

Situational Awareness: Silent Victim

The scenario

A security manager goes to work and next minute there is a violent situation taking place where people are being killed in their region of interest and under attack by some local citizen and not necessary a terrorist.

The silent victim

There could be an abused staff member, student, mother, father, brother that knows that their abuser has threatened to attack their study centre, workplace or specific person and informs no one and says nothing. If they had only had the courage to come forward, they would have been able to save lives.

Were they in denial?

Were they fearful?

Or where they simply embarrassed?

There are some countries that only have 1 rape a month or 1 murder a month, and then there are those that have 50 murders a day and a woman have a chance of being raped twice in her lifetime such as in South Africa. The active shooter attacks in the USA, the drug related murders in Mexico or multi-cultural issues that lead to the beatings and murder besides the increasing rape rate in Europe dictate that there are millions of silent victims.

Staff could have issues and be silent victims regardless of their position in the company, as rest assured professionals could be just as much a victim as ground level staff. These victims could be outsourced staff or permanent staff which could attract incidents with collateral damage.

There could be people that are abused at home or work who are silent victims and could lead to collateral damage with life impacting or deadly incidents. There have been many cases of workplace violence, rape by the manager or boss, a jilted boyfriend or husband that physically attacks the company, a student that maims and kills at school or university, and far too many other incidents that could be added to the growing list.

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In [1]'Silence Is Golden: Older Women 's Voices and The Analysis of Meaning Among Survivor 's Of Domestic Violence Virginia' (Lee Cronin 2013), it is stated that abused woman may not disclose the true nature of their abuse for many reasons. The reasoning behind such, in in sync with staff that could be being bullied, blackmailed or extorted either one-on-one or manipulated by a group of people inside or outside the company by organized crime. There are instances where there is local citizens and staff that could intimidate immigrants using these mentioned methods simply because the immigrants are highly insecure in their new surroundings and must comply more so with criteria to obtain citizenship.

Without knowing it - the citizen could be supporting an abusive system of locals or migrants being manipulated and being abused for menial employment. No-go areas and polarized neighbourhoods could be trafficking in woman, children, men that could have been enslaved and now prostituted to work for very little income. They could be employed by a local citizen to clean, build, or to perform menial tasks when the citizen employs at a wage that is lower than the market price. People are not forthcoming with information and lie or hide information as they could be in denial about their situation or could feel embarrassed and fearful of the implications to seek assistance from the security manager

Example; How to identify and assist an abused woman

According to In Malcolm Gladwell's book "Blink" Power of thinking without thinking M Gladwell (2012), [2]Gottman states that there are four major emotional reactions that are destructive to a relationship: defensiveness, stonewalling, criticism, and contem**pt**. (Four Horseman of the apocalypse). Gottman agrees and supports [3]Ekman that the emotional impact of abuse can be seen in facial expressions ([4]Posner 2005).

The tight-lipped (not sharing information) in this work [5](HIM) is a facial expression that could be seen when the person may be hiding something on purpose (their true intentions) or stonewalling as they may just be ignoring the other. In other words, a person is simply not prepared to divulge any information and they are tight-lipped for whatever reason.
It is not only in what one could see but furthermore, in what they would say.
This work pays attention to both what one would see and what one hears. It is in the language that uncovers the intentions of others.

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[1] Silence Is Golden: Older Women 's Voices and The Analysis of Meaning Among Survivor 's Of Domestic Violence Virginia'' by Lee Cronin (2013) https://surface.syr.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1029&context=etd

[2]Four Horseman - Gottman
http://www.counseling.usu.edu/services/The%20Four%20Horsemen%20of%20the%20Apocalypse.pdf

[3] P Ekman https://www.paulekman.com/micro-expressions-training-tools/

[4] Posner R Blinkered Review https://newrepublic.com/article/68000/blinkered

[5] HIM www.human-investigation-management.com (Critical Situational interviewing tool : how to see, hear and think)

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It could also be in the chemistry, where people are attracted to abused people without knowing consciously why. In an intensive study Kent C. Berridge 2002 'Pleasure of the brain' the ingredient of neuro-chemistry is a vital component with regards to emotions. The region of the brain that is responsible for sexual arousal is the frontal lobe (Kolb & Wishaw, 1990). You cannot tell someone who to love. People must work it out themselves. Abused people cannot distinguish between love and lust.

When a person is abused they can pick up quickly certain emotions and expressions such as contempt, disgust and the flashed look just before they are verbally or physically assaulted. This immediately increases their adrenalin. A person could eventually break the relationship and go out and socialize. They may be looking at some people speaking, and a person may display those expressions. Their eyes pick up the display and immediately their own adrenalin rushes. Immediately they are attracted to that person. There is a fine line between lust and love and the judgements are made based on the chemistry they feel. People can go from abusive relationships to more abusive relationships as they are adrenaline junkies. They get bored with nice people that do not give them the adrenalin rush. (Kirsten 2018)

Solution: The only way to assist an abused person is to provide them the skill-sets of HIM Critical Situational Interviewing (lie, deception detection and investigative interviewing taking cultural behaviour into account), *so that they can see the other person's true emotions and intentions for themselves.* They then realize that the other person is not authentically in-love with them, as, the other person is in love with their own self and has their own agendas. (Kirsten 2018)

It is important to assist an abused woman as there have been cases of workplace violence leading to horrendous outcomes undertaken by a jilted lover or husband. These may be a lower rate than other reasons of homicide in the workplace, but it is a [6]statistic.

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[6] USA Dept of Labour

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