

IHIA 32ND ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM AGENDA

AUGUST 9-13, 2026 | NEW ORLEANS, LA



SUNDAY
AUGUST
9
2026

TIME

PRESENTATION

PRESENTER(S)

4:00pm - 7:00pm

Registration & Exhibit Hall Open

4:00pm - 7:00pm

Welcome Reception | Sponsored by Closure

MONDAY
AUGUST
10
2026

TIME

PRESENTATION

PRESENTER(S)

7:00am - 8:30am

Morning Coffee Service & Registration

8:30am - 9:15am

Opening Ceremonies | International Homicide Investigators Association

9:15am - 10:15am

The Kelsey Smith Case | Greg Smith, Executive Director, Kelsey Smith Foundation

10:15am - 10:30am

Morning Break

10:30am - 11:30am

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11:30am - 1:00pm

Lunch Break | *Attendees on their own for lunch*

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Murder of Alison Sargent | Detective Jonathan Pignataro & Lieutenant David Homminga, Calhoun County Sheriff's Office

3:00pm - 3:15pm

Afternoon Break

3:15pm - 5:30pm

The Shenandoah Murders – The Importance of Combining Investigative Strategies with Advanced DNA Testing to Solve Cold Cases | Dr. Angela Williamson, Vice President of Cold Case Solutions, Bode Technology & Major Case Specialist Kevin Hagan, Federal Bureau of Investigation

6:00pm - 9:00pm

Social Networking Event | Lucy's Retired Surfers Bar & Restaurant
701 Tchoupitoulas St., New Orleans, LA 70130 | Sponsored by Bode Technology

TUESDAY AUGUST 11 2026	TIME	PRESENTATION	PRESENTER(S)
	8:00am - 8:30am	Morning Coffee Service	
	8:30am - 9:30am	The Fiery Fallout Sergeant Brandon Askew, Davenport Police Department	
	9:30am - 9:45am	Morning Break	
	9:45am - 10:45am	The Fiery Fallout Sergeant Brandon Askew, Davenport Police Department	
	10:45am - 12:15pm	The Examination of Trauma in Burned Human Remains Dr. Darren Solomon, President, Red Ember Forensics	
	12:15pm - 1:30pm	Lunch Break <i>Attendees on their own for lunch</i>	
	1:30pm - 2:30pm	Advanced DNA Technology Applied to Casework Danielle "Dani" Gluth, Senior Director of Client Experience & Ashley Korsakas, Training Manager & Senior DNA Analyst, DNA Labs International	
	2:30pm - 2:45pm	Afternoon Break	
	2:45pm - 4:45pm	Science-Based Interviewing District Attorney Investigator Rhiannon "Rhia" Grotke, El Dorado County District Attorney's Office	
	4:45pm - 5:30pm	Expo Giveaway International Homicide Investigators Association	

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 12 2026	TIME	PRESENTATION	PRESENTER(S)
	8:00am - 8:30am	Morning Coffee Service	
	8:30am - 9:30am	The Hunt – An International Death Investigation Investigator Shawna Gilbert, Colorado Attorney General's Office & Supervisory Special Agent Donald Peterson, Federal Bureau of Investigation	
	9:30am - 9:45am	Morning Break	
	9:45am - 11:00am	The Hunt – An International Death Investigation Investigator Shawna Gilbert, Colorado Attorney General's Office & Supervisory Special Agent Donald Peterson, Federal Bureau of Investigation	
	11:00am - 11:45am	Awards Ceremony International Homicide Investigators Association	
	11:45am - 1:00pm	Lunch Break <i>Attendees on their own for lunch</i>	
	1:00pm - 3:00pm	Operation Branwell – The Double Murder and Dismemberment of Albert Alfonso and Paul Longworth Detective Chief Inspector Ollie Stride, Metropolitan Police Service	
	3:00pm - 3:15pm	Afternoon Break	
	3:15pm - 5:30pm	The Murder of Ashley Schwalm Detective Inspector Shawn Glassford, Detective Constable Jeremy Shiffman, & Detective Sergeant Jason Lloyd, Ontario Provincial Police	
	6:00pm - 9:00pm	Social Networking Event <u>The Howlin' Wolf</u> 907 S. Peters, New Orleans, LA 70130 Sponsored by DNA Labs International	

THURSDAY AUGUST 13 2026	TIME	PRESENTATION	PRESENTER(S)
	8:30am - 9:30am	Morning Coffee Service	
	9:00am - 9:30am	Association Business Meeting Open to All Active IHIA Members	
	9:30am - 10:30am	Shadows of the Pass – The Crowsnest Pass Murders Inspector Joany Koroluk, Royal Canadian Mounted Police & Dr. Peter Collins, Toronto Police Service	
	10:30am - 10:45am	Morning Break	
	10:45am - 11:45am	Shadows of the Pass – The Crowsnest Pass Murders Inspector Joany Koroluk, Royal Canadian Mounted Police & Dr. Peter Collins, Toronto Police Service	
	11:45am - 1:00pm	Lunch Break <i>Attendees on their own for lunch</i>	
	1:00pm - 3:00pm	Prosecuting in a Digital World: The Cameron Jones Murder Trial Sepi Zimmer, Chief Assistant District Attorney, Harris County District Attorney's Office	
	3:00pm - 3:15pm	Afternoon Break	
	3:15pm - 5:30pm	The Fall of a Dynasty: Investigating the Alex Murdaugh Murder Case Lieutenant Peter Rudofski, South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED)	

EXHIBIT HOURS

Sunday, August 9 | 4:00pm - 7:00pm

Monday, August 10 | 9:00am - 5:30pm

Tuesday, August 11 | 9:00am - 5:00pm



IHIA STORE

Be sure to stop by the IHIA Store during the Symposium! Stock up on exclusive IHIA apparel, stickers, and other gear while supporting a great cause.

This is also the official location for our raffle benefiting Kelsey's Army.

