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Mr. Holden is President of Behavioral Measures & Forensic Services Southwest, Inc. and the Behavioral Measures Institute in Dallas, Texas. He has been a Texas licensed polygraph examiner for 34 years, and is licensed in other states as well. Mr. Holden received his M.A. degree from Baylor University and B.S. degree from Texas A&M University, both in psychology, and is a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) in Texas. He is Past-President of the American Polygraph Association (APA) and the Texas Association of Polygraph Examiners (TAPE). He is active in the American Association of Police Polygraphists (AAPP), the Society for Psycho-physiological Research (SPR), and other professional associations.

He began his career as a psychologist with the Texas Department of Corrections and served as a psychometrist for the Texas Rehabilitation Commission. He is a frequent consultant throughout the criminal justice system. Mr. Holden chaired the committee that drafted guidelines for Post-Conviction Sex Offender Testing (PCSOT) in Texas and is instrumental in developing post-conviction (PCSOT) guidelines in other states and for the APA. Currently, he holds the position of Adjunct Faculty-special programs, with the Defense Academy for Credibility Assessment (DACA, formerly DoDPI), Ft. Jackson, South Carolina, and teaches professionals throughout the United States and other countries. He has qualified for expert testimony in State and Federal Court. Mr. Holden is published in the fields of polygraph and criminal behavior, and has been the recipient of many state and national awards for his contributions to his field, including twice the APA's President's award; twice the APA's Leonarde Keeler Award; The John E. Reid Award from the APA for distinguished achievements in polygraph research, teaching, and writing, and the Max Wastl Award from the AAPP for significant contributions to the polygraph profession. In 1996 TAPE honored him with the President's Award for outstanding achievements and long term contributions to the polygraph profession. Currently he chairs the APA- PCSOT Committee, an international effort to develop and refine a standard model with guidelines for PCSOT testing.

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ABSTRACT

The Utility and Validity of Post-Conviction Sex Offender Polygraph Testing

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Polygraph testing has become a significant tool for treatment providers and supervisors of sex offenders on probation, parole, under civil commitment and housed in institutional settings. This seminar will identify the ways that polygraph testing is being employed in the United States and overseas by therapists and supervising officers working with sex offenders. An overview of post-conviction sex offender testing (PCSOT) will explain the types of tests that are available, what the purpose of each is, where and how they are regularly applied, and how to use them. The instructors will approach this presentation as both an introduction for those unfamiliar with polygraph testing and its with application for post-conviction sex offenders. The seminar will review validity, reliability, strengths and limitations of this testing, and will prepare the attendees to understand polygraph opinions and reports. When completed, the student should be prepared to work with polygraph examiners and to understand if work product is consistent with standards of the American Polygraph Association. (Eric J. Holden)

In addition, this seminar will explain and offer helpful information about how treatment specialists rely on polygraph examinations as part of the treatment and risk assessment process with civilly committed, institutionalized, and incarcerated (CCI) patients. How PCSOT and CCI testing differ in methods and approaches, and the types of CCI tests being applied in those settings will be the focus. Attendees will gain a clear understanding of what role polygraph can play in risk assessment, and what information can validly be obtained for treatment purposes. (William J. Scheve III)