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VIVIDNESS AND SPONTANEITY OF STATEMENT DETAIL CHARACTERISTICS AS PREDICTORS OF WITNESS CREDIBILITY

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A major challenge for investigators is the constant potential for deception. The present article is a step toward developing a system of interviewing and assessment which facilitates the discrimination of honest from deceptive statements. Specifically, this article addresses memory-related detail characteristics (vividness and spontaneity) as indices of statement credibility, and provides information regarding appropriate experimental design for future studies in credibility assessment.

AN UNFORGETTABLE AFFAIR

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This article begins by reviewing the number of ways that attorney/client exploitation occurs. Next the resultant behaviors and thinking patterns are explored in the misled client and the referring therapist. Cases are presented involving faulty therapist referrals, attorney betrayal, and client/therapist broken trust. Finally, recommendations for resolution of the attorney/client betrayal, the attorney/referring therapist broken trust, and the client/referring therapist broken alliance are presented.

THE TRIAD OF JUVENILE FIRESETTING, BEDWETTING, AND CRUELTY TO ANIMALS: ESTABLISHING PREVALENCE AND COMORBIDITY

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This study examined the prevalence rates and comorbidity of the ego triad consisting of juvenile firesetting, bedwetting, and animal cruelty in samples drawn from a firesetter intervention program and a mental health clinic for children. Data were collected from parent responses on the Achenbach Child Behavior Checklist. No differences were demonstrated ($p > .05$) within each group for age and gender. No differences were found ($p > .05$) between the firesetters and non fire-related referrals for age and gender. Evidence for the triad was limited by the data collection method. Further investigation into constellation of problems for juvenile firesetters and the relationship to delinquency is warranted.