Instructors:

David W. Rivers, Sgt. (Retired)

David Rivers retired as a Detective Sergeant in the Homicide Bureau of the Metropolitan Dade County Police Department after over 27 years. As a lead investigator and supervisor he assisted in the investigation of several hundred homicides, suicides, accidental and other death investigations. In 1998 David was assigned as supervisor of the “Cold Case Squad” which was responsible for the continuing investigation of information received on over 1,800 open homicides dating back to 1961. He has consulted on cases in the United States, Canada, Holland and the United Kingdom. He has a Bachelor of Science degree from Nova Southeastern University and a Masters of Science degree from Florida International University, both in Criminal Justice.

David is a charter member and past board of director’s member of the International Homicide Investigator’s Association. He is a current member of the Florida Homicide Investigator’s Association as well as numerous other state associations. He is a member of the Association of Crime Scene Reconstructionists, American Society of Law Enforcement Trainers, Vidco Society, International Police Association (I.P.A.), Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, American College of Forensic Examiners (A.C.F.E.): Diplomat, Board Certified Forensic Examiner (B.C.F.E.), certified as an expert by the A.C.F.E. in homicide procedures. On September 22, 1987 he achieved “Fellow” status with A.C.F.E.

Thomas L. Martin, Jr

Tom Martin has been with the New York State Police 22 years. Tom currently is a Senior Investigator and Supervising Trooper of Troop K Forensic Identification Unit. Tom has been qualified and testified as a Forensic Expert Witness in both State and Federal Courts. Tom’s qualifications include NY State Latent Print Examiner, NY, AFIS Operator, Crime Scene Technician, Qualified Bloodstain Pattern Expert, IAI Certified Forensic Composite Sketch Artist and NY State Certified Instructor. Tom serves as an adjunct instructor at several colleges in NY, CT and PA as well as many Homicide courses throughout the United States.

Rod Englert, Chief Deputy (Retired)

Chief Deputy Rod Englert, a 38-year veteran of law enforcement, retired as Commander of the Operations Division, Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office in Portland, Oregon, in 1995. He started his career with the Downey, California Police Department after graduating from the Los Angeles Police Academy. In 1969 Chief Deputy Englert moved to Portland, Oregon and joined the Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office. A large portion of Chief Englert’s career has been associated with working major crimes, narcotics and homicide. His expertise is in the area of homicide crime reconstruction and blood spatter interpretation.

Rod Englert received a Bachelor’s Degree in Police Administration from California State University at Los Angeles and has done post-graduate work in psychology. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, where he was President of the 159th Session.

Chief Deputy Englert has conducted 492 training seminars on managing criminal investigations, solving unresolved homicides, forensic hypnosis, BBDD spatter interpretation and crime scene reconstruction to law enforcement personnel and district attorney’s in 35 states, as well as in Canada, Russia, and England. He has consulted in over 275 cases in the United States. He has testified and is a qualified court expert in homicide in 35 states.

Englert is a member of the International Homicide Investigator’s Association, several states’ Homicide Investigator’s Associations, is a Fellow and President Elect of the Association of Crime Scene Reconstructionists, is a Fellow in the American Academy of Forensic Scientists, and is the Past-President of the International Association of Blood Pattern Analysts. He is an adjunct faculty member and has received the Lecturer of Merit and Distinguished Faculty Awards from the National College of District Attorneys.

During the presentation, examples of staged and manipulated murder scenes will be discussed along with examples of how blood stain interpretation can facilitate the investigative process when reconstructing a homicide.

Mike J. Coker, Sgt. (Retired)

Sergeant Mike J. Coker served as a Uniform Patrol Supervisor with the Portsmouth, Virginia Police Department. Sergeant Coker is an 18-year veteran of the Portsmouth Police Department and his last assignment was the Squad Commander of the Homicide and Robbery Division, where he held this position for 3 years. Prior to this assignment Sgt. Coker commanded the Sex Crimes Family Violence Unit. Sergeant Coker has an extensive background as an investigator and places strong emphasis on case management, victim’s rights, interrogation and courtroom presentations. Sergeant Coker has investigated over 1,000 domestic violence cases. Mike is a graduate of the University of Virginia Tech Leadership Course; a court certified Expert in the Field of Family Violence and has lectured throughout the United States in the Theories and Dynamics of Family Violence. Mike is currently a Law Enforcement Instructor with the Virginia State Police and holds a Master’s Degree in Criminal Justice from Old Dominion University.

Mike has received media coverage in his work in family violence and homicide investigations.
Seminar Agenda
5 Day Homicide and Forensic Death Investigation Conference
December 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11, 2009 • Las Vegas, Nevada

Monday, December 7, 2009
8:30 a.m. — 8:30 a.m.
Registration
David W. Rivers will focus on Cold Case Homicides, Deadly Force Issues, Dealing with the Media and Need of a Kin Notification.

9:00 a.m. — 9:00 a.m.
Cold Case Homicides
Welcome and Course Orientation

11:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.
Lunch (On Your Own)

12:30 p.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Dealing With The Media
Next Of Kin Notification

1:30 p.m. — 5:00 p.m.
Investigations of Deadly Force Cases
Subject Officer’s Rights
Witness Officer’s Rights
Garrity Issues

Tuesday, December 8, 2009
Rod Engelt will focus on the importance of the Homicide Crime Scene Reconstruction through the use of Blood Spatter and Blood Stain Interpretation in the Investigative Process.

8:00 a.m. — 9:00 a.m.
Observation and Deduction in Homicides
• Accident v. Homicide Case Review
• Suicide v. Homicide Case Review

9:00 a.m. — 11:00 a.m.
Recognition Of Evidence
• Management of Forensic Evidence
• Recognized at Scenes
• Preservations in Crime
1. Visual Aids
2. Demonstrations in Class

11:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
Staged and Manipulated Scenes
• Case studies of scenes presenter has been involved in around country
• Courtroom Presentations

12:00 p.m. — 1:00 p.m.
Lunch (On Your Own)

1:00 p.m. — 2:00 p.m.
Blood Spatter Interpretation At Crime Scenes
• Classroom Demonstrations
• Role Playing of Cases Demonstrated to Juris

2:00 p.m. — 3:30 p.m.
Blunt Trauma Cases
• Associated Blood Spots to Detect

3:00 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.
Gross Spots of Blood to Detect
• Associated Blood Spots to Detect

4:00 p.m. — 5:00 p.m.
Use Of New Technology
• Computer Science • Animation • Luminol Photograpy
Note: The one day session will involve audience participation in actual scenes set up in the classroom. Video of some current cases will be shown.

Wednesday December 9, 2009
Tom Martin will focus on Coping with the CSI Effect, Homicide Scene Investigation and Reconstruction, Blood Evidence, Investigating Child Murders and Mass Murder Investigation.

8:00 a.m. — 9:00 a.m.
Coping with the CSI Effect
• Separating fact from fiction
• Understanding the importance of non-scientific evidence

9:00 a.m. — 11:00 a.m.
Every Crime Scene Tells a Story
Homicide Scene Investigation & Reconstruction
• Basic Observations
• Documenting the homicide scene - properly recording observations
• Understanding how to reconstruct the scene to tell the story
• Forensic analysis of evidence
• Coordinating of Physical Evidence and Informational Evidence
• Collecting information from the crime scene to assist the medical examiner in determining cause and manner of death

Thursday, December 10, 2009
Mike J. Coker will focus on officers and other helping professionals who will be presented with ideas and techniques to assist them in investigating domestically related homicides. This course of instruction will include spouse and child homicide investigations.

8:00 a.m. — 9:00 a.m.
Introduction
• Family Violence Definitions
• Historical Perspective On Family Violence
• Nature and Scope Of The Problem

9:00 a.m. — 10:00 a.m.
Personality Traits Of Victims
• Unhealthy Relationships • Why Does She Stay?

10:00 a.m. — 11:00 a.m.
Personality Traits Of The Killers
• Dynamics That Can Lead To A Death
• Spousal/Boyfriend/Girlfriend/Same Sex

11:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
Lethality Assessment
•  Fourth Amendment Requirements
•  Fifth Amendment Case Law

12:00 p.m. — 1:00 p.m.
Lunch (On Your Own)

1:00 p.m. — 2:00 p.m.
The Domestic Homicide Scene
• Role of the First Responder • Role of the Detective
• Role of the Survivor • Collection of Evidence
• Death Notifications • On Scene Family Considerations

Friday, December 11, 2009
David W. Rivers will focus on Three Phases of Homicide Investigation, Crime Scene, Follow-Up and Case & Courtroom Preparation.

8:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
Three Phases of Homicide Investigation
• Finding evidence beyond the primary scene
• Cell Phone records
• Digital Evidence-seizing and searching computers
• Security analyzing, and displaying subpoenaed records
• Securing video surveillance
• Using modern technology to display informational evidence in court
• Using digital imaging and digital animation

12:00 p.m.
Lunch (On Your Own)

1:00 p.m. — 2:00 p.m.
Triaging Blood Evidence to Facilitate DNA Testing

2:00 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.
Investigating Child Murders

3:00 p.m. — 5:00 p.m.
Mass Murder Investigation—case study
• This case study will summarize the material presented and includes managing large scale investigations and the media.

Note: $5.40 Service Fee Per Night (Includes Transportation To and From Airport, Free Shuttle to Strip and Fitness Facility.)


Names of Attendees:

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