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Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault: Tough Cases

Cases of reported drug-facilitated sexual assault (DFSA) are on the rise in the United States and throughout the rest of the world.

There are many challenges that face the investigators of DFSA. These challenges include 1) Being aware of the many drugs used to commit DFSA and their effects on victims of sexual assault; 2) Understanding and acknowledging the complexities of reporting and investigating this type of crime; and 3) Properly collecting and analyzing the forensic evidence. This presentation will discuss these challenges in detail and provide suggestions to overcome some of these challenges.

After completing the course, the student will be able to:

- Identify the drug most commonly used to facilitate sexual assault
- Recognize that the effects of alcohol can be similar to the new drugs being used to facilitate sexual assault
- Identify the challenges in investigating drug facilitated sexual assault
- Identify the most recent drugs being used to facilitate sexual assault and how to identify them
- Recognize the indicators of drug facilitated sexual assault
- Understand the scope of the evidence collection process and current limitations of toxicology testing
- Identify evidence that should be collected in a drug facilitated sexual assault