

***Criminal Organization and High Risk Offender Unit (COHROU),  
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The Criminal Organization High Risk Offender Unit (COHROU) is an innovative program of Manitoba Justice which manages the risk of the most lethal adults on probation in Winnipeg.

Specific to domestic violence, the unit targets offenders assessed as the highest risk to reoffend in extreme violence, patterns of multiple victims, use of weapons and severe victim safety concerns. This program couples the principles Andrews and Bonta's (1990, 2007) risk, need and responsivity with enhanced monitoring, surveillance and expedited arrests for non-compliance. Victim safety planning is an integral component of this multi-system approach.

As per COHROU standards, intervention strategies are tailored to match the level of lethality in intimate relationships. Coordinated efforts within the team of Winnipeg Police Services, Prosecutions, Victim Services, Employment and Income Assistance and others contributed to the seamless continuity of service to the client and the public.

See how a "Predator" was managed by this multi-system team. This notorious, sadistic offender attempted to continue his pattern of offending in Winnipeg however was faced with the most intensive Probation Supervision and was circumvented in his attempts to lie, manipulate and deceive the vulnerable women he sought after.

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