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Forensic Training Unit

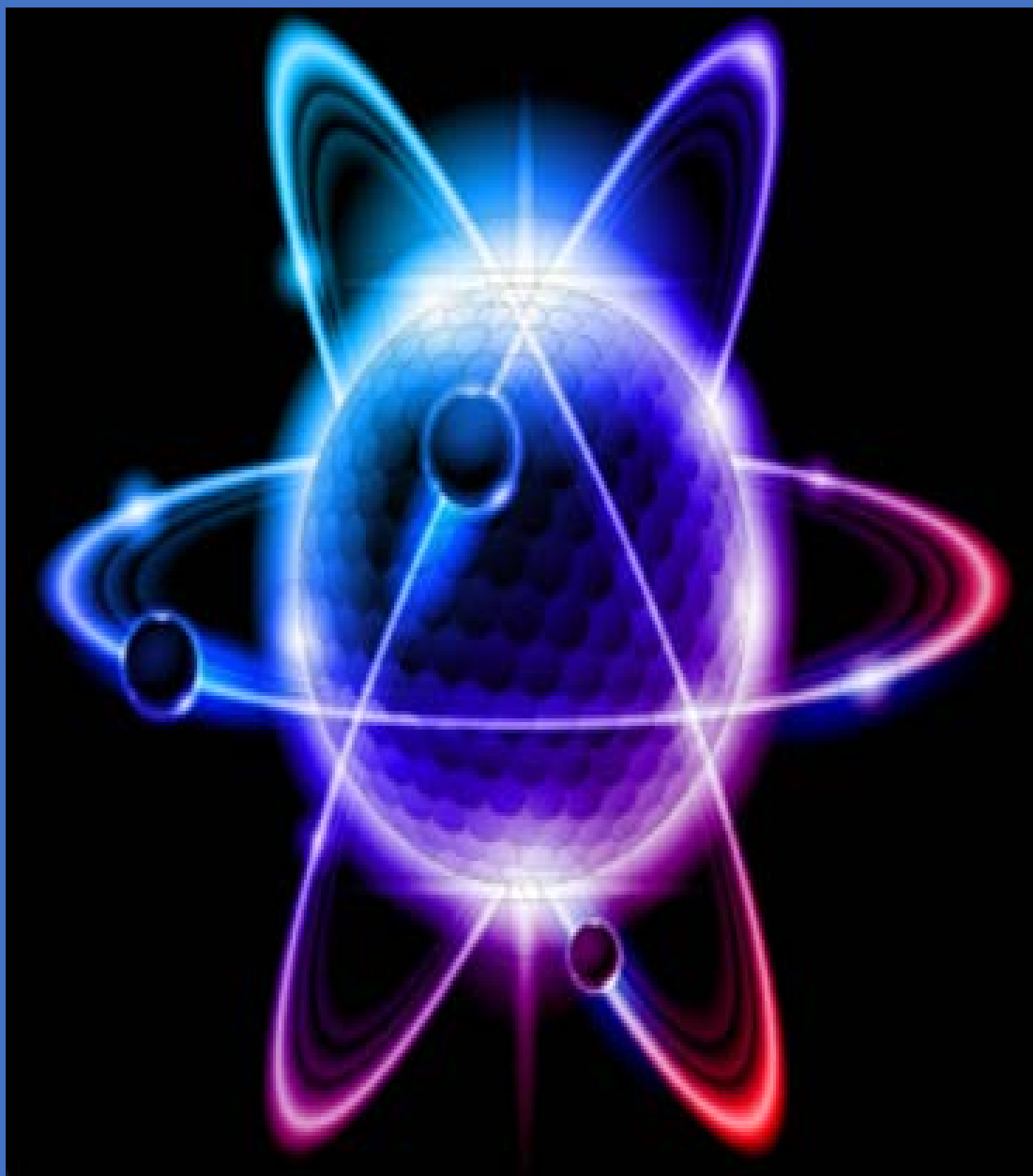
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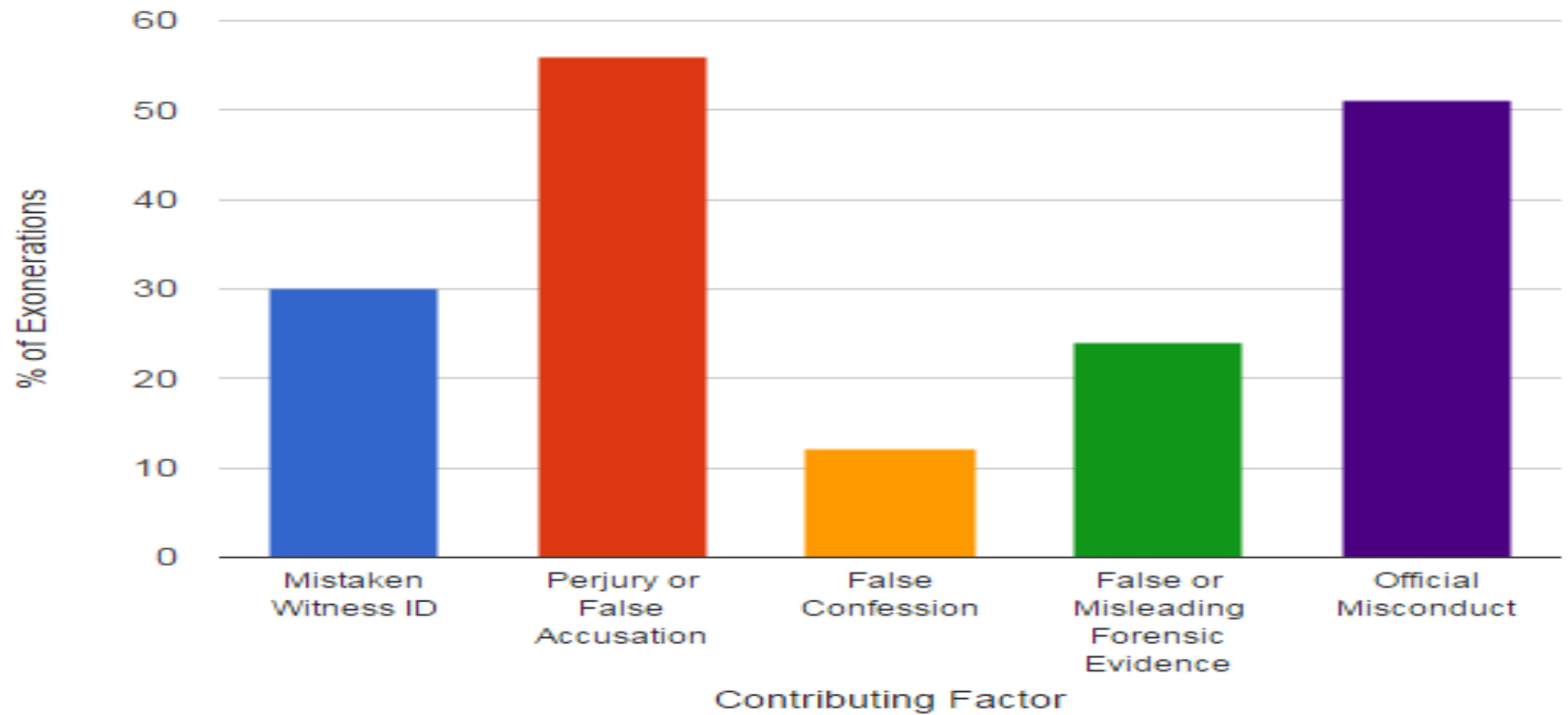
Forensic Training Unit

- The National Forensic College (NFC) is sponsored by the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law.
- Brings together lawyers from all over the country to train them on established and emerging forensic-science disciplines and how such issues can be effectively handled in court.
- Based on that model, the Office of the Ohio Public Defender (OPD) has endeavored to train Ohio attorneys on those matters.



% EXONERATIONS BY CONTRIBUTING FACTOR

National Registry of Exonerations
4/25/2017 Total = 2018

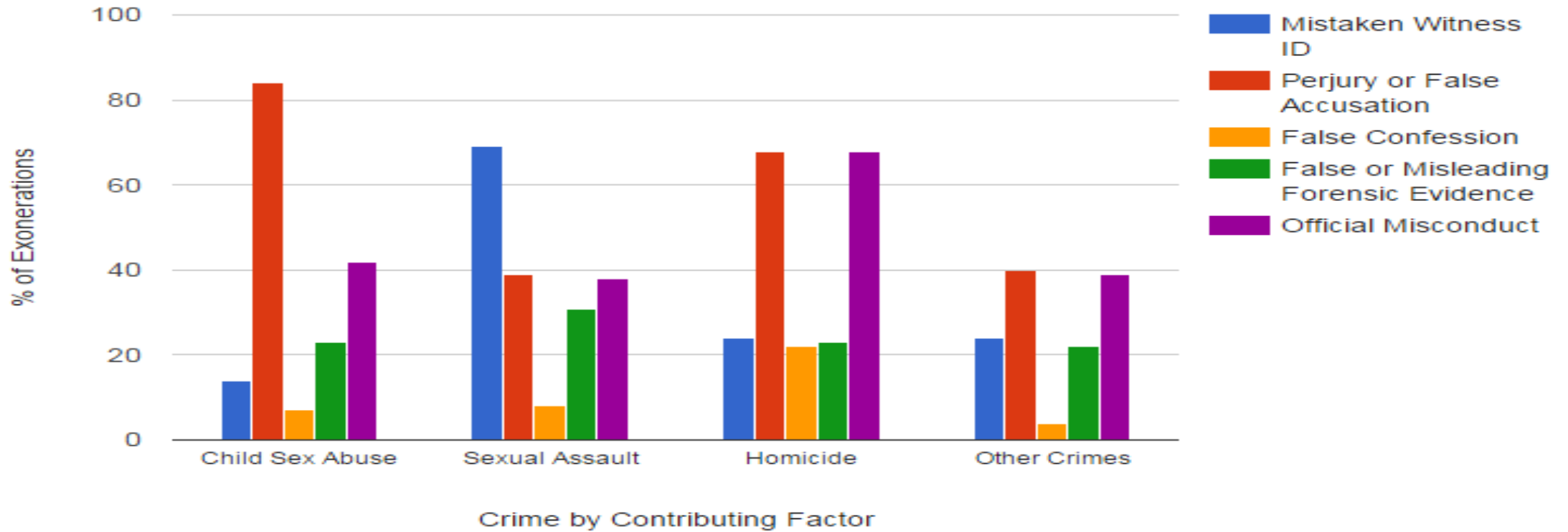


The National Registry of Exonerations



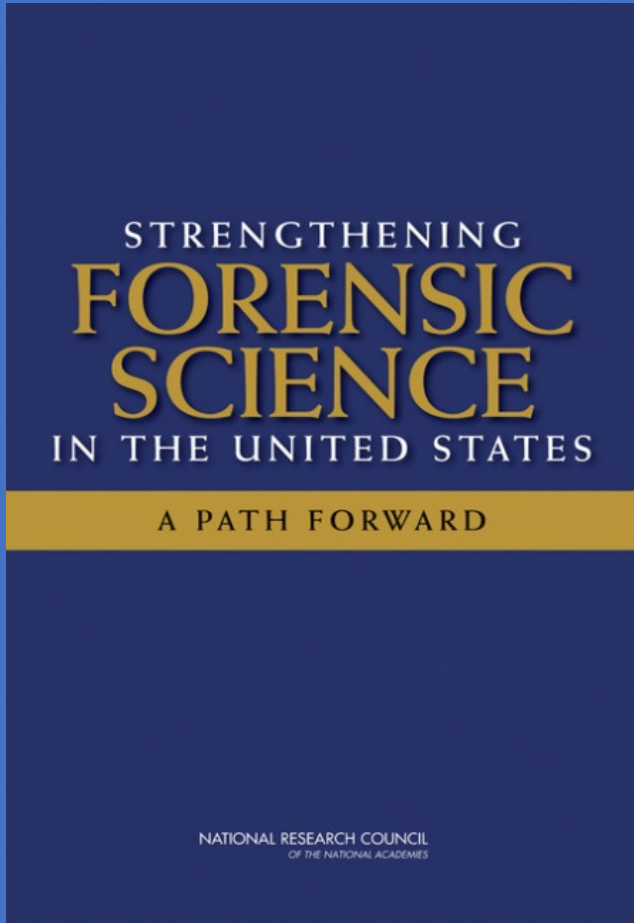
% EXONERATIONS BY CONTRIBUTING FACTOR AND TYPE OF CRIME

National Registry of Exonerations
4/25/2017 Total = 2018



The National Registry of Exonerations





“With the exception of nuclear DNA analysis, however, no forensic method has been rigorously shown to have the capacity to consistently, and with a high degree of certainty, demonstrate a connection between evidence and a specific individual or source.” [7]

Forensic Training Unit

1. Bringing the Scientific Method into the Courtroom
2. Pattern Evidence
3. Digital Forensics
4. Cell-Phone Technology and its Limitations
5. False Confessions
6. DNA
7. Abusive Head Trauma
8. Drug Chemistry and Field Testing
9. Firearms and Ballistics (in development)
10. Arson Investigation (in development)





Forensic Training Unit

- Multiple homegrown CLE programs that have taught hundreds of attorneys across the State of Ohio
- Presentations with the Ohio Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- Webinars with the National Association of Public Defense



But also . . .

1. Please contact us. We'd love to talk about your case.
2. Experts Working Group.
3. <http://opd.ohio.gov/Policy-Outreach/Policy-Outreach/Forensic-Training-Unit>

ABOUT THE FORENSIC TRAINING UNIT

In 2014 and 2015, OPD sent attorneys to the National Forensic College, sponsored by the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. The College is designed to train attorneys from around the country on forensic science issues, so that those attorneys can return to their home states and train others. Our attorneys have taken what they've learned and formed the Forensics Training Unit. The purpose of the Unit is two-fold: to provide support and guidance for attorneys litigating junk science issues, and to provide training to attorneys around Ohio. Our overriding goal is to improve representation throughout the state of Ohio in cases involving forensic science issues.

Forensic Training Unit Staff

The members of the Forensic Training Unit come from various departments across OPD. Please feel free to contact us using either our email addresses or the form at the bottom of this page.

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Forensic Topic

- Digital Forensics
- Shaken Baby Syndrome
- DNA
- False Confessions
- Pattern Analysis
- Other

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Thank you for all that you do!



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