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UNRESOLVED HOMICIDE CASE INVESTIGATION

Date: February 17-18, 2026

Registration Deadline: January 17, 2026

Times: 0800-1600 hours

Location: NITAB – Classroom B
527 Colman Center Drive
Rockford, IL

Instructor: Dave Newman

Member Fee: \$0

Non-MTU Member & Non-Sworn Fee: \$150

This course has been approved by ILETSB for the following mandates:

Procedural Justice – 1.0

Lead Homicide Investigator – 16.0

Course Objective

The course objective is to demonstrate the re-approach to an unsolved homicide investigation in an objective way through the re-examination of the victim, solvability factors, and indicators that allow us to hypothesize association, motive, and method of operation. We will also show on a case-by-case basis the strategic approach to an unsolved homicide by objectively reviewing the crime scene, victimology, evidence, and autopsy review to establish a new probative path to explore. We examine through case reviews how the scientific method can be applied to both active and unsolved homicides to identify hypothesis through examination and research and later theory through the analysis of the evidence and experimentation that will point to a likely offender association. The program will also demonstrate the new forensic procedures that increase the likelihood of DNA evidence recovery and the use of genotyping, phenotyping and familial database searching to identify family members of unknown DNA profiles.