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COLD CASE INVESTIGATIONS

By

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Retired Senior Crime Laboratory Analyst
Certified by State of Florida in Crime Scene
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ABOUT YOUR INSTRUCTOR:

Jan Johnson is retired from the State of Florida with over forty years of experience in law enforcement. After ten years with the F.B.I., Jan made the transition to crime scene analysis. She is recognized by the IAI as a Certified Senior Crime Scene Analyst and worked for the FDLE in Pensacola for over twenty-two years. As a laboratory analyst and crime scene examiner, her field of experience includes detection, collection, and preservation of physical evidence, bloodstain pattern interpretation, trajectory analysis, buried body and skeletal remains recovery, clandestine laboratories, and other numerous procedures involving crime scene investigation. Due to her expertise in bloodstain pattern interpretation and crime scene reconstruction and analysis, Jan has testified in over one hundred criminal cases as an expert witness. Before retiring in 2004, Jan spent three years with the Escambia County Sheriff's Office where she was supervisor of the Crime Scene and Latent Print units, as well as overseer of ECSO's new crime lab, which she designed. Jan served in the highly distinguished role of President of the IAI in 2004, and Chairman of the Board in 2005, and considers herself as having the privilege of being on the IAI's original Crime Scene Certification Board. Jan also served as President for the Florida Division of the IAI as well as Chairman for the BOD in 2008. She continues to serve on numerous committees with both the IAI and FDIAl. Jan has taught numerous courses in the areas of both Crime Scene and Bloodstain Pattern Interpretation in the United States and abroad, including South Africa, Brazil, and Bermuda.



JAN JOHNSON, CSCSA.

COURSE DATES: AUGUST 20 – 22, 2018
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

LOCATION: BONNEVILLE COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE TRAINING ANNEX
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HOST CONTACT: SGT. DOUG METCALF (208) 524-1350 EXT. 1158 OR DMETCALF@CO.BONNEVILLE.ID.US

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This 3-day, 24-hour course is designed for those in the field of forensic sciences that have, or will have the authority and responsibility to investigate cold case homicides. The course begins with case file review and organization of the file. Gauging your ability to think and act objectively, possessing the ability to ask the right questions, having the knowledge of new investigative techniques along with being up to date with technological advances are an integral part of this training. You will learn the important components of how to re-open a cold case. You will learn how to choose which start up decisions and options are best for the type of cold case you are handling. From media coverage to follow up interviews, using the right resources along with other techniques discussed during this course will help you close your cold cases. This course is intended as a foundational course and the course content is organized to cover the fundamental duties and responsibilities of a cold case homicide investigator. Law enforcement personnel will be allowed to bring their own cold cases for discussion during a round table investigative session.



COURSE TOPICS:

- Where to start
- Case file review process
- Getting started
- Preliminary considerations
- Prioritization schedules
- Learning the case
- Reconstructing the crime and investigation
- Forensic resources
- FBI VICAP Program
- Media considerations
- Cold case presentations
- Prosecution considerations
- Technology and its advances in forensics of cold cases
- Bloodstain pattern analysis in cold case investigations

WHAT TO BRING TO CLASS:

Very casual attire and a digital camera with macro capabilities are preferred. A laptop computer for your tasks is also recommended.

This is a hands-on course that is specifically designed for crime scene investigators, detectives, crime laboratory analysts, and crime scene officers with or without experience. This course is taught in a manner in which the crime scene officer can easily understand.

