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# President's Message

Well, a very wet, but interesting summer is coming to a close. It was an important summer for my wife and I since it was our first summer as retirees and also the summer when our only daughter got married. We had a ball at the wedding and it turned into a 3 day party. The next big day in my life will be when I finally get my son off of my car insurance.

Having been retired now for 5 months, I can report that there is life after work! Despite basically lousy weather most of the spring and summer, I haven't missed work a bit. The wife and I are co-existing nicely despite the fears of many that one of us would have been murdered by now. I am adjusting to my new role as chief cook in the family!

As you all know, there was a little confusion over the dates for the Cape May Conference this year. The correct dates are Oct.22-25th. I want to apologize to anyone who was

inconvenienced by the confusion over the dates. I also want to thank Bob Garrett, Jeff Thompson and the others who worked to straighten out the mess. I am anxiously awaiting a chance to see if Merrill Brant has any hair left on his head after having to contact all the speakers and tell them that the Conference dates were changed. Merrill has had to work harder than anyone to see that the upcoming Conference will be a success. I appreciate his efforts. I look forward to seeing you all in Cape May and let's cross our fingers that we have a drier fall and nice weather for the conference. Please note: There will be a Halloween Parade in Cape May at 3 PM on our arrival date (10/22). Come early, avoid the traffic and enjoy the parade!

Tim Sullivan

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# **FORENSIC CANINE UNIT AND CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION**

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## **I INTRODUCTION:**

The purpose of a crime scene investigation is to establish if a crime has been committed. In any criminal trial, evidence helps to prove someone guilty or not guilty. At a crime scene, an officer first protects the scene along with evidence. Evidence is then collected by the investigators. Physical evidence like shoes, tires, clothes or weapons like firearms are easily identified at the crime scene. In many incidents, however, especially arson, it is difficult to locate flammable liquids used to commit crime. Canine units are helpful to locate evidence in arson cases. In recent years canine units were used extensively to search for arson, controlled drugs, and bombs.

Accelerant - sniffing dogs or arson detection dogs are rapidly proving themselves to be a valuable asset to the arson investigators. The use of an arson dog helps to pinpoint the location of accelerants and reduce the number of sample that needs to be collected and tested; thus saving time and money. Each dog is capable of discriminating substances used to start fire. Dogs are trained to detect flammable liquid, thus helping investigators to successfully prosecute a perpetrator in an arson incident.[2,4,5,9,12,13]

## **II CANINE SEARCHES AND LAW:**

Due to drugs and alcohol abuse by school children, canine units were used to control these crimes with help of school authorities. Many schools routinely used dogs to sniff controlled substances concealed on a student, as well as in their lockers or cars. A successful search leads to possible drug possession criminal charges, and felony leading to incarceration.

The use of canines presents an interesting interpretation of the Fourth Amendment in a school setting. The prevailing judicial thought seems to be that smelling inanimate objects is not considered a search, whereas body sniffing in close proximity does invoke Fourth Amendment rights. *Horton v. Goose Creek Independent School District*, 690 F. 2d 470, (5<sup>th</sup> circuit, 1982).[7] On the basis of the various cases related to the canine search, one must consider the search laws before starting a canine search.

## **III CANINE SEARCH TEAM:**

A team leader of a canine search team is expected to be experienced and

trained in evidence collection, search management, organization, and communication. The work involves setting up the search (preview search location, obtain maps of search area and make search assignments), brief and debrief teams, work as a liaison between the canine team and law enforcement agencies, work with all the canine teams and have knowledge of the teams capabilities, make agency reports, make up group reports and be accepted and recognized by the group as a leader. When canine forensic teams organize a search, the team leader first contacts the requesting agency and scouts out the search area together with getting a map of the area.

The canine handler has to be certified in canine handling and must have training and knowledge of the crime scene, report writing, and court testifying. The forensic technician, who is generally paired with the canine handler at the crime scene, does the evidence collection. The canine team is always working under the command of the requesting agency. The team can search for a residual scent, buried bodies, and body parts. All team members going to crime scenes are expected to provide their hair sample, shoe print, and fingerprint, for evidence elimination purposes, (if requested by the forensic science laboratory). In some incidents, a hair sample from search dogs may also be requested by the laboratory.[3,6]

#### **IV CANINE TRAINING:**

The use of canine unit is an important tool for the investigators to search at the crime scene. The dogs are trained to be alert to the odors of chemicals like narcotics, explosives, explosive residues, fire debris for accelerants, and firearms ammunitions. The dogs are trained with spiked paper containing known amounts of controlled drugs, explosives and petroleum products. They are used to search commercial buildings, schools, warehouses, residence, open areas, vehicles, airports, and aircraft.

In 1989, ATF began training accelerant detection canines for state and local police and fire departments. In 1996, it initiated a memorandum of agreement with the US Custom Service to share their training facility to both Canine Accelerant Detection Program and Canine Explosive Detection Program at the US Custom Canine Enforcement Training Center in Front Royal, Virginia. In 1998, it began training explosives detection canines for state, local, and other Federal agencies.[1]

In Lender, Texas, Canine Academy, a private organization is providing canine training for dogs and their handlers to a number of private and government agencies.

#### **V ARSON AND THE USE OF CANINE UNITS:**

In 1986, the Connecticut State Police and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms were first to use dogs for detection of accelerants in the investigation of fires. The International Association of Arson Investigators Forensic Science Committee endorsed the use of accelerant detection canines for the purpose of investigations of fires and particularly the collection of samples for laboratory analysis. The committee agrees that samples collected by a properly trained and maintained canine have a high probability of being

confirmed as positive for ignitable liquids. The committee recognizes that it is the responsibility of the handler in concert with the Forensic Science Laboratory to document the training and performance of the canine. Following are the committee's few recommendations for the use of canine units in the investigation of fires[8]:

- (a) Forensic Science Laboratories conducting fire debris analyses keep records of samples submitted by the use of canine units.
- (b) Canine units should be certified by an independent agency.
- (c) Canine units continually undergo additional training thus to enhance canine's proficiency.
- (d) Chemists and dog handlers should conduct and publish research so as to establish the efficacy of canine ignitable liquid detection.

Insurance companies are also supporting an effort to use canine units by the fire investigators.[11] In England, canine units were helpful to reduce the number of fires started deliberately by juveniles.[10]

## **VI CONCLUSION:**

Forensic Science Canine units are playing an important role in today's society to solve crimes. These dogs are used for detection of drugs, arson, explosives, and corpse location. Their sniffing ability is helping law enforcement agencies to search a large target area in a shorter period of time. Canine units are commonly searching numerous areas like crime scenes, schools, buildings, vehicles, and aircraft. However, the laws for canine search provided in our legal system must be understood before the dogs are used.

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## **FALSE ALLEGATIONS**

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation (Ret)**

During my last 15 years or so in the FBI, I was a Profiling Coordinator. The job essentially consisted of being a middle man between detectives and police officers in New Jersey and the profilers at the Behavioral Science Unit in Quantico. This job provided me with the opportunity to meet some great people, receive fascinating training at Quantico and become involved in some interesting cases.

The purpose of the Behavioral Science Unit was to study and analyze past crimes and criminals in an attempt to solve current cases by predicting what type of individual was most likely to commit the crime. It was also useful in eliminating suspects. The process was very successful in a number of cases. Of course, the process had its detractors also. One of my former associates, Ron O'Lender, referred to it as SWAG (Scientific Wild Ass Guess!).

The key to the profiling or Criminal Investigative Analysis process was an analysis of the crime scene. Even seemingly small things like dumping over a flower pot could be significant. Detailed crime scene photos were essential to forming an opinion as to who committed the crime. It was also very important to determine what changes were made to the scene by the responding officers or EMT's.

Eventually, an interesting spin-off to the profiling process was developed. It consisted of false allegations. These crimes consisted of cases where an individual stages a crime scene to appear to be something that it wasn't. Two of the most common types were murders of women by spouses or boyfriends which were staged to appear as rape murders and sexual assaults but were really staged by the victim in a search for attention or due to mental problems. Fortunately for us, most husbands really don't know how a rapist thinks and acts and therefore are not able to stage a believable crime scene. I have seen cases where women mutilated themselves in an effort to stage a sexual assault case. The key to recognizing these staged scenes is a top flight crime scene investigation.

The incident that brought me to write this article is a sad case which recently occurred nearby, in Carbondale, PA. A young patrolman, 22 years of age and a former marine, reported that while on routine patrol at 3:00 a.m., a red car sped past the location where he was parked. He pursued the vehicle and pulled it over. It was a red Chevy with no rear tag. As he walked up to the vehicle, a white male with long hair fired two shots at him. One 22 cal. round struck him right in the middle of the chest. Fortunately, he was wearing a vest. The State Police were called in to help search for the shooter and handle the investigation. Police shootings are rare in this area and a massive search was begun by every

law enforcement agency in the area in an attempt to locate the car and shooter.

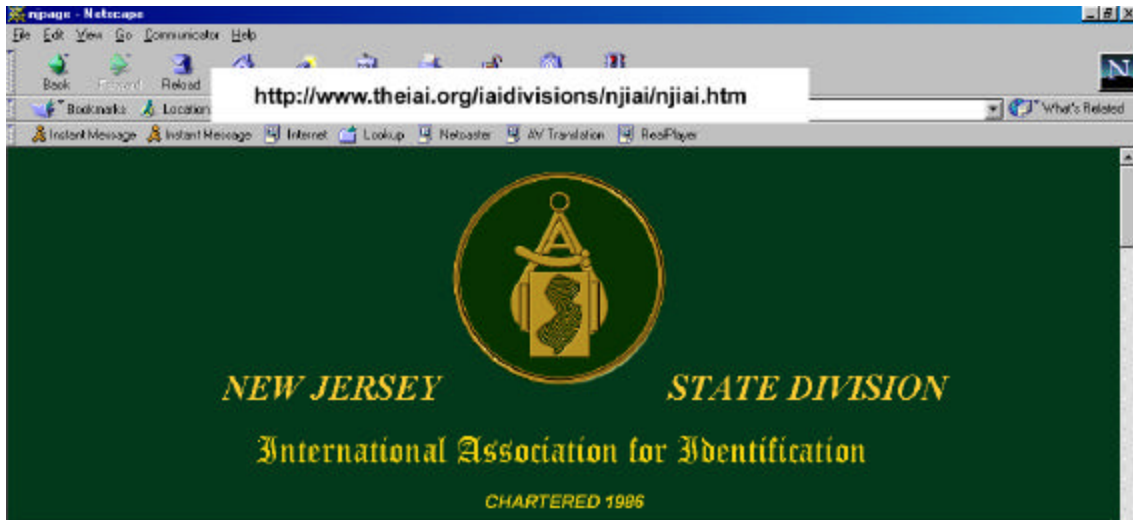
As you have probably guessed, there is no happy ending to this story. A week after the incident the Pennsylvania State Police announced the arrest of the shooter, the 22 year old patrolman. The key to solving the case was the crime scene investigator. The scene of the shooting was too close to the spot where the patrolman had been sitting for him to have chased the car and pulled it over. The 22 cal. spent casings were not where they should have been. The patrolman's clothes and shoes showed no sign of him diving to the ground after being shot. He was called in and questioned. He confessed that he had shot his uniform shirt and vest the previous day at his home. He stated that he was distraught over a breakup with his girlfriend and staged this incident to win her sympathy in an attempt to get her to take him back. He is now facing criminal charges and his reputation is tarnished forever.

These are very difficult cases to handle. The last thing you want to do is make a mistake and accuse a victim who is suffering the trauma of being a crime victim with lying unless you are absolutely sure. A completed crime scene investigation is essential in solving these cases. I was able to impress my neighbors by predicting that the young man may have shot himself. There was a very similar case years ago in Bergen County, N.J. and I think you may recall the time one of our County Prosecutors shot up his car with an assault rifle.

Remember "Assume nothing; suspect everyone!"

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Members of the NJ Division congratulate newly elected IAI President Bob Sanders. L to R (front) Merrill Brant, Bob Sanders, Joe Taussi, Carmine Artone, John Mehic (back) Bob Garrett, Curtis Shane, Herb Pendleton, Steve Nash and John Mastalski.

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10:50-11:00 - Break  
11:00-12:45 - Det. Michael Aaron - Reflective Ultraviolet Photography and Pattern injury  
12:45-1:45 - Lunch - Savannah Key  
1:45-3:00 - Agent Patrick Davis, US Secret Service  
Development of Latent Prints  
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