thefts, or other criminal activities*
- *Spending the night away from home for any reason*
- *Other violations or probation or treatment rules*

