

December 8-10, 2026

Hilton Garden Inn at EpicCentral
2935 S State Highway 161
Grand Prairie, TX 75052

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DAY 1 | DECEMBER 8, 2026

TIME	PRESENTATION	PRESENTER(S)
7:30am - 8:00am	Morning Coffee Service & Registration	
8:00am - 8:15am	**Opening Remarks** | International Homicide Investigators Association	
8:15am - 9:45am	**From Evidence to Verdict: AI and the Serafini Murder Case** | Assistant Chief Investigator Vince Dutto, Placer County District Attorney's Office, Bureau of Investigation & Aaron Zelinger, Co-Founder & CEO, Closure Intelligence	
9:45am - 10:00am	Exhibitor and Networking Break	
10:00am - 11:00am	**Honeypot Techniques & AI Case Building for Major Case Investigations** | Detective Aaron Benzick, Plano Police Department & Solve the Case, Inc.	
11:00am - 11:15am	Exhibitor and Networking Break	
11:15am - 12:15pm	**Modernizing Ballistics Analysis** | Sergeant Thomas Orzechowski, New Castle County Police Department & Carlos Casas, Revelen.ai	
12:15pm - 1:30pm	Lunch Break | Attendees on their own for lunch	
1:30pm - 3:00pm	**Cellebrite — Digital Intelligence Case Presentation** | Special Agent Mike Garner, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation & Alex Bray, Cellebrite	
3:00pm - 3:15pm	Exhibitor and Networking Break	
3:15pm - 4:15pm	**Trust & Authenticity of Submitted Media in a World of Deepfakes** | Blake Sawyer, President of U.S. Operations, Amped Software	
4:15pm - 4:20pm	Exhibitor and Networking Break	
4:20pm - 5:20pm	**Fireside Chat-ChatGPT & AI for Investigators: Ethical Use of AI** |Paul Belli, IHIA Director of Strategic Operations & Corporal Chris Rose, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office	
6:00pm - 8:00pm	Social Networking Event | Chicken N Pickle 2965 S State Highway 161, South Dallas, TX | Sponsored by DNA Labs International	

DAY 2 | DECEMBER 9, 2026

TIME	PRESENTATION	PRESENTER(S)
7:30am - 8:00am	Morning Coffee Service	
8:00am - 9:00am	**From Fire Scene to Family Tree: Solving the 2008 Murder of Raymond Hernandez Through FIGG**	Lieutenant Jason Shea, Texas Department of Public Safety & Allison Ryall, BODE Technology
9:00am - 9:10am	Exhibitor and Networking Break	
9:10am - 10:40am	**Cracking the Code: How Public Records, Genetics & Innovation Caught the Idaho College Student Killer**	Steve Kramer, Retired FBI Attorney, Indago Solutions, Steve Busch, Retired FBI Special Agent, Indago Solutions, Jon Habben, Retired FBI Special Agent, TrueLine Resolutions, & Katie Murphy, Sr. Fraud Data Analyst, Lexis Nexis
10:40am - 10:50am	Exhibitor and Networking Break	
10:50am - 11:50am	**The Murder of Betty Collins (Touch DNA & M-Vac Technology)**	Detective Tim Huber, Louisville Metro Police Department & Dani Gluth, DNA Labs International
11:50am - 1:05pm	Lunch Break	Attendees on their own for lunch
1:05pm - 2:05pm	**Video Surveillance & Facial Recognition in Investigations**	Detective Sergeant Benjamin Mahaffie & First Lieutenant Travis Fletcher Michigan State Police, Biometrics and Identification Division
2:05pm - 2:15pm	Exhibitor and Networking Break	
2:15pm - 3:15pm	**Using Cellular Timing Advance Records to Solve Crimes**	Reserve Investigator Garrett Lord, 18th Judicial District Attorney's Office, Colorado, LeadsOnline – NightHawk
3:15pm - 3:20pm	Exhibitor and Networking Break	
3:20pm - 5:20pm	**The Gilgo Beach Serial Murders (Rootless Hair DNA Technology & Digital Forensics)**	District Attorney Ray Tierney, Assistant District Attorney Andrew Lee & Assistant District Attorney Nicholas Santomartino, Suffolk County District Attorney's Office, New York & Dr. Ed Green, Astrea Forensics

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DAY 3 | DECEMBER 10, 2026

TIME	PRESENTATION	PRESENTER(S)
7:30am - 8:00am	Morning Coffee Service	
8:00am - 9:30am	**From Ghost Gun to Life Sentence: Investigating Homicide with "Uninterpretable" DNA Evidence**	Sergeant Ron Pilarski, Erie Police Department & Kari Danser, Cybergenetics
9:30am - 9:40am	Exhibitor and Networking Break	
9:40am - 10:40am	**The Cutting Edge Meets the Cornerstone: Balancing Technology & Traditional Techniques**	Deputy Chief (Ret.) J. Patrick Brusch & Major (Ret.) Ed O'Carroll, Magnet Forensics
10:40am - 10:50am	Exhibitor and Networking Break	
10:50am - 12:05pm	**Uber Public Safety**	Detective Jake Martin, Chicago Police Department & Alissa Wimmer, Uber
12:05pm - 1:05pm	Lunch Break | Attendees on their own for lunch	
1:05pm - 2:35pm	**The Digital Witness: Cellular, IoT & the Evidence That Never Lies**	Nicholas Falcicchio, A.B.M. Intel
2:35pm - 2:45pm	Exhibitor and Networking Break	
2:45pm - 4:15pm	**Vehicle System Forensics — When Cars Talk**	Zachary Anderson & Joey Devereaux, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office; Assistant State Attorney Lauren Anderson & A.G. Speake, Berla Corporation
4:15pm - 4:25pm	Exhibitor and Networking Break	
4:25pm - 5:25pm	**The Murder of Cleeve Chick "Lover Spat Bleeds Over"**	Division Chief Timothy Wiley, Mishawaka Police Department & Meta/Facebook

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