

Peter Ian Collins (born 1955) is a [Canadian forensic psychiatrist](#). He is an expert on [violent crime](#) and has worked with criminal justice agencies in Canada and throughout the world, including [INTERPOL](#), the United States [FBI](#) and [Department of Homeland Security](#), the [Australian Federal Police](#) and [Europol](#). He frequently testifies as an [expert witness](#) on [pedophilia](#), [child pornography](#), [sexual compulsion](#), [stalking](#), [sexual assault](#), [insanity defense](#), and [post-traumatic stress disorder](#).^[1]

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Life and career

Collins obtained his Bachelor's degree in [psychology](#) from [The University of Western Ontario](#) in 1976 and his Masters degree in [applied criminology](#) from the [University of Ottawa](#) in 1978. He earned his [Doctor of Medicine](#) from [McMaster University](#) in 1983 and has served in Canadian Forces since 1984. Collins completed his postgraduate medical training in Psychiatry at the [University of Toronto](#) in 1989.

Collins took a position at the [Clarke Institute of Psychiatry](#), now part of the [Centre for Addiction and Mental Health](#) (CAMH) in 1989. His clinical appointment is with the CAMH Law and Mental Health Program. Since 1989, he has been an Associate Professor at University of Toronto with the Department of Psychiatry, Faculty of Medicine, He is also an Affiliate Professor with the Forensic Sciences Program at [Nebraska Wesleyan University](#).

Collins was appointed to the [Ontario Provincial Police](#) in 1995 and is currently the Manager of the Forensic Psychiatry Unit, Behavioural Sciences and Analysis Services of their Investigation and Support Bureau. In 1997, Collins was elected a member of the International Criminal Investigative Analysis Fellowship. He also serves as the Consultant Psychiatrist to the Integrated National Security Enforcement Team (INSET) of the [Royal Canadian Mounted Police](#).

In 2000, Collins was appointed a member of the [INTERPOL](#) Specialist Group on Crimes against Children. He is also a Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist for the Profiling Unit of the [Florida Department of Law Enforcement](#). Collins is currently a Lieutenant-Commander in the [Canadian Forces \(Navy Reserve\)](#) and recently served as the psychiatrist for all coalition forces in Southern [Afghanistan](#).^[2]

He has written on [suicide by cop](#)^[3] and also coined the term [gynandromorphophilia](#) with [Ray Blanchard](#).^{[4][5]}

Collins is often asked to comment on newsworthy topics involving psychiatric and sexual controversies. Following the 1993 raid on works by artist [Eli Langer](#) depicting children in sexualized themes, Collins stated that pedophiles would "love to have their hands on this."^[6] Collins was critical of police profiling done in the [Digna Ochoa](#) murder.^[7]

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