# **Special Victims Integrated Tactics (SVIT):** Investigating Advanced Sex Crimes and Child Exploitation

*(3) Three-Day Training from 8:00am - 4:00pm*
*1-hour Lunch Break from 11:30am – 12:30pm*
Total of **21** In-Service Training Hours
Instructor: Professor Don V. Haley

**Course Description:** This intensive, advanced-level course equips law enforcement professionals and sex crimes investigators with the critical skills required to effectively investigate complex cases of adult sexual assault and child sexual exploitation. The curriculum will teach advanced sex crimes investigative techniques, as well as integrate forensic analysis with evidence-based, trauma-informed cognitive interviewing strategies. We will share how to effectively utilize the PEACE model, an ethical non-accusatorial framework for investigative interviewing of suspects in relation to sexual assaults.

Participants will learn the pillars of modern sex crimes investigations, meticulously identifying and documenting physical, behavioral, and digital evidence. We will provide each student with a checklist for on-scene digital evidence preservation. Investigators will also learn how to deploy highly specialized cognitive interviewing frameworks for both victims and suspects. By bridging the gap between clinical forensic findings and advanced interview protocols, investigators will learn to build legally resilient cases that stand up to rigorous judicial scrutiny.

## Learning Objectives

**Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:**

• Identify, interpret, and document physical, behavioral, and digital forensic indicators used to evaluate and substantiate potential cases of child sexual exploitation or abuse.

• Identify and avoid the top mistakes made in ICAC investigations.

• Analyze injury patterns on adult and juvenile sexual assault victims to correlate physical findings with the reported mechanism of assault and the use of force or incapacitation.

• Analyze and document suspect injuries to correlate physical findings with victim statements and defensive struggle patterns.

• Deploy strategic investigative cognitive interviewing frameworks to effectively counter denial, manage resistance, and generate actionable leads during stranger sexual assault suspect interviews.

• Utilize advanced suspect interview tactics and techniques specifically designed for acquaintance-based or alcohol-facilitated sexual assault cases.

• Execute effective rapport building cognitive interviewing techniques that create trust between the investigator and the victim of a sexual assault.

• Illustrate how to improve the quality of victim's statements during trauma-informed interviews.

• Assess and implement specialized investigative interviewing protocols that yield the highest rate of actionable information when questioning suspects of child sexual exploitation.