



National Criminal Justice Training Center
of Fox Valley Technical College



Live Online Instructor Led

Investigating and Prosecuting No Body Homicides

📅 February 3-6, 2025 | 📍 Virtual

Explore the challenges involved with no body homicide investigations. Most start as missing persons cases; the suspect's head start coupled with the absence of the victim's body leaves gaping holes in the investigation. Join us to hear from experienced instructors as they provide the framework and tools to build a prosecutable circumstantial case—regardless of the age of the case—from proving the victim is dead using established practices such as victimology, interviews, documents/records/digital footprint to search strategies and best practices in documentation. This training will also provide established prosecution strategies that maximize the likelihood of success. During instruction, there will be an opportunity to share your case as a class participation case study exercise.

\$425.00

About

The deadline to register is January 31, 2025.

This is a Live Online Instructor Led Course. Pre-registration is required. You will receive virtual classroom instructions in your confirmation email and in communications leading up to training.

Training Schedule: (Central Time)

February 3 | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

February 4 | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

February 5 | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

February 6 | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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What's In It For You

During the training, you will have the opportunity to share your own cases with other participants, and instructors, Assistant District Attorney Robert Kaiser and Lt. of Investigations Marianne Flynn Statz, who have both been involved with no body homicide cases. You will come away with an executable list of sources of information, documents to obtain, and persons to get statements from.

Upon completion of this training, you will be able to:

- Identify red flags in missing persons cases
- Establish that the victim is deceased without a body
- Build a solid circumstantial homicide case using anecdotal evidence and records

- Document your case to maximize success
- Prepare properly for trial to improve case outcomes when no body is recovered

Is This Training For You?

You must be law enforcement, prosecutors or related court officials to attend this training. Law enforcement are encouraged to attend with their prosecutors.

- Law Enforcement
- Prosecutors

The registration fee includes 16 hours of training, program materials, and instructional costs.

Instructors

Marianne Flynn Statz NCJTC Associate | Retired Lieutenant, Madison Police Department

Marianne began her career with the Madison Police Department in 1991 and was promoted to detective in 2000. Specializing in Sensitive Crimes, her cases included sexual assaults, stalking, crimes against children, domestic violence, homicides, and missing persons. Marianne investigated the 1976 disappearance of Jean Zapata, a mother and flight instructor who vanished without a trace from her Madison home. The extensive investigation culminated in the arrest of Jean's ex-husband for Murder, even though her remains were never found. He was tried and eventually provided a confession. Marianne also served on the SWAT team, the Officer Involved Shoot team, the Cold Case Team and founded the Child Abduction Response Team. After her promotion to Lieutenant in 2013, she served as a Detective Lieutenant for several years before becoming the academy director. After her retirement, she served on the Wisconsin MMIW Task force, and is a current member of the Wisconsin Cold Case Review Team.

Robert Kaiser NCJTC Associate | Assistant Attorney General (Retired), Wisconsin Department of Justice Madison, Wisconsin

Bob is a 45-year veteran prosecutor. Bob spent nine years as an Assistant State's Attorney in the Cook County, Illinois State's Attorney's office. In 1987, he came to Wisconsin as an Assistant District Attorney in the Felony Unit of the Dane County District Attorney's Office. In 2014, Bob joined the Criminal Litigation Unit of the Wisconsin Department of Justice as an Assistant Attorney General. Bob has lectured on all aspects of prosecution and investigation of crimes, including but not limited to murder, child abuse, sexual assault, gang crimes, sexual assault, strangulation, victims' rights, competency to stand trial, the mental disease or defect defense, the rules of evidence, prosecutor ethics, law enforcement investigations and working with prosecutors' offices, all aspects of trial practice, witness preparation, sentencing and plea negotiations. Bob is certified as a Trial Advocacy Instructor by the National Institute of Trial Advocacy.

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