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Curriculum Vitae and Experience as of 04/15/2015

SYNOPSIS OF EDUCATION, TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

- Founded the agency in October of 1987
- Licensed in Colorado (2015 - #PI2.0000050) and Cheyenne WY (2014 - #OL-15-31146)
- Certified Legal Investigator (CLI) by National Association of Legal Investigators
- Certified Criminal Defense Investigator (CCDI) by Criminal Defense Investigation Training Council
- Certified in Medicolegal Death Investigations by Larimer County Medical Examiner's Office (and formerly Colorado Coroners Association, expired upon separation). Such training exceeds that of the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators, which is reserved only for death investigators employed by a government agency.
- Expert consultations since 2010: recognized by Colorado courts in Forensic Investigations (including Bloodstain Pattern Analysis) and Death Investigations (including Protocols and Standards), Pattern Injury Analysis, and Private Investigation Protocols; and appointed by courts in Arizona and California in these areas and as an expert in traumatic injury causation.

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. From 2003-2008 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 (homicides and child deaths frequently required 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.

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Returned to Legal Investigations, 06/2008; founder and Senior Investigator
- 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, 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)

PROFESSIONAL OFFICES AND POSITIONS

- National Council of Investigative & Security Services (NCISS) – 1st Vice President (04/2015 to Present), 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
- National Association of Legal Investigators (NALI) – Region 6 Representative, CLI Committee (MT WY CO NM AZ UT ID – 07/2010 to Present) and 'Forensic Focus' special editor, NALI's The Legal Investigator [TLI] (06/2010 to Present)
- World Association of Detectives Governor of the Americas (WAD) – (North America, Central America and South America), (09/2012 to Present) and Ambassador North America (west – 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)
- Criminal Defense Investigators Training Council (CDITC) – Faculty Advisor for Forensic Investigations

PROFESSIONAL / EXPERT CONSULTING RELATIONSHIPS

- Stephen J. Cina, MD (Forensic Pathologist)
- Harold Schueler, PhD (Forensic Toxicology)

EXPERT TESTIMONY AND CONSULTATIONS

Actively consulting on multiple homicides in multiple states involving crime scene investigation, pattern injury analysis, fingerprint comparison and multiple forensic investigative protocols. The following is public information is not all-inclusive.

- Expert Consultant / Witness – Forensic Investigations (including Bloodstain Pattern Analysis) and Death Investigations (including Protocols and Standards); Colorado v. Sutton (Mesa County District – 2012 CR 680), multiple felony counts including First Degree Attempted Homicide.
- Advisory Witness (non-expert); Colorado v. Davy (Larimer County – L 2012 M 1801), specifically involving legal investigation, investigative protocol and methodologies.
- Advisory Witness (non-expert); Colorado v. Coleman (Denver County District – 2010 CR 5614), specifically involving investigative protocol and methodologies.
- Expert Consultant / Witness – Forensic Investigation and Pattern Injury Analysis; Colorado v. Somoza (Adams County – 110M896); domestic violence assault.
- Expert Consultant / Witness – Private Investigation Protocols; Kelly v. Kelly (Archuleta County District Court – 2000 DR 019, hearing March 2010), specifically: "... whether techniques used would affect the reliability of the statements made ..."



- Expert Consultant – The Mysterious Death of Phoenix Police Sergeant Sean Drenth (Phoenix AZ – consultant to families legal team to reopen investigation, amend Cause and Manner of Death, and restore survivor benefits to spouse and children) 2012 (decision June 2013).
- Expert consultations in traumatic injury causation, investigative reports and interviews in multiple cases without testimony or settled, as well as private investigators and families.

CERTIFICATIONS

- Certified Legal Investigator – National Association of Legal Investigators, 06/2009 (<90 active in the world, four in Colorado and the only CLI in northern Colorado and Wyoming)
- Certified Criminal Defense Investigator – Criminal Defense Investigations Training Council
- Certification – Medicolegal Death Investigator (Colorado Coroners Association), 11/2003 [exp. 11/2008]
- 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.
- 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

- Ethics for the Investigator, Consumer and Client (co-developer and lecturer, self-published 03/2015 Udemy)
- A Survivors' Guide to Understanding Death Investigations (co-author, self-published 01/2014 CreateSpace)
- 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); also a lecture series (02/2011)
- 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 8hr 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)

- 'The Question and Investigation of Fatal and Non-Fatal Injury Causation'; published by TALI 11/2014 and as 'Investigating Injuries and Fatalities'; published in TLI 11/2014
- 'Elevating Investigations Using Daubert and Frye Standards'; published in TLI 09/2014
- 'A Look into Practical Methods for Legal Investigations'; published in PI Magazine 08/2014
- 'PI Pearls, Perils and Pitfalls'; co-author for PursuitMag.com, 04/2014
- 'From Forensics to Facts in Evidence'; published by TALI 01/2014
- 'Interpreting Bruising and Related Soft Tissue Injuries'; published in TLI 01/2014 (NALI / TLI Editor & Publisher Award, 06/2014)
- 'Psychological Autopsies in Equivocal Death Investigations and Suicide Cases; co-author for 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; published in TLI 03/2013
- 'Public Records – Thinking Outside The Box On Restricted Or Redacted Court Records'; published CALI Newsletter 12/2012
- 'Tunnel Intelligence'; published in PI Magazine 08/2011
- 'A Comprehensive Investigative Protocol'; published in TLI 08/2011
- Multiple quarterly articles - 'Forensic Focus' special editor, NALI's The Legal Investigator [TLI], 06/2010 to Present; variety
- 'Investigative Protocol for Civil Legal Investigations of Motor Vehicle Collisions', Trial Talk - Colorado Trial Lawyers Association, 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) 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; California Association of Licensed Investigators (summer 2010)
- Investigator and Attorney Relationship Ethics; Texas Association of Licensed Investigators (summer 2010)
- Author 'Investigative Telephonics and Trapplines' – for 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, and the Female Legal Investigators Group

LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS AND SEMINARS

- 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)
- Autopsies and Investigations (PPIAC Conference 10/2012; NLADA 10/2012) and Death Investigation Basic and Advance (Wyoming Coroners Association 11/2012)
- Autopsies & 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 8hr 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 – (Carbon County Coroner’s Office 2010 Wyoming Conference, 11/2009)
- 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
- 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; Natrona County Coroner’s Office, 2004
- Forensic Photography; Colorado Coroners Standards Training, 2006
- 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



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 California Association of Licensed Investigators
- National Association of Legal Investigators (Certified Legal Investigator, CLI Committee, and TLI *Forensic Focus* contributing author)
- National Council of Investigation and Security Specialists (2nd Vice President, 3rd Vice President, Secretary, Membership Committee – Investigations Chair, and past Region 5A and 6A Director)
- World Association of Detectives (Governor of the Americas)
- Inner Circle of Investigators
- Criminal Defense Investigations Training Council (Faculty Advisor – Forensic Investigations)
- National Defender Investigators Association
- National Association of Medical Examiners (Professional Consultant Affiliate)
- International Association for Identification and Rocky Mountain Division
- Mensa USA
- (former) Author / Instructor and Faculty Advisor – Lion Investigation Academy

OTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Certificates and letters of attendance available upon request. Training opportunities are attended 2-6 times per year for legal and forensic investigations. Does not include all annual association training conferences from 2009 to Present.

2014

- Conferences and seminars for the Florida Association of Licensed Investigators, National Association of Legal Investigators, Inner Circle of Investigators, 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 – continued medical education, 02/2012

Conducting an Effective Interview (PPIAC), 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

- Basic Linguistic Statement Analysis (Sgt. Bob Shaffer, Loveland Police), 06/2008
- Kinesic Interview Techniques, 09/2008

2007 and Prior

- 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
- 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

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- 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

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