

# Basic Criminal Investigator and New Detective Training

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THOMAS G. TITTLE is a retired Captain with the Marion County, Florida, Sheriff's Office. Captain Tittle became a member of the Marion County Sheriff's Office in 1977 and was assigned to the Civil Division. Since then he has held assignments within the following areas: Patrol Division, Street Crimes, Property Crimes, Major Crimes, Training Director, Community Relations, D.A.R.E. Officer, Drug Unit and Communications. Prior to the Juvenile Division, Captain Tittle oversaw a District Station where he supervised uniformed patrol officers and a district detective. Additionally, he was on the S.W.A.T. for 13 years with his last assignment as a Team Leader. During Captain Tittle's tenure in investigations, he has investigated numerous major crimes, drug cases and property crimes, including, but not limited to sexual assaults (children and adults), child abuse, robberies, suicides, death investigations, crimes against persons, and vice cases. Captain Tittle holds an Associate of Arts degree from Central Florida Community College in Ocala, Florida. He also holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of West Florida in Pensacola, Florida. Additionally, he is a graduate of the Southern Police Institute in Louisville, Kentucky. He has attended numerous courses in Death Investigations, Sex Crimes, DEA School, Sniper school, SWAT courses and Domestic Relations. Captain Tittle is an adjunct instructor at the Central Florida Community's Criminal Justice Institute where he has instructed firearms, driving, domestic violence, crisis intervention and interviews & interrogations techniques and crimes against the elderly. Captain Tittle has had articles published in; The Florida Police Chief, American Police Beat and Inside School Safety and has self-published six law enforcement training manuals.

BRIAN J. JARVIS is a police professional with thirty years of experience in law enforcement and investigations, retiring in 2008 at the rank of Chief of Police. Prior to being appointed as the Chief of Police for the Town of Chester in 1998, he served ten years working for Municipalities in Orange County, New York, and ten years in the State of Florida, where he was employed as an Investigative Sergeant in charge of Major Crime Investigations. Chief Jarvis was responsible for the investigation and supervision of Major Crime Scenes which include, homicides, sexual assaults, kidnappings, armed robberies, bank robberies, home invasions, carjackings, aircraft crashes, train / pedestrian fatalities, suicides, child abuse and neglect, and officer involved shootings involving death. Chief Jarvis holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Information Systems from the University of Phoenix. He also attended the Associates of Arts program in Criminal Justice at Central Florida Community College from 1987 - 1991. He has also attended several courses on Major Crime Investigations, including Practical Homicide Investigation and Sex Crime Investigations offered by the University of North Florida, and Basic and Advanced Computer Crime Investigations offered by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Organized Crime Institute. In addition to serving as Chief of Police, Chief Jarvis has also been a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), New York State Police Juvenile Officer's Association, NYS Association of Chiefs' of Police, Past President of the Police Chiefs' Association of Orange County, and a founding member of the Orange County Law Enforcement Training Institute. He is also an active member in the International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association (ILEETA). Chief Jarvis is a published author, having written a story for "American Blue", Varro Press Publishing, Ed Nowicki Editor (All proceeds benefit the National Law Enforcement Museum in Washington D.C.). He has also published several law enforcement training manuals. Brian is a pilot and serves as a volunteer for Angel Flight Southeast.

## **Course Objectives:**

This course is composed to assist the newly appointed Detective [or Patrol Officer conducting investigations] in becoming familiar with the many aspects of a Criminal Investigation. It is designed to assist in providing a solid

foundation of basic techniques from which Detectives can build upon as they progress through their careers. Policies and procedures differ from agency to agency and this presentation is a general overview, not to conflict with your department operating guidelines in criminal investigations.

This course is a comprehensive INTRODUCTORY LEVEL overview for the law enforcement officer who has recently become assigned the crucial task of conducting supplemental investigations of suspected criminal offenses. During this course the student will also be exposed to various injury, death, homicide and sexually sensitive and explicit sexual battery cases. Also included in this course will be several post-mortem examination photographs and videotape segments, as well as injury, death and homicide scenes through photos and videotapes from actual closed cases. This part of the course will be VERY GRAPHIC AND INTENSE.

Upon successful completion of this course, each student will have acquired a comprehensive understanding and skills, which are needed to conduct a thorough and meticulous investigation concerning suspected criminal activity.

### **Beginning the Criminal Investigation:**

The 10 Most Common Investigative Errors - Defining Crime – Evidence and Crime Scene Issues – Investigative Training Skills Required – The Investigator's Responsibilities – The Preliminary Inquiry

### **The Crime Scene:**

Fourth Amendment Considerations – Judicially Created Exceptions – Search Warrant Requirements – Crime Scene Search & Protection of Area – Thermal Injuries- Blood at the Scene- Dental- 3 Types of Track Evidence- The Importance of Documenting Weather- Blood at Crime Scenes- Hangings vs. Strangulations – Shaken Baby Syndrome

### **Injury & Death Investigations:**

Classifications of Homicide – Evaluation of Information From The Autopsy – Time of Death Considerations – Wound Information and Evidence – Firearms – Blunt Force Trauma – Incisions – Stabbing – Offender Injuries from Self-Wounding – Suicide Investigations – Autoerotic Asphyxia & “The Choking Game”

### **Sex Crimes:**

The Basic Principles of Deviant Sexual Behavior – Paraphilias – Investigative Strategies for Officers to include; the 4 Types of Rapist, the 3 defenses a rapist will give you, the two “M.O.’s in a sex crime, the two parts of a confession with sex offenders and the three reasons “evidence” is taken from a rape scene

### **Strategies for A Successful Investigation:**

Where Your Investigation Begins – Legal Issues Involving the Investigation – Goals and Objectives of a Successful Investigation – The Importance of the Post-Arrest Investigation – Case Management Strategies – Organization – Checklists - Solvability Factors / Case Filtering – Studies Impacting Criminal Investigations – Sources of Information – Knowing & Utilizing Available Resources – Conducting Successful Line-ups – Analytical Tools and the Internet – UCR/NIBRS .

### **Social Media Investigations:**

Gathering Evidence Via Social Media – Your Legal Obligations – Search Warrants – Preservation Requests – Emergency Disclosures.

### **Digital Evidence:**

Importance of Digital Evidence – Types of Digital Evidence – Cell Phone Evidence - Cell Towers – Metadata – Cell Providers and Their Requirements – Legal Issues, Judicial Decisions – 4th Amendment Issues – The Search Warrant.

### **Conducting Successful Interviews:**

Introduction to Interviewing – Witness Reliability Issues – Witness Types – Best Practices for Conducting Successful Interviews.

### **Conducting Successful Suspect Interrogations:**

Goals of the Interrogation – Legal Guidelines – 5th & 6th Amendment Considerations – U. S. Supreme Court Decisions – Planning and Documenting the Interrogation – Types of Suspect Interviews and Methods of Obtaining Information.

### **Identity Crimes:**

Personal Identifiers – Financial Identifiers – Methods of obtaining personal information – Best practices for reducing identity crime – Federal Trade Commission and Secret Service Roles in ID Crimes.

### **Case Studies:**

#1 – Multi-Jurisdictional Long-Term Investigations

#2 – Florida Serial Homicides; America's First Female Predatory Serial Killer

## Day 1

8:00a.m.– 8:30a.m.

### Registration and Sign-In

8:30a.m.– 10:00a.m.

Introduction  
Course Overview  
Investigative Shortfalls

10:00a.m.– 12:00p.m.

Beginning the Criminal Investigation

12:00p.m.– 1:00p.m.

### Lunch (On Your Own)

1:00p.m.– 5:00p.m.

The Crime Scene

## Day 2

8:00a.m.– 12:00p.m.

Injury and Death Investigations

12:00p.m.– 1:00p.m.

### Lunch (On Your Own)

1:00p.m.– 3:00p.m.

Injury and Death Investigations  
(continued)

3:00p.m.– 5:00p.m.

Sex Crimes

## Day 3

8:00a.m.– 12:00p.m.

Strategies for a Successful Investigation

12:00p.m.– 1:00p.m.

### Lunch (On Your Own)

1:00p.m.– 1:30p.m.

Case Study #1 – Following the Evidence

1:30p.m.– 4:00p.m.

Social Media Investigations

## Day 4

8:00a.m.– 11:00a.m.

Digital Evidence

11:00a.m.– 12:00p.m.

Conducting Successful Interviews

12:00p.m.– 1:00p.m.

### Lunch (On Your Own)

1:00p.m.– 2:00p.m.

Conducting Successful Interviews  
(continued)

2:00p.m.– 4:00p.m.

Conducting Suspect Interrogations

## Day 5

8:00a.m.– 9:00a.m.

Identity Crimes

9:00 a.m.– 11:30a.m.

Case Study #2—Course Review  
Aileen Wuornos – Serial Murder Investigation

11:30a.m.– 12:00p.m.

### Evaluations & Certificate Presentation