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### Overview

Butcher, Hass, Greene, and Nelson (2015) present an advanced text on MMPI-2 interpretation in specific forensic settings. In addition to documenting their recommendations with research studies, they offer numerous case examples illustrating relevant clinical applications. One such case study was of the Unabomber, Ted Kaczynski, to demonstrate how the RC Scales of the MMPI-2 have low sensitivity for identifying psychopathology. Ben-Porath (2018) took exception to the use of this case. We respond to Ben-Porath's claims and point to logical fallacies in some of his arguments. We describe the shortcomings with his interpretation of five other MMPI-2-RF scales: *Suicidal Death Ideation* (SUI), *Family Problems* (FML), *Social Avoidance* (SAV), *Disaffiliativeness* (DSF), and *Introversion/Low Positive Emotions* (INTR-r).