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Certified in Medicolegal Death Investigations
Board Certified Criminal Defense Investigator (CCDI)
Board Certified Forensic Interviewer-Forensic Testimonial Evidence Recovery (CFI-FTER)
Board Certified Forensic Science Investigator (CFSI)

Curriculum Vitae and Experience as of July 01, 2024

SYNOPSIS OF EDUCATION, TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

- Founded agency in October of 1987
- No licensing in Colorado; Agency Licensed in Cheyenne WY (effective 04/02/2014 to Present – #31146)
- Co-Developer / Co-Director of Certified Forensic Death Investigator (CFDI) Program with CDITC (2021)
- Certified Legal Investigator (CLI) by National Association of Legal Investigators (2010)
- Certified Criminal Defense Investigator (CCDI) by Criminal Defense Investigation Training Council (2011)
- Certified Forensic Interviewer-Forensic Testimonial Evidence Recovery (CFI-FTER) by Criminal Defense Investigation Training Council (2017)
- Certified Forensic Science Investigator (CFSI) by Criminal Defense Investigation Training Council (2019)
- Certified in Medicolegal Death Investigations by Larimer County Medical Examiner's Office; and formerly Colorado Coroners Association. Training exceeded the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators.
- Expert consultations since 2010: recognized by Colorado courts in Forensic and Medicolegal Death Investigations generally in "*the totality of the circumstances of the fatal or non-fatal event and the competency of the official investigation, with respect to death investigation protocol and standards.*" Specific non-medical related expert testimony bridging crime scene and autopsy evidence in *single edged instruments, bilateral edged instruments, and puncture wounds, firearms, trajectories and other common circumstances.* Also appointed for expert consultations in CO, WY, LA, UT, TX, AZ, CA, MN, NJ, NM, NV, WI and Federal Court (CA & CO) in these areas and as an expert in Medicolegal / death investigations. Expert consultations are focused on civil and criminal litigation of violent events of serious bodily injury and death.

As a Medicolegal Death Investigator for two medical examiner's offices, he was the responding primary or secondary investigator and autopsy assistant in all manners of deaths and incidents. He investigated over 150 scenes, assisted with approximately 400 autopsies, and investigated nearly 600 additional non-autopsied cases. This does not include over 1,100 additional cases that were not taken for jurisdiction, while in training, or in which Dean was a co-investigator in cases requiring multiple investigators.

Dean's background includes over 5,000 full-time hours (not training, internship or part-time) of experience specific to death investigation and related injuries, negligence, and causation. His education and training from 2002-2008 includes over 600 hours in the Law Enforcement Academy and 1200 hours of general and forensic investigative specific training in multiple disciplines. Since 2008, Dean has continued and enhanced his annual hours of experience and continuing education beyond those required to maintain his certifications.



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Returned to Legal Investigations – Associates in Forensic Investigations, 06/2008
- Deputy Coroner / Medicolegal Death Investigator – Larimer County Medical Examiner's Office, 09/2002 through 08/2008; and Weld County Medical Examiner's Office, 01/2003 through 06/2005
- Forensic Autopsy Assistant – Larimer & Weld Counties and contracted CO & WY counties, 09/2002 through 08/2008
- Owner / Investigator – Investigative Services of Colorado, 10/1987 through 10/2005 (10/2005 to 08/2008 continued on a consulting / teaching basis)
- Co-Developer / Co-Director of Certified Forensic Death Investigator (CFDI) Program (CDITC partnership 2021)

EXPERT TESTIMONY AND CONSULTATIONS

Actively consulting on multiple homicides in multiple states involving crime scene investigation, patterned injury analysis, and multiple forensic investigative protocols in civil and criminal death and serious bodily injury litigation, potential litigation, and private family equivocal death consultations, including life insurance and prosecutorial. The following is public information and is not all-inclusive, including non-testimonial endorsements.

- Expert Consultation / Affidavit; Olga Jacobs, beneficiary vs. The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company / Stewart Information Services – provided Expert Affidavit resulting in overturning denied life insurance benefits in the death of husband Matthew Jacobs (06/2024)
- Expert Consultant / Witness; Colorado v. Dustin Ferguson (Saguache District – 2022 CR 007) – testified as an expert in Medicolegal Death Investigation and Forensic Investigation, including sharp-edged instruments & injuries and wound morphology, regarding crime scene investigation and evidence on 2' Homicide. Trial testimony (October 2023)
- Expert Consultant / Witness; Colorado v. Kyle Ferris (Douglas District – 2020 CR 1219) – testified as an expert in Crime Scene Investigation, Trajectory and Ballistics regarding crime scene investigation, evidence and evidence inspection, and multiple projectile injuries on multiple felony counts including Assault with Serious Bodily Injury and Reckless Endangerment. Trial testimony (August 2023)
- Expert Consultant / Witness; Colorado v. Billy Scott (Jefferson District – 2015 CR 767) – expert testimony in *Medicolegal Death Investigation* regarding crime scene investigation, evidence and evidence examination, gunshot wound, and trajectories in hearing for retrial. (10/2022)
- Expert Consultant / Affidavit; Oklahoma vs. Lennie Dartez Mathis (Oklahoma County District – CF-2004-6038) – provided Expert Affidavit in support of post-conviction release of Petitioner Lennie Dartez Mathis. First Degree Homicide / gunshot wound and trajectories. (09/2022)
- Expert Consultant / Witness; Colorado v. Edward Aragon (Otero District – 2015 CR 147) – expert testimony in *Death Investigation* regarding crime scene investigation, evidence and evidence inspection, multi-stabbing injuries – including multiple instruments, ante-mortem and post-mortem injuries, body movement, and multiple involved persons on multiple felony counts including First Degree Homicide. Motions hearing (May 2022)
- Expert Consultation / Affidavit; Rebecca Moran, beneficiary vs. ACE American Insurance Company / Administrative Concepts – provided Expert Affidavit resulting in overturning denied life insurance benefits in the death of husband Timothy Moran (12/2019)
(www.DeathCaseReview.com/uploads/8/7/3/8/8738199/life_insurance_ltr_05-05-2020.pdf)
- Expert Consultant / Affidavit; Wyoming vs. Rene Christ (Carbon District Court – CR-2018-0006) – provided Expert Affidavit resulting in post-conviction release of Petitioner Lennie Dartez Mathis. (11/2019)



- Expert Consultant; Colorado vs. Benitez (Logan County District Court – 2018 CR 045) – Expert Forensic Death Investigation in Felony Homicide dismissed one week before trial (03/2019)
(www.DeathCaseReview.com/uploads/8/7/3/8/8738199/colorado_public_defender_letter_04-17-2019.pdf)
- Expert Consultant / Witness; Colorado v. Richardson (Mesa District – 2016 CR 6218) – expert testimony regarding "*the totality of the circumstances of the fatal or non-fatal event and the competency of the official investigation, with respect to death investigation protocol and standards.*" and specifically endorsed "*as an expert in the areas of injury, wound before morphology, how wounds are created, mechanics of single edged instruments, bilateral edged instruments, and mechanics of puncture wounds.*" Multiple felony counts including First Degree Homicide. Only defense expert witness. (01/2019)
- Expert Consultant / Witness; Lotze vs. Auf (11-3-01444-1 Clark County Superior Court, WA – expert testimony in conducting Background Records and Investigations. (05/2015)
- Expert Consultant – The Mysterious Death of Phoenix Police Sergeant Sean Drenth (Phoenix AZ – consultant to family's legal team to reopen investigation, amend Cause and Manner of Death, and restore survivor benefits to spouse) 2012-2020 (various non-testimonial affidavits / report decisions 06/2013, 06/2018, and 08/30/2020 each awarding full benefits in life insurance, and city / state/ federal worker compensation, survivor benefits, and retirement benefits. *The medical examiner will not change the death certificate.*
- Advisory Witness (non-expert); Colorado v. Davy (Larimer County – L 2012 M 1801), specifically involving legal investigation, investigative protocol and methodologies. (07/2013)
- Expert Consultant / Witness; Colorado v. Sutton (Mesa District – 2012 CR 680) – expert testimony in Criminal and Forensic Investigations and Death Investigations (including Protocols and Standards), and Injury Causation. Multiple felony counts including First Degree Attempted Homicide. Only defense expert witness. (08/2013)
- Expert Consultant / Witness – expert testimony in Forensic Investigation and Patterned Injury Analysis; Colorado v. Somoza (Adams County – 110M896); domestic violence assault. (02/2011)
- Advisory Witness (non-expert); Colorado v. Coleman (Denver District – 2010 CR 5614), specifically involving investigative protocol and methodologies. (10/2011)
- Expert Consultant / Witness – expert testimony in Private Investigation Protocols; Kelly v. Kelly (Archuleta District Court – 2000 DR 019), "*... whether techniques used would affect the reliability of the statements made ...*" (03/2010)
- Multiple legal investigations and expert consultations resulting in dismissals, or favorable offers and pleas, without trial. Please contact our agency for information (www.DeathCaseReview.com/case-samples.html).

CERTIFICATIONS

- Certified Forensic Death Investigator (CFDI-Expert) – Co-Director / Co-Developer (CDITC partnership 2021)
- Certified Legal Investigator (CLI) – National Association of Legal Investigators, 06/2009 (<75 active in the world, five in Colorado and the only CLI in northern Colorado and Wyoming)
- Certified Criminal Defense Investigator (CCDI) – Criminal Defense Investigations Training Council, 2011
- Certified Forensic Interviewer-Forensic Testimonial Evidence Recovery (CFI-FTER) – Criminal Defense Investigations Training Council, 11/2017
- Certified Forensic Science Investigator (CFSI) – Criminal Defense Investigations Training Council, 09/2019
- Certification – Medicolegal Death Investigator (Colorado Coroners Association), 11/2003
- Certification – Medicolegal Death Investigator (Larimer County Medical Examiner), 04/2003
- Basic Colorado Peace Officer Certification – sworn law enforcement officer, 11/2005 through 08/2008
- Certified Locate Specialist (author) Lion Investigation Academy, 05/2002



EDUCATION

- Continuing education attendance, development and lectures; required for both Certified Legal Investigator and Certified Criminal Defense Investigator re-certifications.
- Certified Criminal Defense Investigator (CCDI) CDITC Academy, 09/2019
- Certified Forensic Interviewer-Forensic Testimonial Evidence Recovery, 10/2017
- Weld County Law Enforcement Training Academy (POST) – Academic and Director Commendations, 04/2005 to 11/2005
- Associates Degree – Investigations & Security (Lion Investigation Academy), 06/2002
- High School – Rocky Mountain (Fort Collins, Colorado), 05/1984

PUBLISHED BOOKS AND COURSE DEVELOPMENT

- 'Basic Concepts of Probate Genealogy Due Diligence' (course co-developer 02/2024)
- Advanced Concepts: Individual Locates, Backgrounds, and Assets & Liabilities (course co-developer 01/2024)
- Photographic Evidence in Discovery – Best Evidence (course developer 03/2023)
- Certified Forensic Death Investigator Program for Criminal Defense Investigators (course and book), 2021
 1. Recommended CFDI Investigative Protocol
 2. Recommended CFDI Review and Analysis
 3. CFDI Official Records Review and Analysis
 4. CFDI Program Advanced Courses – Blunt Force Injuries, Sharp Force Injuries, Gunshot Wound Injuries, Asphyxiation Injuries, and Child Injuries
 5. CFDI Program Special Modules – Understanding Forensic Pathology, Understanding Forensic Toxicology, Understanding Time of Death, and Understanding Death Certificates
- Death & SBI Investigations for the Professional Investigator series (course co-developer 2013; updated 2020)
 1. Understanding Death and SBI Investigations (also a standalone course)
 2. Understanding Evidence
 3. Understanding Medical Records
 4. Understanding Blunt & Sharp Force Injuries
 5. Understanding Forensic Autopsies
 6. Understanding Autopsy Reports
- Evidence Inspection & Documentation w/ DNA Collection (course co-developer and lecturer 09/2021)
- DNA and Fingerprint Evidence & Identification (course co-developer and lecturer 12/2020)
- Cell Phone Basics for Legal Investigators (course co-developer and lecturer 11/2020)
- Scene Investigations in Death & Serious Bodily Injury (course co-developer and lecturer 12/2020)
- Motor Vehicle Death & SBI Investigations (course co-developer, and lecturer, self-published 09/2020)
- PI Standards and Ethics (course co-developer, and lecturer, self-published 07/2020)
- Time is Money – Bending Space & Time (course co-developer, and lecturer, self-published 07/2020)
- Death & SBI Investigation for the Professional Investigator (co-author, self-published 05/2017)
- Basics of Forensic Photography (course co-developer and lecturer, self-published 08/2015)
- Individual Locate and Backgrounds (course co-developer and lecturer, self-published 04/2015)
- Ethics for the Investigator, Consumer and Client (course co-developer and lecturer, self-published 03/2015)
- A Survivors' Guide to Understanding Death Investigations (co-author, self-published 01/2014)
- Death Investigation (Chapter 9 – Practical Handbook for Professional Investigators, CRC Press, 06/2013)



- Practical Methods for Legal Investigations: Concepts and Protocols in Civil and Criminal Cases (CRC Press); (02/2011) (course co-developer and lecturer 11/2020)
- Professional Locate Investigations (self-published, Lulu Press – 2006; co-author revised 04/2013, CreateSpace); also a lecture series
- Medicolegal Death Investigation (www.MedicolegalDeathInvestigations.com and 8-hr Continuing Education, online – www.PIEducation.com); also a lecture series

PEER REVIEWED WHITE PAPERS

- 'Equivocal Death Investigations'; peer reviewed article for 'The Report' of NCISS, 08/2010
- 'Reviewing and Comprehending Autopsy Reports' – published in TLI 03/2010 (2nd Place – TLI Publisher's Award 2010); peer reviewed white paper for the Certified Legal Investigator examination, 04/2009 [published nationally and internationally via PursuitMag.com, Forensic Magazine, National Defender Investigator Magazine]
- 'The Legal Investigator's Relationship with Families'; peer reviewed article for The Legal Investigator 09/2009
- 'Commercial Woodchipper Fatality' – Investigation and Identification; peer reviewed article for Journal of Forensic Identification [IAI], Nov/Dec 2007

OTHER PUBLISHED ARTICLES

(These are not all inclusive of the authored and published articles – several have been republished in multiple professional trade and association journals and newsletter through the present)

- 'Medicolegal Death Investigation – Nexus of Crime Scene Investigation and the Autopsy'; Agency 12/2023, AALPI 02/2024, Working PI Mag 03/2024, TALI Tidbits 04/2024
- 'Believe the Totality of the Evidence'; author, NALI The Legal Investigator 06/2023
- 'Investigators or Information Brokers'; Agency 12/2022
- 'Findings in Expert Consultations'; Agency 11/2022
- 'Interpreting Bruising and Related Soft Tissue Injuries'; PI Magazine 11/2022
- 'Investigating Wrongful Convictions'; Agency 09/2022
- 'Investigative Facts'; Agency 08/2022, TALI Tips 09/2023, FALI Forum 10/2023; PI Magazine 10/2023; Working PI Mag 11/2023
- 'Death and Injury Investigations'; Agency 04/2022
- 'Evidentiary Photographs'; Agency 01/2022
- 'Interpleader Insurance Investigations'; co-author, NALI The Legal Investigator, 11/2021
- 'A Primer on Interpleader Insurance Investigations'; co-author, Pursuit Magazine, 09/2021
- 'DNA & Evidence Collection and Evidence Inspection & Documentation'; Agency 08/2021
- 'Photographic Documentation to Presentation Images'; Agency 05/2021
- 'Believe the Totality of the Evidence'; Agency 07/2020
- 'Time is Money: Multi-Tasking is Time Recovered'; NALI The Legal Investigator 04/2018
- 'A Comprehensive Investigative Protocol'; NALI The Legal Investigator 11/2016
- 'Facts, Truth, Evidence'; TLI 08/2016
- 'Expert Consultations May Save the Day'; NALI The Legal Investigator 11/2015
- 'Direct and Circumstantial Evidence in Forensics'; TALI 08/2015
- 'Danger of PI Apps'; Agency 06/20/2015 [issues of licensing, ethics and client confidentiality]
- 'Life Insurance Fraud and Illegal beneficiaries'; co-author, PI Magazine 07/2015



- 'Gunshot Residue and Testing'; co-author, PI Now 04/28/2015
- 'Balancing the Financial and Resource Scales of Justice'; Agency 03/312015
- 'Guide to Requesting Military Records'; co-author, PI Now 03/03/2015
- 'The Question and Investigation of Fatal and Non-Fatal Injury Causation'; TALI 11/2014 and as 'Investigating Injuries and Fatalities' NALI The Legal Investigator 11/2014
- 'Elevating Investigations Using Daubert and Frye Standards'; NALI The Legal Investigator 09/2014
- 'A Look into Practical Methods for Legal Investigations'; PI Magazine 08/2014
- 'PI Pearls, Perils and Pitfalls'; co-author, PursuitMag.com, 04/2014
- 'From Forensics to Facts in Evidence'; TALI 01/2014
- 'Interpreting Bruising and Related Soft Tissue Injuries'; TLI 01/2014 (NALI / TLI Editor & Publisher Award, 06/2014)
- 'Psychological Autopsies in Equivocal Death Investigations and Suicide Cases; co-author, PI Now, 01/2014
- 'Bringing the Evidence in Focus with Forensics'; published TALI, 10/2013
- 'The Question of Suicide – Equivocal Death Investigations; co-author for PI Now, 09/2013
- 'Creating a Team Creates Opportunities for Legal Investigators; TLI 03/2013
- 'Public Records – Thinking Outside The Box On Restricted Or Redacted Court Records' CALI Newsletter 12/2012
- 'Tunnel Intelligence'; PI Magazine 08/2011
- 'A Comprehensive Investigative Protocol'; TLI 08/2011
- 'Investigative Protocol for Civil Legal Investigations of Motor Vehicle Collisions'; CTLA Trial Talk Oct-Nov 2010
- 'Ethical Considerations for the Professional Investigator', Texas Association of Licensed Investigators (TALI) 10/2010
- 'DNA Primer and Considerations for the Professional Investigator', Florida Association of Licensed Investigators (FALI Forum), Summer 2010
- 'Psychological Autopsy and Equivocal Death Investigation'; NCISS 'The Report' Fall 2010
- 'Methods and Procedures for Requesting Change of Address and Boxholder Information from the USPS'; CALI Newsletter, Summer 2010
- 'Investigator and Attorney Relationship Ethics'; Texas Association of Licensed Investigators Summer 2010
- 'Investigative Telephonics and Traps'; PursuitMag.com 04/2009
- Authored multiple investigative articles for: Pursuit, PI Magazine, The Professional Investigator, The Norlarco Difference, The Newsletter of Joseph Culligan, The Coloradoan, I-News, The Larimer County Association of Legal Support Staff, Newsletter of the United Kingdom Institute of Professional Investigators, Licensed Private Detectives of Massachusetts, the Female Legal Investigators Group, and others prior to 2010.

LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS AND SEMINARS

- Why Should a Private Investigator Be Consulted in Personal Injury, Negligence & Death Cases? (WAD 03/2024)
- Recurrent Ethical Pitfalls and Effective Pearls for PIs (PPIAC 01/2024)
- Photographic Evidence in Discovery (Inner Circle of Investigators 09/2023)
- Protocols in Criminal Defense Investigations (PPIAC 09/2023)
- Professional Development / Licensing Continuing Education – (PI Education 08/2023)
 - Civil & Criminal Legal Investigation Concepts
 - Scene Investigations



- Motor Vehicle Death Investigations
- Basics of Locates, Backgrounds, and Assets & Liabilities Investigations
- Photographic Evidence in Discovery; Evidence Viewing and Inspection; and Introduction to Understanding Death Investigations (Colorado Alternate Defense Counsel and Colorado Public Defender 07/2023)
- Legal Investigations – Civil & Criminal (PPIAC / Colorado Investigative Development Institute 04/2023)
- Law & Ethics for the PI – What to Know (PPIAC / Colorado Investigative Development Institute 04/2023)
- Understanding Death Investigations (Texas Association of Licensed Investigators 04/2023)
- Evidence Inspection and Documentation (Florida Association of Licensed Investigators 08/2022)
- Law & Ethics for the PI – What to Know (PPIAC / Colorado Investigative Development Institute 06/2022)
- Evidence Inspection and Documentation (PPIAC 05/2022)
- Evidence Inspection and Documentation (National Association of Public Defenders 05/2022)
- Woodchipper Fatality Investigation (Iowa Association of Private Investigators 10/2021)
- Standards for a PI (Iowa Association of Private Investigators 10/2021)
- Time is Money for a PI (Iowa Association of Private Investigators 10/2021)
- Evidence Inspection and Documentation (Iowa Association of Private Investigators 10/2021)
- Motor Vehicle Collision Fatality Investigations (Minnesota Association of Private Investigators 09/2021)
- Ethics and Business Practices (WAD 05/2021)
- Motor Vehicle Collision Fatality Investigations (Indiana Association of Private Investigators 05/2021)
- Law & Ethics for the PI – What to Know (PPIAC / Colorado Investigative Development Institute 02/2021)
- Motor Vehicle Collision Fatality Investigations (FALI-U 09/2020)
- The Law and the PI – What to Know (PPIAC / Colorado Investigative Development Institute 06/2020)
- Time is Money – Bending Space & Time (PPIAC 05/2020)
- Best Practices and Ethics for PIs (World Association of Detectives 05/2020)
- Death & Serious Bodily Injury Investigations for the Professional Investigator (Certificate – CDITC 09/2019)
- Law & Ethics for the PI – What to Know (PPIAC / Colorado Investigative Development Institute 05/2019)
- Examining Sharp and Blunt Force Injuries for the Defense Investigator (Colorado Public Defender and Alternate Defense Council 03/2019)
- Woodchipper Fatality – Case Study (World Association of Detectives 10/2018)
- Protocols for Legal Investigations (PPIAC 09/2018)
- Death and SBI Investigations (Texas Association of Licensed Investigators 08/2017)
- Woodchipper Fatality – Case Study (Texas Association of Licensed Investigators 08/2017)
- The Process of Investigating Death & Serious Bodily Injuries (FALI 05/2017)
- Forensics in Investigations (Weld Larimer Association of Legal Support Staff 10/2016)
- Locating Debtors From Public and Private Records (Colorado Treasurers Association 10/2016)
- Murder Investigations (TALI / World Investigators Conference 08/2016)
- Is It Suicide or Not? (CALI 06/2016)
- Ethics for the Professional Investigator (PAWLI 03/2016)
- Death & SBI Investigations, Records and Reports – webinar (NAPD 01/2016)
- Forensic Photography, Death Investigation Basic and Advanced, Autopsy Protocols (Wyoming Coroners Association 11/2015)
- Ethics for the Professional Investigator (NCISS 09/2015)
- Medicolegal Death Investigation (NDIA 09/2015)



- Forensic Autopsies and Reports for the Investigator (NDIA 09/2015)
- Ethics for the Professional Investigator (PPIAC 02/2015)
- Motor Vehicle Collision Death Investigations (PPIAC 10/2014)
- Forensic Autopsies and Reports for the Investigator (ICI 09/2014)
- Death Investigation and Injury Causation Seminar (PPIAC / Public Defender 08/2014)
- Forensic Autopsies and Reports for the Investigator, Death Investigation and Injury Causation (IAPI 06/2014)
- Forensic Autopsies and Reports for the Investigator (FALI 05/2014)
- Death Investigation and Injury Causation (MAPI 11/2013)
- Living with Death (NCISS / SCALI 10/2013)
- Death Investigation and Injury Causation Seminar (PPIAC / Public Defender 08/2013)
- Investigative Technologies in the Digital Age (CALI Conference 06/2013)
- Legal, Ethical and Moral Considerations for Private Investigations (TALI Conference 02/2013)
- Death Investigation Basic and Advanced (Wyoming Coroners Association 11/2012)
- Autopsies and Investigations (PPIAC Conference 10/2012; NLADA 10/2012)
- Autopsies and Investigations (TALI Conference 08/2012) and Death & Homicide Investigations (Texas Certified Investigators – CEs – 08/2012)
- Medicolegal Death Investigations for Coroners, Law Enforcement and First Responders (Wyoming Coroners Association Conference 11/2011)
- Medicolegal Death Investigation (NDIA Conference 09/2011)
- Medicolegal Death Investigation (TALI Conference 08/2011)
- Medicolegal Death Investigation 8-hr seminar (CDITC 06/2011)
- Medicolegal Death Investigation (FALI Conference 06/2011)
- Forensic Investigations, Pathology and Toxicology (NALI Mid-Winter, 02/2011)
- Forensic Photography, GPS and Photography, Cell Phone Forensics for the Investigator, DNA for the Investigator, Autopsy Protocols – (Wyoming Coroner’s Conference, 11/2010)
- Woodchipper Fatality – Case Study (Regis University – CSI Conference 09/2010)
- Principles of Legal Investigation (Utah Association of Private Investigators 09/2010)
- Medicolegal Death Investigation in the Private Sector (Everest College, Thornton, 08/2010)
- Investigator and Attorney Relationship Ethics; PPIAC, 07/2010
- Forensic Photography, Death Investigation Basic and Advanced, Autopsy Protocols (Wyoming Coroners Association 11/2009)
- Principles of Legal Investigation, PPIAC; 09/2009
- Forensic Photography, Cell Phone and Computer Evidence, DNA Evidence; Larimer / Weld Association of Legal Support Staff, 09/2009
- Skip Tracing; PPIAC, 03/2009
- Death Investigation; PPIAC, 2009
- Photography, Locating Relatives, Drug Deaths; Larimer County Medical Examiner’s Office, 2007
- Forensic Photography; Colorado Coroners Standards Training, 2006
- Forensic Photography; Natrona County Coroner’s Office, 2004
- Skip Tracing; Lorman Education Services 2002
- Skip Tracing; Recovery Specialists Insurance Group 2001
- Skip Tracing; Judicial Judgment Collectors Association, 2000 and 2003



- Background Investigations; Larimer County Young Lawyers, 1993

OTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Certificates and letters of attendance available upon request. Training is attended multiple times per year for legal and forensic investigations. Does not include all annual association training conferences from 2009 to Present; or Weld County Law Enforcement Academy (2004) or annual requisites, or life NRA firearms training.

Additional General Training and Experience

- Firearms training and experience in various firearms and ammunition of over 50 years. This includes the safety, function and use of various types of long-guns and handguns. This includes personal safety, range safety, and also the evidentiary documentation and collection under standard law enforcement protocols used by Larimer County and Weld County Coroner / Medical Examiner Offices in Colorado.
- Firearms training through the National Rifle Association from youth programs to basic and advanced range, home, and personal protection, and Colorado Hunter Safety Program requirements in junior high school. His education, training, and experience included 52 hours specific training as required under Colorado Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) curriculum in 2005, followed by sworn patrol deputy training by the Larimer County Sheriff's Office, as part of his full-time position with the Larimer County Coroner / Medical Examiner's Office, and POST required quarterly qualifications with the Larimer County Sheriff's Office through 2008. This has been followed by additional / continuing National Rifle Association programs from basic and advanced range, home, and personal protection.
- The use of Alternate Light Source (ALS) and specifically Ultraviolet (UV) and Infrared (IR) photography. Experience from approximately 2006 or 2007 when he facilitated equipment acquisition, training and use by Larimer County Medical Examiner's Office in Colorado.
- Other procedures developed at the Larimer County Medical Examiner's Office:
 - Developed Policies & Procedures: Introduced digital photography (January 2003; first agency in Larimer County);
 - Developed Policies & Procedures: Transitioned from latent print fuming to DNA swabbing of firearms other weapons (2004; per Colorado Bureau of Investigation recommendations and standards in 2004);
 - Developed Policies & Procedures: Introduced paperless work-product and backup flow, and remote work setup (2007 & 2008; first agency in Larimer County); and
 - Developed Policies & Procedures: Introduced basic cell phone and computer forensic examination (2004).

2024

- Synthetic Opioids (NAME Medical Student Virtual Forensic Pathology Lecture Series 06/2024)
- Death Investigations 1 and 2 (Sievers Forensics 06/2024 8 hrs)
- Documenting the Death Scene Part 2 (LLRMI 06/2024)
- Human Remains Decomposition Process / Time of Death (GAIAI / RMDIAI 05/2024)
- Fire Death Investigations (LLRMI 04/2024)
- Prosecuting Multidrug Deaths (NAME Medical Student Virtual Forensic Pathology Lecture Series 04/2024)
- Forensic Pathology of Electrocutions (NAME Medical Student Virtual Forensic Pathology Lecture Series 03/2024)
- Recon3D Certification / 3D Scanning and Recon3D Users Group (AI2-3D Forensics 02/2024)
- Blunt Force Trauma – Internal Injuries (Godoy Medical Forensics 02/2024)
- Forensic Photography Symposium (AI2-3D Forensics 01/2024 8.5 hrs)
- Quality Assurance Roadmap: A Guide to Improving Crime Scene Units (PNWIAI / GAP Science 01/2024)



- Impact of Improper Bloodstain Pattern Identification and Interpretation (PNWIAI / GAP Science 01/2024)

2023

- Deaths in Water (NAME Medical Student Virtual Forensic Pathology Lecture Series 12/2023)
- Description & Identification of Bloodstain Patterns (Pacific Northwest IAI 11/2023)
- Traumatic Brain Injury (NAME Medical Student Virtual Forensic Pathology Lecture Series 11/2023)
- Ballistics Trauma: Understanding Gunshot Wounds (Godoy Medical Forensics 10/2023)
- Law 101 Legal Guide for the Forensic Expert (National Institute of Justice 09/2023)
- What Does Blood Tell Us (LLRMI 09/2023)
- Conferences and seminars for the Professional Private Investigators Association of Colorado (09/2023)
- Murder Investigations (Texas Association of Licensed Investigators 08/2023)
- Documenting the Suicide Scene (LLRMI 08/2023)
- Responding to the Homicide Scene (LLRMI 07/2023)
- Body Worn Cameras & Footage in Discovery (Colorado Alternate Defense Counsel and Colorado Public Defender 07/2023)
- Asphyxia Related Deaths (NAME Medical Student Virtual Forensic Pathology Lecture Series 07/2023)
- Homicide Investigator FAQs – Crime Scenes (LLRMI 06/2023)
- Deaths Due to Suicide (NAME Medical Student Virtual Forensic Pathology Lecture Series 06/2023)
- Documenting the Fatal Shooting Scene (LLRMI 05/2023)
- Deaths Due to Neglect (NAME Medical Student Virtual Forensic Pathology Lecture Series 05/2023)
- Homicide and Death Investigations (LLRMI 03/2023)
- Documenting the Death Scene – Murder, Accident, Suicide (LLRMI 02/2023)
- Abusive Head Trauma / Shaken Baby Syndrome (Godoy Medical Forensics 01/2023)
- Child Injuries; Signs of Abuse in Death and Homicide Investigations (LLRMI 01/2023)

2022

- Firearms and Firearms Evidence: Facts and Fundamentals (LLRMI 12/2022)
- Blunt Force Trauma: What Every Investigator Needs to Know (CALI / Godoy Medical Forensics 11/2022)
- 2022 Arizona Association of Licensed Investigators annual training conference (10/2022)
- PPIAC / Colorado Investigative Development Institute (06/2022) and Ethics instructor

2021

- PPIAC / Colorado Investigative Development Institute (04/2021) and Ethics instructor
- Force Investigations Separating Self-Defense From Criminal Action (Force Concepts Training Council 04/2021)
- PPIAC Conference (09/2021)
- 3 Part Series *Drug Caused and Related Deaths* (Center for Forensic Science, Research & Education)
 - Introduction to Drug Caused and Related Death Investigation (8 CE 09/2021)
 - Evaluation and Certification of Drug Caused and Related Deaths for Forensic Pathologists, Toxicologists and Death Investigators (8 CE 10/2021)
 - Specialized Forensic Toxicology, Pathology and Certification of Drug Related Death for Forensic Pathologists (8 CE 12/2021 – pending)
- Iowa Association of Private Investigators Conference (10/2021)

2020



- Due to the COVID event, all in-person conferences were canceled. Virtual conferences were attended for Professional Private Investigators Association of Colorado; and short virtual webinars with the World Association of Detectives, Texas Association of Licensed Investigators, Florida Association of Licensed Investigators, and others ad hoc.
- Until Proven Guilty: Police investigative Procedures Explained (PPIAC / 07/2020)
- PPIAC / Colorado Investigative Development Institute (06/2020) and Ethics instructor

2019

- Conferences and seminars for the National Council of Investigation & Security Services, Professional Private Investigators Association of Colorado, National Association of Legal Investigators, Criminal Defense Investigators Training Council (32 hours, and instructed 8 hours), and Inner Circle of Investigators

2018

- Conferences and seminars for the National Council of Investigation & Security Services, World Association of Detectives, and Professional Private Investigators Association of Colorado
- Family History Research / Genealogy – Northeastern Colorado Heritage League; 16 hours, 04/2018-05/2018

2017

- Conferences and seminars for the Florida Association of Licensed Investigations, National Council of Investigation & Security Services, Texas Association of Licensed Investigators, World Association of Detectives, and Professional Private Investigators Association of Colorado
- Certified Forensic Interviewer – Forensic Testimonial Evidence Recovery, 10/2017

2016

- Conferences and seminars for the Professional Association of Wisconsin Licensed Investigations, National Council of Investigation & Security Services, California Association of Licensed Investigators, Texas Association of Licensed Investigators / World Investigators Conference, and Professional Private Investigators Association of Colorado

2015

- Conferences and seminars for the Inner Circle of Investigators, National Defender Investigators Association, and National Council of Investigation & Security Services

2014

- Conferences and seminars for the Florida Association of Licensed Investigators, National Association of Legal Investigators, Inner Circle of Investigators, National Council of Investigation & Security Services, and Professional Private Investigators Association of Colorado
- National Institute of Justice – Bloodstain Documentation and Collection Methods, 01/2014
- National Institute of Justice – Legal Guide for the Forensic Expert, 01/2014

2013

- Conferences and seminars for the California Association of Licensed Investigators, Minnesota Association of Private Investigators, National Association of Legal Investigators, National Council of Investigation and Security Specialists, and Professional Private Investigators Association of Colorado
- SPEX Forensics – Alternate Light Source and Forensic Light Source Investigative Applications, 05/2013
- TALI – general investigations, ethics and protocols, privacy and investigators, 02/2012



2012

- NCISS – general investigations, 09/2012
- PPIAC – death investigations, firearms protocols, background investigations, 09/2012
- Florida Physician Cause of Death – continuing medical education, 02/2012
- PPIAC – Conducting an Effective Interview, 03/2012

2011

Conference and seminars for the Professional Private Investigators Association of Colorado, Florida Association of Licensed Investigators, Texas Association of Licensed Investigators, National Association of Legal Investigators (2), National Council of Investigation and Security Services, National Defender Investigators Association, and Wyoming Coroners Association (over 125 hours)

2010

Conferences and seminars for the Professional Private Investigators Association of Colorado, National Association of Legal Investigators (2), World Investigators Conference and Wyoming Coroners Association (over 80 hours)

- Death Investigation – Crime Scenes, 11/2010
- Fingerprint Classification and Comparison, 08/2010
- Training conferences – National Association of Legal Investigators (February and June), World Investigators Conference (March) and National Council of Investigation and Security Services (April); pending – Professional Private Investigators Association of Colorado, and Private Investigators Association of Utah, Wyoming Coroners Association

2009

Conferences and seminars for the Professional Private Investigators Association of Colorado, National Association of Legal Investigators (over 25 hours)

- Training conference – National Association of Legal Investigators, 06/2009 – conferred Certified Legal Investigator following extensive examination and board panel.

2008 and Prior (2002-2008 as a Deputy Coroner; prior to 2000 unknown)

- Basic Linguistic Statement Analysis (Sgt. Bob Shaffer, Loveland Police), 06/2008
- Kinesic Interview Techniques, 09/2008
- Advanced Interview Techniques (Backup Training Corporation), 02/2007
- Homicidal Drowning Investigations (LifeGuard Systems), 08/2007
- Suicide by Cop (Backup Training Corporation), 12/2007
- Child Abuse Investigations (Fox Valley Technical College), 02/2006
- Colorado Coroners Standards Training (and Forensic Photography instructor), 2006
- Mini-Med School (University of Colorado Health Sciences), Sep-Nov 2005
- Law Enforcement Firearms – April 2006 and quarterly qualifications/annual in-services
- Interview & Interrogation Principles For Law Enforcement (Fort Collins Police), 12/2004
- Medical Records Review and Interpretation (Colorado Bar Association), 09/2004
- Alternate Light Source Photography (International Association for Identification), 09/2004
- Blood Pattern Interpretation on Clothing (International Association for Identification), 09/2004
- Mechanisms of Injury and Trauma (Banner Health System), 08/2004



- Regional Death Investigation Seminar (Homicide, Suicide & Crime Lab Techniques), 07/2004
- Bloodstain Pattern Analysis (Rocky Mountain Bloodstain Pattern Analysts), 06/2004
- Basic & Advanced Fingerprint Classification & Comparison (Charles Walsh, FBI Retired), 06/2004
- Current and Significant Aspects of Criminal Sexuality (Roy Hazelwood, FBI Retired), 05/2004
- Forensic Questioned Documents Theory (Lion Investigation Academy), 02/2004
- Advanced Interview & Interrogation (The Reid Institute), 02/2004
- Crime Scene Processing School (Weld County Sheriff's Office), 01/2004
- Photography Techniques for Crime Scenes (National Criminal Justice PATC), 12/2003
- Identity Theft and Forged / False Documents (Colorado State Investigators Association), 10/2003
- Meth Labs and Related Crimes (US Department of Justice), 10/2003
- Interviewing & Interrogation (The Reid Institute), 07/2003
- Forensic Polygraph Theory (Lion Investigation Academy), 07/2003
- Basic Crash Investigation (The Backup Training Corporation), 07/2003
- Firearms, Fingerprints and Forensics as Evidence in Criminal Trials (Colorado Bar Assoc), 05/2003
- Basic Blood Stain Analysis for Crime Scene Reconstruction (Nat'l Criminal Justice PATC), 05/2003
- Basic Interview & Interrogation (FBI), 02/2003
- Basic Forensic Scene Photography (Larimer County Sheriff's Office), 02/2003
- Fundamental Concepts of Forensic Science (Knowledge Solutions), 05/2002
- Internet Investigations (Brian K. Ingram), 06/2000

PROFESSIONAL OFFICES AND POSITIONS

- National Council of Investigative & Security Services (NCISS) – Ex Officio Board Member / Past President (to Present), Board Chairman (04/2017 to 03/2018), President (04/2016 to 03/2017), 1st Vice President (04/2015 to 04/2016), 2nd Vice President (09/2014 to 04/2015), 3rd Vice President (09/2013 to 09/2014), Secretary (09/2012 to 09/2013) and Region 5A Director (CO WY NE AZ – 04/2011 to 09/2012), and multiple committees (Chair /*past Chair – Editorial, Nominating, and *Conference; member – Bylaws); Vinson Award (2012 Regional Director – 1st recipient), Wunder Award (2016 1st Vice President), and Duffy Award (2017 President)
- National Association of Legal Investigators (NALI) – Region 6 Representative, CLI Committee (07/2010 to Present); Legislative Committee (2015-2020 and Chair 09/2015 to 09/2019); Education Committee (2017-2018; and 'Forensic Focus' ad hoc special editor, NALI's The Legal Investigator [TLI] (06/2010 to Present); Awards received: 2nd Place – TLI Publisher's Award 2010, TLI Editor & Publisher Award 2014, and TLI Editor / Publisher Honorable Mention Award 2016
- World Association of Detectives Governor of the Americas (WAD) Americas, (09/2012 to 12/2021) and Ambassador North America (11/2011 to 09/2012)
- Professional Private Investigators Association of Colorado (PPIAC) – Board Chairman (11/2010 to 11/2012) VP of Membership (11/2009 to 11/2010), Legislative Committee (2010 to 12/2021), Bylaws Committee (2019), Ethics Committee (ad hoc), and Life Membership Award
- Criminal Defense Investigators Training Council (CDITC) – Faculty Advisor for Forensic Investigations (2012 to Present); Certification course development – Death / SBI Investigations for Criminal Defense (03/2022)
- Force Concepts Training Council (FCTC) – Founding Board Member / non-certified (12/2018 to Present)
- Council of Association Leaders (COAL) – Charter Member (2012 to Present)
- ASIS (non-member) – ASIS Commission on Standards and Guidelines, Investigative Technical Committee for Professional Investigative Standards Development (01/2013 to 06/2015, project concluded)



- ASIS (non-member) – ASIS Commission on Standards and Guidelines, Security Technical Committee for Private Security Officer Standards Development (10/2015 to 03/2019, project concluded)

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

- Professional Private Investigators Association of Colorado (Life Member, past Chairman of Board, past VP of Membership)
- Affiliate Memberships – Florida Association of Licensed Investigators, Texas Association of Licensed Investigators, and Indiana Society of Professional Investigators
- National Association of Legal Investigators (current Certified Legal Investigator, CLI Committee, Education Committee, Chair – Legislative Committee, and TLI *Forensic Focus* contributing author)
- National Council of Investigation and Security Specialists (ex officio Board Member, Past Board Chairman, Past President; past 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, 3rd Vice President, Secretary, Membership Committee – Investigations Chair, and past Region 5A and 6A Director; current and past Chair / member of multiple committees)
- World Association of Detectives (past Governor of the Americas, past North America Ambassador)
- Inner Circle of Investigators
- Criminal Defense Investigations Training Council (current Faculty Advisor – Forensic Investigations)
- Council of Association Leaders (COAL) – Charter Member
- Force Concepts Training Council – (Advisory Board)
- National Defender Investigators Association
- National Association for Public Defense (training courses provider)
- NAME Medical Student Virtual Forensic Pathology Lecture Series (Professional Consultant Affiliate)
- International Association for Identification and Rocky Mountain Division
- International Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners
- PI Education – Adjunct Instructor
- Mensa USA
- (former) Author / Instructor and Faculty Advisor – Lion Investigation Academy

AWARDS

- CDITC Investigator / Philosopher Award as an “impartial and objective advocate for the truth” (11/2017)
- NCISS Duffy Award for exceptional leadership and contributions (03/2017)
- NALI Editor / Publisher Honorable Mention Award – Expert Consultations May Save the Day; The Legal Investigator, Fall 2015 (presented 06/2016)
- NCISS Wunder Award for exceptional contributions (04/2016)
- NALI Anthony Golec Editor / Publisher Award – Interpreting Bruises and Related Soft Tissue; The Legal Investigator, Fall 2013 (presented 06/27/2014)
- PPIAC Lifetime Membership Award – Board Chairman 2010-2012 and VP of Membership 2009-2010 (presented 10/19/2012)
- NCISS Vinson Award for Outstanding Service – Regional Director Outstanding Leadership and Dedication (presented 09/08/2012) [first Vinson Award presented]
- NALI Publisher’s Award 2nd Place – Reviewing and Comprehending Autopsy Reports; The Legal Investigator, Spring 2009 (presented 06/19/2010)
- Weld County Law Enforcement Academy – Director’s Commendation (presented 11/2005)

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