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# 7. MEĐUNARODNA NAUČNO – STRUČNA KONFERENCIJA

„KRIMINALISTIKA IZMEĐU  
REKONSTRUKCIJE I  
PROGNOSTIKE KRIMINALITETA  
I SIGURNOSNO RELEVANTNIH  
DOGAĐAJA“

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The Circle Of Life And Death As A  
Basis For The Procedure Of Hazard  
Assessment And Determination Of  
Consequences In The Disappearance  
Of Persons

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Missing  
persons in  
Republic of  
Croatia  
1991. - 2021.

2751 missing persons

1885 war disappearances

866 persons not found

DARK FIGURE OF  
MURDERS?!

# CONDUCTED RESEARCH

Sample of 18 missing person cases which are murdered

Period 1994. – 2020.

Republic of Croatia

The subject of research – police files

Goal – to determine the role of personal sources of information in clarification of high-risk disappearances of persons

Methodology – qualitative analysis, synthesis, comparative and criminalistic analysis, statistical methods

A close-up, high-angle shot of a person's hand typing on a silver laptop keyboard. The person is wearing a white long-sleeved shirt and a silver ring on their ring finger. In the background, a pair of black-rimmed glasses sits on a light-colored wooden desk. The laptop screen displays a data dashboard with various charts, including a bar chart with teal bars, a donut chart, and a line graph with an upward-pointing arrow. The dashboard also includes several tables with columns and rows of data. The overall scene is dimly lit, with a soft, natural light source from the left.

# SOME RESULTS

*Without a personal source, there is no report of disappearance.*

# MISSING PERSON REPORT

- formal missing person report in only 55,6% of cases
- person who reports disappearance is not fully used as a personal source of information
- missing person report is not enough for risk assessment



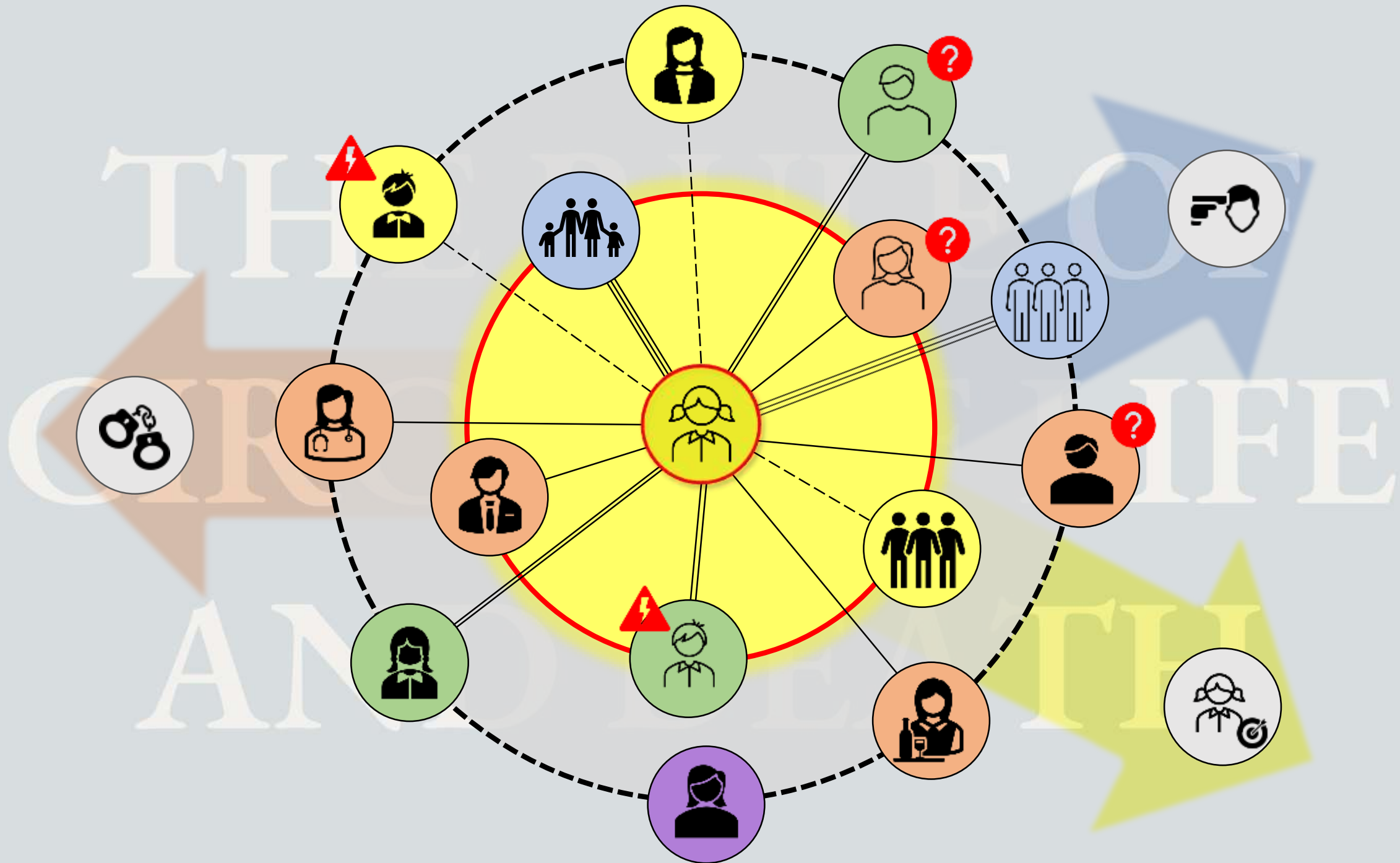


# URGENT POLICE ACTIONS

- without hesitation in taking urgent police action
- some police actions are missing
- the quality of the performed urgent police actions could have been better
- 94.4% of cases - personal sources provided relevant information to clarify the disappearance/murder



How often do  
psychics help find  
missing people?!





# INVESTIGATIVE INTERVIEW AND LIE DETECTION METHODS

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EVERYTHING  
MATTERS!

DETAILED AND  
COMPREHENSIVE!

Personal sources  
from the *Circle of  
life and death* LIE  
because of  
various reasons!

Lie detection  
methods

Properly  
documented  
information

Education

# Perpetrator as ~~a personal~~ ~~source of~~ ~~information~~



time before and after the  
*Directives on the right of access to a  
lawyer in criminal proceedings...*



a crucial source of information



without the information gathered  
from perpetrator, in many cases  
there is no body and evidence

How many, of the 866 yet not found persons, could have been found if personal sources have been fully exploited?