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THIS IS A COMPREHENSIVE THREE-DAY PROGRAM CONCENTRATING ON THE PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION; STRESSING TACTICS, PROCEDURES, AND FORENSIC TECHNIQUES

DAY ONE

MORNING 8:00 AM to 9:15 AM

INTRODUCTION TO PRACTICAL HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION

A general discussion of course content. Introductions. An overview of PRACTICAL HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION and the Homicide Crime Scene. A discussion of basic death investigations and some considerations of the professional involved in modern day homicide cases. A review of some pertinent legal decisions, multiple crime scenes, and a discussion of specific cases pertinent to the program.

FIRST OFFICER'S DUTIES

DETECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM

The actions and duties, which should be undertaken by the Patrol Officer and Uniform personnel, who respond to the HOMICIDE CRIME SCENE. Notifications, Duties Upon Arrival. Assessing the Crime Scene, Apprehending the Suspect, Crime Scene Integrity, Safeguarding the Scene, Detaining Witnesses, and a discussion of how the First Officer initiates the Homicide investigation. Supervision of these duties.

ESTIMATING TIME OF DEATH AT THE SCENE

--- THE DETECTIVES 10:45 AM to 12:00 PM

This section is designed to provide the investigator with flexible guidelines to follow during the preliminary investigation of death. This section is enhanced with case discussion, personal experience and the use of CHECKLISTS.

CASE HISTORY

An appropriate case history to reiterate the mornings lecture.

LUNCH 12:00 PM to 1:15 PM

AFTERNOON

MANAGING THE HOMICIDE CASE 1:15 PM to 2:30 PM

This block of instruction, utilizing graphic slides, is geared towards the management of the homicide investigation. The Initial Investigation at the Scene, The Assignment of Personnel; The Crime Scene Photographs; The Crime Scene Search and process; The Documentation of Events and the Investigative Critique.

BREAK 2:30 to 2:45 PM

CRIME SCENE PROCESS & MANAGEMENT CONTINUED 2:45 PM to 3:45 PM

A review of crime scene procedures using actual videotapes of police procedures as well as crime scene tapes from various homicides supplemented with Powerpoint slides of the case. Introduction to bloodstain pattern analysis, Crime scene process bloodstain enhancement procedures. Evaluation Bloodstain Pattern Analysis.

BREAK 3:45 PM to 4:00 PM

THE PATHOLOGY OF HOMICIDE & MANAGEMENT CONTINUED 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

The pathology of homicide investigation with a Powerpoint presentation of pertinent case histories illustrating wound structures and medicolegal considerations in basic death investigation involving suicide, homicide and equivocal death.

DAY TWO

HUMAN SEXUALITY AND SEXUAL DEVIANCE 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM

Discussion of HUMAN SEXUALITY and SEXUAL DEVIANCE as it applies to the investigation of sex-related deaths and murders. This segment is actually an exercise in Applied Abnormal Psychology. Case histories, definitions of terms, Videos, and class discussion .

BREAK 9:30 AM to 9:45 AM

HUMAN SEXUALITY AND SEXUAL DEVIANCE CONTINUED WITH CASE HISTORY EXAMPLES 9:45 AM to 10:30 AM

AUTOEROTIC DEATHS 10:30 AM to 11:00 AM

The phenomena of AUTOEROTIC DEATHS is discussed using case histories as well as CHECKLISTS for the investigator to follow in making official determinations of this unique form of death. We stress the need for police awareness of this phenomena, as well as dealing with the surviving family.

BREAK 11:00 AM to 11:15AM

SEX-RELATED HOMICIDES 11:15 AM to 12:00 PM

A discussion of SEX-RELATED HOMICIDES, which include revenge, disputes, common-law homicide as well as RAPE and/or Sodomy oriented deaths. The classification of sex-related deaths with an eye towards the motivation.

LUNCH 12:00 PM to 1:15 PM

AFTERNOON

**THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF CRIMINAL PERSONALITY
PROFILING AND INVESTIGATIVE ASSESSMENT 1:15 PM to 2:15 PM**

This block of instruction is directed towards the utilization of psychological clues, as well as the criminal psychology of certain types of personalities. We discuss the ORGANIZED and DISORGANIZED Offender and the availability of expert advice in the form of Personality Profiling through VI-CAP and the NATIONAL CENTER FOR THE ANALYSIS OF VIOLENT CRIME. Class discussion, graphic slides, and videos.

BREAK 2:15 PM to 2:30 PM

THE SERIAL KILLER 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM

A segment of instruction is directed towards the Serial Killer, his personality, his modus-operandi, investigative information as well as Case Histories, supplemented by video.

BREAK 3:30 PM to 3:45 PM

THE LUST MURDERER AND CASE HISTORIES 3:45 PM to 5:00 PM

A segment of instruction is then concentrated on the LUST MURDERER. His personality, his modus operandi, and the investigative information relating to this type of offender. Individual Case Histories are presented for discussion and comparison with other sex-related phenomena.

DAY THREE

GENETIC FINGERPRINTING

DNA-PRINT IDENTIFICATION 8:00 AM to 9:15 AM

An overview of this modern-day forensic technique, which promises to be the most important breakthrough in scientific investigation since the fingerprint. A discussion of the basis for Genetic Fingerprinting, an Introduction to the terminology as well as a presentation of case histories and discussion of evidence considerations and case law.

BREAK 9:15 PM to 9:30 PM

SUICIDE & EQUIVOCAL DEATH INVESTIGATION 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM

This block of instruction will focus on investigation of suicides and suspicious deaths. The need to establish that all other possibilities have been eliminated before making the determination of suicide. The CHECKLIST approach.

BREAK 10:30 AM to 10:45 AM

MAJOR CASE INVESTIGATION 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Classic Case Histories stressing the investigative information from the previous discussions. Classroom exercise utilizing this information in making assessments. Supervision of the Major case.

CASE HISTORIES 10:45 PM to 12:00 PM

A presentation of Case Histories focusing on investigative errors and/or equivocal presentations to the First Responder and class discussion regarding these cases.

LUNCH 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

HOMICIDE CASE HISTORIES 1:00 PM to 1:45 PM

PRACTICAL HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION 2:00 to 3:00 PM

This final block of instruction is comprised of unique and interesting case histories of murder and suicide, which should complement and bring together the materials presented in this program.

AWARDING OF CERTIFICATES

TEXTBOOK: PRACTICAL HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION: Tactics, Procedures, and Forensic Techniques. **FOURTH EDITION**. New York: CRC PRESS 2006. And the P.H.I. CHECKLIST & FIELD GUIDE, CRC PRESS, 1996.

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