

Cold Case Homicide Investigations

This two-day 16-hour course focuses on rekindling the cold case homicide investigation not only by using modern technology that wasn't available to previous investigators but also introducing forensic genealogy as well. This course will also help investigators to identify potential errors in the investigation that has led to the case going cold. These types of cases are some of the most difficult to solve based on oftentimes decades-old information and evidence, but the end result of solving these types of crimes not only provides closure for the families but also a higher appreciation of your agency from your local communities.



Master Instructor: Jennifer Spears



Jen is a homicide and cold case investigative expert with more than 23 years in law enforcement as a special agent, detective, officer, and trainer. She is exceptionally skilled in the practice and application of investigative genetic genealogy and has significant experience conducting interviews, gathering intelligence, and managing a high volume of cases. She has conducted investigations into economic and computer crimes including identity theft and money laundering. She has solved numerous complex and multi-layered investigations, including a 1984 cold case using forensic genetic genealogy which led to a serial case, also closing a 1982 cold case in Honolulu, Hawaii. She has also led a year-long undercover narcotics investigation inside a high school netting numerous arrests and convictions. She is a graduate certificate in Forensic Genetic Genealogy, from the University of New Haven, and she holds a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, and a Psychology minor, from Columbia College.

Topics covered:

- Identifying a viable cold case
- What to look for in a cold case
- Introducing new forensics
- Introductions to the victim's family
- How DNA evidence should be viewed
- The witness interview process years after the crime
- How to reintroduce a photo lineup
- Meeting with the original detectives if available
- Examining detective notes and evidence
- Examining mistakes that may have been made
- Cold case review

Training Dates:
Cost: \$375.00

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May 25th - 26th 2023

0800 - 1700

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