

# BEYOND STATIC RISK

## THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DYNAMIC RISK ASSESSMENT

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# MANAGEMENT OF SEX OFFENDERS

- **Teamwork between Supervision and Treatment is a MUST**
- **Results in INCREASED Community Safety**
- **REDUCTION of Sexual Recidivism**

# STATIC 99

- **Developed by David Thornton**
- **Administered to all Sexual Offenders**
  - Released from TDC
  - Placed on Community Supervision
- **Only changes with age and relationship status**
- **Not sensitive to changes in risk level**

# STATIC 99

- **Age of the Offender\***
- **Whether the Offender ever lived with an intimate partner for two years\***
- **Conviction of a non-sexual Violent offense**
- **Prior conviction of a non-sexual Violent offense prior to Index offense**

# STATIC 99

- **Number of prior sentencing dates**
- **Prior sexual convictions**
- **Convictions for non-contact sexual offenses**
- **Stranger Victims**
- **Non-relative Victims**
- **Male Victims**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Risk Factor</b>	<b>Codes</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Young</b>	Aged 25 or older <b>0</b> Aged 18 – 24.99 <b>1</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Ever Lived With Lover for at least 2 years</b>	Yes <b>0</b> No <b>1</b>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Index non-Sexual Violence</b>	No <b>0</b> Yes <b>1</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Prior Non-Sexual Violence</b>	No <b>0</b> Yes <b>1</b>	
	<b>Any Convictions?</b>		
<b>5</b>	<b>Prior Sex Offenses</b>	<b>Charges      Convictions</b> None      None <b>0</b> 1-2      1 <b>1</b> 3-5      2-3 <b>2</b> 6 +      4 + <b>3</b>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Prior sentencing Dates (Excluding index)</b>	3 or less <b>0</b> 4 or more <b>1</b>	
<b>7</b>	<b>ANY Convictions for non-contact Sex Offenses</b>	No <b>0</b> Yes <b>1</b>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Any unrelated Victims</b>	No <b>0</b> Yes <b>1</b>	
<b>9</b>	<b>Any Stranger Victims</b>	No <b>0</b> Yes <b>1</b>	
<b>10</b>	<b>Any Male Victims</b>	No <b>0</b> Yes <b>1</b>	
	<b>Total Score</b>	<b>Add up the scores from individual Risk Factors</b>	

# LIMITATIONS OF STATIC-99

- **Not normed on Juvenile Offenders**
- **Not normed on Female Offenders**
- **Not applicable to cases pled down -  
i.e. Injury to a Child, Assault, etc.**
- **Does not incorporate new info**

# TRUE RISK



- **MAY BE A ROLLER COASTER**
  - **STATIC 99 + DYNAMIC**
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# FOR SUPERVISION OFFICERS

- “What should I be asking this sex offender who is now in my office”
- “How are his/her answers related to risk?”
- “What do I need to be sharing with the Treatment Provider?”
- “WHEN DO I NEED TO INTERVENE ??????”

# FOR TREATMENT PROVIDERS

- “What are we addressing each week in the clinical sessions ?”
- “What statements or situations are related to an increase in risk ?”
- “What do I need to share with the Supervision Officer ?”
- “When do I need to intervene ?”

# DYNAMIC RISK ASSESSMENTS

- **STRUCTURED RISK ASSESSMENT**
  - David Thornton
  - [David17Thornton@aol.com](mailto:David17Thornton@aol.com)
- **SONAR**
  - Hanson & Harris
  - [www.sgc.gc.ca](http://www.sgc.gc.ca)
- **STABLE 2007**
  - Andrew Harris and Karl Hanson
  - [harrisaj@csc-scc.gc.ca](mailto:harrisaj@csc-scc.gc.ca)
- **Treatment Progress and Needs Scale**
  - Robert McGrath and Georgia Cummings
  - [www.csom.org](http://www.csom.org)

# DYNAMIC RISK ASSESSMENT



## STABLE RISK FACTORS

# STABLE

## DYNAMIC RISK FACTORS

- **Amenable to change, but without intervention, tend to remain relatively constant**
- **ASSESS TREATMENT NEEDS**
- **HELPS PREDICT RECIDIVISM**

# Intimacy Deficits

- **Capacity for Relationship Stability**
- **Adult Love Relationships**
  - 0 = Current live-in relationship and no significant problems in relationship
  - 1 = Current live-in with minor problems or current stable dating relationship
  - 2 = Live-in with major problems or dating with serious problems or no current relationship but dated in last 6 months
  - 3 = no dating relationships in last 6 months

# Intimacy Deficits

- **Emotional Identification with Children**
  - Scored only when victim is 13 or younger
  - See them as a peer or equal
  - Child-oriented lifestyle
  - “Jimmy is just like one of the kids”

# INTIMACY DEFICITS

- **Hostility Toward Women**
  - **Assessment Scales to help assess**
  - **Both Rapists and child molesters may have deficits in their capacity to form warm, constructive relationships with woman**
    - **Can males and female just be friends?**
    - **Women only good for sex, can not be trusted?**

# Intimacy Deficits

- **General Social Rejection**
  - Feelings of loneliness
  - No social supports
  - poor skills in attracting personal and social relationships
- **Lack of Concern for Others**
  - Little or no remorse
  - Callous in other social interactions, not just about their victims
  - Do you get the feeling that this Offender doesn't care about anyone but himself?

# Social Lifestyle

- **Significant Social Influences**
  - List of 8 most important people in your life

## LIST SOCIAL INFLUENCES

<b>PERSON'S NAME</b>	<b>Notes on relationship/influence</b>	<b>Positive</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Negative</b>
<b>1</b>				
<b>2</b>				
<b>3</b>				
<b>4</b>				
<b>5</b>				
<b>6</b>				
<b>7</b>				
<b>8</b>				

# Social Lifestyle

- **Significant Social Influences**
  - List of 8 most important people in your life
  - Assess whether each person is positive, neutral, or negative

# SIGNIFICANT SOCIAL INFLUENCES

- **POSITIVE**
  - Promote pro-social values
  - Encourage self-control strategies
  - Provide support (physical and emotional)
- **NEUTRAL**
  - Minimal attachment
- **NEGATIVE**
  - Collaborate with denial, justification
  - Pro-criminal attitudes
  - Lead Offender astray – drugs, victim access, etc.

# SIGNIFICANT SOCIAL INFLUENCES

- Where do you know them from?
- What do you have in common?
- If you had a problem, could you go to them for help?
- Do they drink or do drugs?
- Do they know about your sexual offense?
- Do you feel they are a good influence on you?

# General Self-Regulation

- **Impulsive**

- Quitting job without another one lined up
- Spontaneous change in residence
- Reckless Driving
- Easily bored and thrill-seeking

# General Self-Regulation

- **Poor Problem Solving Skills Examples**
  - Poorly considered decisions
  - Difficulty occupying time
  - Fails to identify life problems
  - Difficulty recognizing consequences of actions
  - Difficulty finding a job, residence
- **Poor Problem Solving Skills Interventions**
  - Weekly “Check-in” used to help Offenders
  - Identify Problem, Identify Alternatives, Evaluate Alternatives
  - Weighing Pros/Cons
  - How to occupy my time
  - Interpersonal Relationships
  - Responding to Family Emergencies/Illnesses

# General Self-Regulation

- **Negative Emotionality of Hostility**
  - “Victim Stance”
  - A “chip” on their shoulder
  - Tendency towards feeling hostile
  - Feels victimized, resentful
  - Rather than attempting to cope, offender ruminates on negative events and feelings
  - Helpful feedback is dismissed
  - Irrational feelings of persecution
  - Feels like the world owes him something

# General Self-Regulation

- **Emotional Management**
  - How well an Offender deals with emotions that were associated with his past offending
  - Boredom, Depression, Loneliness, Anxiety, Anger
- **Mental Health Management**
  - Major MH problems that impair his functioning
  - Delusions, hallucinations, SI/HI
  - Obsessive-Compulsive
  - Depression

# Sexual Self-Regulation

- **Sexual Preoccupation/Sex Drive**
  - Excessive masturbation
  - Hx of multiple sex partners
  - Massage parlors, pornography, cruising for impersonal sex
- **Sex as Coping**
  - Self-soothing to mitigate anxiety, stress, etc.
- **Regulation**
  - *Use sex to cope with negative emotional states*
- **Deviant Sexual Interests, per PPG**
- **Interests**
  - PPG
  - Self-Report
  - Masturbatory fantasies
  - Pornography Interests
- **Attitudes**
  - Bumby Scale
  - Abel-Becker Cognition Scale

# Other Factors

- **Admission of Offense**
- **Acceptance of Responsibility**
- **Stage of Change**

# Acute Risk Factors

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# Acute Risk Factors

- **Exaggeration of the Stable Factors**
- **Need to be identified immediately**
- **Immediate intervention needed**
- **Identify WHEN an Offender is most likely to re-offend**

# Acute Risk Factor

## *Sexual Violence Recidivism*

- **Victim *Access or Grooming***
  - Hiding or Lying about victim access
    - Found babysitting
    - Hobbies, Clubs
  - **Stalking, Grooming**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>NO / NONE</b>	<b>0</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Little or no opportunity to meet or engage potential Victims</li> <li>•Work schedule / routines of life prevent such access</li> </ul>
<b>MAYBE / SOME</b>	<b>1</b>	<p>Some Contact- appears to be normal / unintentional situations not likely to be repeated. Children on bus but does not approach.</p>
<b>YES</b>	<b>2</b>	<p>Repeated opportunity to meet and engage with targets of preference.</p>
<b>INTERVENE NOW</b>	<b>IN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Intentional Access to Victims, evidence of grooming</li> <li>•Any Evidence that the subject is hiding Victim Access opportunities</li> </ul>

# Acute Risk Factor

## *Sexual Violence Recidivism*

- **Hostility**

- Anger Outbursts **BEYOND** their baseline level
- Flying off the handle
- Irrational and Reckless Defiance
  - Decline or Ridicule Suggestions suggested by PO or Treatment Provider because they were given by one in authority
- General Hostility Toward Women
- Rude or threatening toward others

# Acute Risk Factor

## *Sexual Violence Recidivism*

- **Sexual Preoccupation**

- Lusty or inappropriate talk to you or other people
- Excessive masturbation
- They “have to have it”
- Increase in urges for sexually acting out
- Feel that their sexual tension is building up and they are about to blow
- High level of Impersonal Sexual Activity
- Daily coping through sexual activity
- High sexual drive

<b>Category</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>NO / NONE</b>	<b>0</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•No Hints of problems</li> <li>•Physically Incapable</li> </ul>
<b>MAYBE / SOME</b>	<b>1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Suspicion of deviant sexual fantasies</li> <li>•Seems concerned about sex and sexual issues mote that the average client</li> <li>•Increased masturbation but within normal limits</li> </ul>
<p><b>YES</b>  <b>Note: Any of these items can be sufficient to score an offender as a “2” you do not need more than one factor to be present</b></p>	<b>2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Rumination on sexual issues /running his life</li> <li>•Inappropriate talk</li> <li>•Increase in urges for sexually acting out</li> <li>•Reports Deviant sexual fantasies</li> <li>•Goes to strip bars, massage parlors</li> <li>•Sex seems to be main issue</li> <li>•Repeated expressions “just have to have it”</li> <li>•Sexual tension build up “about to blow”</li> </ul>
<b>INTERVENE NOW</b>	<b>IN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Feels out of control</li> <li>•High levels of impersonal sexual activity expressed with little of no effort to inhibit behaviors ( frequent use of porn, prostitutes, strip clubs, etc)</li> </ul>

# Acute Risk Factor

## *Sexual Violence Recidivism*

- **Rejection of Supervision**
  - Missing/canceling appts.
  - Delinquent on Supervision Fees
  - Honesty
  - Degree of Engagement during office visits
- **Rejection of Treatment**
  - Homework
  - Participation
  - Honesty
  - Delinquent in treatment costs
  - Missing/Canceling appointments

# Acute Risk Factors

## Criminal Recidivism

- **Emotional Collapse**
  - Severe emotional disturbances can impair judgment and threaten self-control. They may consider options aimed only at immediate relief of current distress. They are unable to maintain normal routines.
  - Emotional Crisis
  - Unable to maintain normal routines
- **Social Support Collapse**
  - Significant loss
  - Increase in negative influence
- **Substance Abuse**

# STABLE 2007

## Stable Factors

- Significant social influences
- Capacity for Relationship Stability
- Emotional ID with Children
- Hostility Toward Women
- General Social Rejection
- Lack of Concern for Others
- Poor Problem Solving Skills
- Negative Emotionality
- Sex Drive / Sex Pre-occupation
- Sex As Coping
- Deviant Sexual Preferences
- Cooperation with Supervision

Scoring Items	Notes	Score
<b>Significant Social Influences</b>		
<b>Capacity for Relationship Stability</b>		
<b>Emotional ID with Children</b>	<b>Only score this item for child molesters = Victim &lt; 14</b>	
<b>Hostility Toward Children</b>		
<b>General Social Rejection</b>		
<b>Lack of Concern for Others</b>		
<b>Impulsive</b>		
<b>Poor Problem Solving Skills</b>		
<b>Negative Emotionality</b>		
<b>Sex Drive/ Sex Pre-occupation</b>		
<b>Sex as Coping</b>		
<b>Deviant Sexual Preferences</b>		
<b>Cooperation with Supervision</b>		
<b>SUM FOR FINAL TOTAL (Out of 24 for those without a child Victim)</b>		<hr/> <b>26</b>

# STABLE 2007

## Acute Factors

- VICTIM ACCESS
- HOSTILITY
- SEXUAL PRE-OCCUPATION
- REJECTION OF SUPERVISION
- EMOTIONAL COLLAPSE
- COLLAPSE OF SOCIAL SUPPORTS
- SUBSTANCE ABUSE

<b>Sex/Violence Score (Sum 4 factors)</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>General/Criminal Recidivism Score (Sum all 7 factors)</b>	
•Victim Access		> > copy these scores over > >	
•Hostility		> > copy these scores over > >	
•Sexual Pre-occupation		> > copy these scores over > >	
•Rejection of Supervision		> > copy these scores over > >	
		•Emotional Collapse	
		•Collapse of Social Supports	
		•Substance Abuse	
<b>Sex Violence Risk Total (Sum of 4 Factors)</b>		<b>General Recidivism Risk Total (Sum of all 7 factors)</b>	

# Sex Offender Treatment Needs and Progress Scale (McGrath & Cummings)

- **Sexual Deviance**
  - Admission of Offense Behavior
  - Acceptance of Responsibility
  - Sexual Interests
  - Sexual Attitudes
  - Sexual Behavior
  - Sexual Risk Management

# Sex Offender Treatment Needs and Progress Scale (McGrath)

- **Criminality**
  - Criminal and Rule Breaking Attitudes
  - Criminal and Rule Breaking Behavior
- **Self-Regulation**
  - Substance Abuse
  - Emotion Management
  - Mental Health Stability
  - Problem Solving
  - Impulsivity

# Sex Offender Treatment Needs and Progress Scale (McGrath)

- **Treatment and Supervision Cooperation**
  - Stage of Change
  - Cooperation with Treatment
  - Cooperation with Supervision
- **Lifestyle Stability**
  - Employment
  - Residence
  - Finances
- **Social Supports**
  - Adult Love Relationships
  - Social Influences
  - Social Environment

# Sonar (Hanson & Harris)

## STABLE

- Intimacy Deficits
- Social Influences
- Attitudes
- Sexual Self-Regulation
- General Self-Regulation

## ACUTE

- Substance Abuse
- Negative Mood
- Anger/Hostility
- Victim Access

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