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A Letter from our National Director

Dear Members,

The struggle to defend the 6th Amendment and the right to a fair trial continues and you are the proverbial warriors in the trenches and on the front lines. The right to due process is under attack from across the spectrum as political and cultural forces fight to replace the pursuit of truth with manipulation and advocacy. Collectively, we recognize the need or dare I say demand for an impartial and objective investigation in support of due process. Not all are in agreement. Many remain willing to pursue a "win at all costs" philosophy, including the surrender of their own integrity and that of their investigation and the justice system. The CDITC Board Certified Criminal Defense Investigator (CCDI) remains steadfast in their commitment to set the example and pursue the highest level of investigative standards possible. Our culture continues to move away from the honest pursuit of the truth in favor of facts that support a specific narrative that was written to promote a subjective agenda. We must continue to resist and dismiss such unprofessional and unethical behavior. The investigator is and must remain an "Impartial & Objective Advocate of the Truth". The defense of the 6th Amendment demands no less.

Brandon A. Perron, CCDI, CFI-FTER
CDITC NATIONAL DIRECTOR

“A Plague that Infects the Investigation Process”

By Brandon A. Perron, CCDI, CFI-FTER

Confirmation bias is the tendency to search for, interpret, favor, and recall information in a way that confirms one's preexisting beliefs or hypotheses. It is and has infected the investigative process in a variety of applications. The infection can be found in government and private sector investigation as well as research. It would appear to be a symptom of the human condition. Fundamentally, all investigation and research should be impartial and objective, with a focus upon uncovering the facts and evidence that will lead to the truth of a matter. Government sanctioned investigations often fall victim to confirmation bias based upon the defined nature of the stated objective. If the mission is to uncover evidence of "wrong doing" and support a specific hypothesis, the investigation will focus upon developing or possibly creating evidence to support "wrong doing". The problem with such an approach is the narrow focus creates a narrow perspective that may only look for evidence to support wrong doing and dismiss exculpatory evidence. Unfortunately, the media also appears to have chosen the dark path of fact manipulation and subjective interpretation. The hard core investigative reporting of the past has been replaced by sensationalized entertainment and opinion driven news reporting. A simple test can be applied to determine the possibility of confirmation bias. Analysis can be used to identify the failure to pursue or develop evidence that contradicts or dismisses "wrong doing". Analysis of investigative results may reveal that such contradictory evidence is ignored and/or summarily dismissed, if pursued at all. An impartial and objective investigation should have one objective and that is to pursue the truth of a stated matter, question, or allegation. A successful investigation should focus upon both supporting and/or dismissing a theory. If it fails to pursue a track that equally promotes the development of proving or disproving a theory, it is flawed at the core. Before considering the results of any given investigation, one should identify and clarify the objective and mission statement of the investigation. Confirmation bias may plague the effort if the stated objective does not provide for supporting and/or dismissing an allegation.

***Articles Wanted! Please submit articles for consideration to be featured in our next newsletter. Email your articles to Alyssa at AlyssaPerron.CDITC@gmail.com*

2017 In Review

January

CALI-CDITC National Criminal Defense Investigation Academy 5 Day- San Jose, California

CALI / CDITC National Criminal Defense Investigation Academy, Certification Course - Criminal Defense Investigation: The Component Method & Case Management, Forensic Science Applications, and Capital Case Mitigation, Scenario Based Team Oriented Training, held at the Dolce Hayes Mansion - Instructors consisted of CDITC & CALI Cadre.



February

**USMC-CDITC Component Method of Investigation Program
2 Day - San Diego, California**

United States Marine Corps, DSO Defense Counsel Assistance Program. One day - Criminal Defense Investigation - The Component Method. One Day Sex Crimes Investigation for the Defense. Worldwide participants.

Join the nation's top criminal defense investigators, seek qualified training, and earn your certifications as a recognized professional!



April

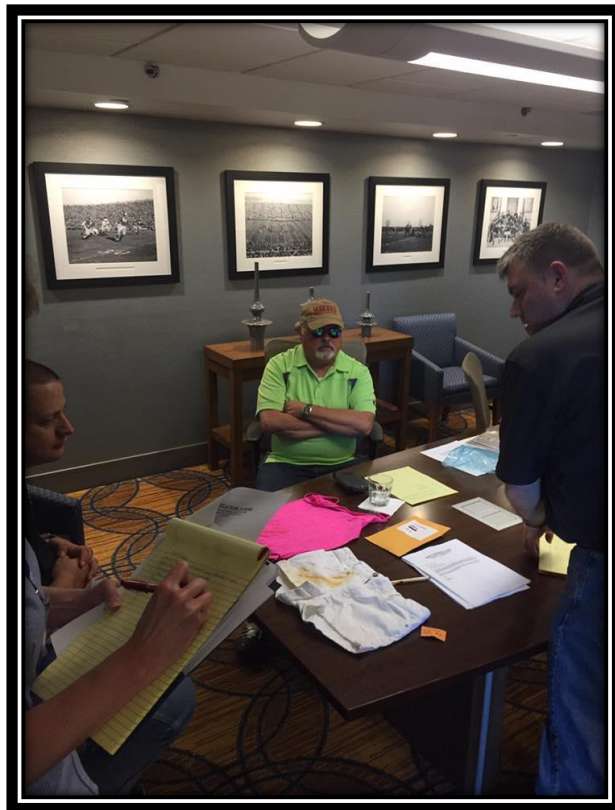
NDIA-National Defender Investigator Association National Conference ½ Day- Fort Lauderdale, Florida

CDITC Forensic Instructor Brad Perron, CCDI, CFSI, provided a 1/2 day program covering Blood Detection and Bloodstain Interpretation as part of the NDIA National Conference.

May

INSpi- Midwest Component Method Criminal Defense Investigation Training 3 Day- South Bend, Indiana

The CDITC in partnership with the Indiana Society of Professional Investigators hosted the Component Method of Criminal Defense Investigation & Case Management Certification Course. The Six Components of Criminal Defense Investigation also included a scenario based team oriented training module.



“Better that ten
guilty escape,
than one
innocent suffer.”
– Sir William
Blackstone

July

FPDA-Florida Forensic Interviewing –FTER Method Advanced Certification Program 2 Day-Bonita Springs, Florida

The CDITC in partnership with the Florida Public Defender Investigator Association provided the CDITC a 16 hour Advanced Forensic Interviewing Certification course to participating Florida Public Defender Investigators.

The focus of this course was to introduce and certify the participants in FTER – Forensic Testimonial Evidence Recovery concepts and techniques. This course focused upon criminal defense investigation and builded upon the concepts of forensic investigative interviewing. Exercises and practicums were employed to enhance the training experience.

August

Arkansas Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and Arkansas Public Defender Commission 4 Day Academy Program- Little Rock, Arkansas

The CDITC in partnership with the Arkansas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association and Arkansas Public Defender Commission hosted the CDITC Component Method of Criminal Defense Investigation Certification Training, Forensic Interviewing Certification course, and Capital Case - Mitigation Training.



October

Rocky Mountains - Colorado Forensic Interviewing - FTER Method Certification Program, PPIAC - Professional Private Investigators Association of Colorado 1 Day- Centennial, Colorado

The CDITC in partnership with the Professional Private Investigators Association of Colorado hosted the CDITC 8 hour Forensic Interviewing Certification course. The focus of this course was to introduce and certify the participants in FTER – Forensic Testimonial Evidence Recovery concepts and techniques. This course focused upon criminal defense investigation and builds upon the concepts of forensic investigative interviewing.

2017 Investigator/Philosopher Award Winner: *Dean Beers*

Mr. Dean Beers was awarded the 2017 Investigator/ Philosopher Award at our Forensic Interviewing Certification course in Centennial, Colorado.

This Award is presented to those few who have elevated the discipline of criminal investigation. They have led by example and assumed the highest level of expertise. Their leadership includes that of director, instructor, author, and mentor to many. Thank you for all that you do to promote the highest level of investigation in defense of the U.S. Constitution and the right to a fair trial!



We must
balance the
scales of
justice as
“Impartial &
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November

**Committee for Public Counsel Services - Massachusetts Public Defender -
Forensic Interviewing for the Criminal Defense Investigator
1 Day- Worcester, Massachusetts**

**Florida Public Defender Association -Winter Training
2 Day- Fort Lauderdale, Florida**

Two Track Investigator Training
Program Director/Lead Instructor Brandon A. Perron, CCDI

This course is focused upon criminal defense investigation and builds upon the concepts of forensic interviewing.

2017 Certified CCDI's

We had a total of 24 newly certified CCDI's in 2017! We are honored to have you. Congratulations!

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2018 Criminal Defense Investigation Academy



Beachside Learning

You do not want to miss this year's comprehensive 5 day, 40-hour Criminal Defense Investigation Academy! It will be held June 11th-15th, at the Marriott Courtyard on the Beach, Jensen Beach, Hutchinson Island, Florida.

The program will involve participant investigative teams with designated team leaders and faculty advisors to facilitate and lead follow-up discussions. Academy Instructors will provide lecture and media based training in general sessions and lead breakout teams in hands-on training.

Training will be offered to satisfy the Academic Requirements of the Board Certified Criminal Defense Investigator (CCDI) and Certified Forensic Interviewer - Forensic Testimonial Evidence Recovery (CFI-FTER) designations.

5 DAY/40 HOUR PROGRAM \$ 995.00

Register before May 11, 2018 for Discounted Fee!

SPECIAL DISCOUNTED FEE: \$ 795.00

Please visit our website to register.

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