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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

I can hardly believe how quickly this year has passed. It's almost 2026, and it feels like we just got into 2025! I hope each of you has a wonderful holiday season and is ready to greet 2026 with open arms. This year has had its share of ups and downs. We had a very successful conference in Greer, and now we are actively planning the 2026 joint conference. I expect a big turnout. If you plan to attend, please make your hotel reservations as soon as possible to receive the discount and submit your conference application early.



I am excited to announce that the book I have been working on was published at the beginning of September. If you are interested in purchasing one, it is available on both the Amazon and Barnes & Noble websites. You can see what it's all about on www.resilientfirstresponder.com.

The board has been meeting regularly to discuss training opportunities and an upcoming survey to gather information that can be stored in a database, enabling all agencies to work cooperatively together. I encourage all agencies to respond to the survey so we can establish a comprehensive database to use. The survey will include information on the training provided and the types of equipment the departments have, as well as details on who is available to assist neighboring agencies with emergencies when needed. All of this information is very important and much needed to successfully complete complicated or high-profile scenes.

The board is hard at work providing free training to members and those in various South Carolina agencies. I know we have not been able to coordinate classes due to the conflicting schedules of instructors and locations, but we are working hard to get 2026 off to a good start with free training. If you are an instructor and would like to offer your skills, please reach out to an office holder or board member with your information. We are also interested in any agency that would be willing to host a class for a day or half a day, so we can make sure the entire state is covered with free training.

Thank you all for your service to the public. Our efforts sometimes go unnoticed, but everyone deserves to be recognized for the hard work that is put in to serving the public and getting through this career healthy and happy.

May God bless us all, and I pray that 2026 is a safe year for all!

Your President, Teresa Bryant

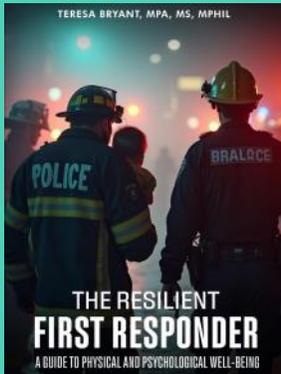
SCIAI Officer Meeting Recaps

On 09/11/25, President Teresa Bryant, Vice President George Potash, and Treasurer James Kearney virtually met through a Zoom meeting during this time. Teresa and George discussed the status of the survey to move ahead with future state wide distribution. Meeting with the state wide Sheriff's Association and Chief's Association to present the completed survey and to establish future training was discussed. Future training opportunities planned to be hosted by the SCIAI were discussed. Multiple venues in a central state location were determined. Stay tuned for when dates are set in stone. It is the goal to establish a Crime Scene focused and/or a Latent Print focused class to be hosted by the end of the year. Meetings for the Joint Conference for 2026 are to be held after October. Visiting college campuses for potential future student members/ future potential employees were also discussed.

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On 11/18/25, President Teresa Bryant, Vice President George Potash, and Historian Brittany Brown virtually met through a Zoom meeting during this time. Teresa and George discussed the final stages of the survey for state wide distribution. A full day of hybrid training for judges/prosecutors was discussed for the potential date of February 5th which would feature information specifically geared towards major cases with a domestic violence aspect, be on the lookout for more information! It is the plan to include topics that will cover court rules, expert witness processes, and forensic evidence handling, with a specific session on digital forensics. An additional training was discussed about an OSHA/DHEC orientated training focusing on regulations for forensics lab and HAZMAT standards. Additional free training opportunities provided by the SCIAI (latent print and/or crime scene) was also discussed to be scheduled for the beginning months of 2026. A meeting between the NC/TN/GA/SC joint conference is in the works for the upcoming weeks.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



**Help us congratulate our
President, Teresa Bryant, on
publishing her first book!
Congratulations Teresa!**



ABOUT THE BOOK

“The Resilient First Responder: A Guide to Physical and Psychological Well-Being” is a helpful book for people working high-stress jobs like police officers, firefighters, EMTs, and civilian support personnel. Teresa Bryant, who has nearly 40 years of experience in law enforcement, shares valuable advice to help improve both physical and mental strength. This book discusses the specific challenges that first responders face every day, such as dealing with trauma, making tough decisions, and handling the emotional burden of their jobs. Bryant emphasizes that mental health is just as important as physical health and that true resilience means looking after both.

Each chapter is packed with practical tips that can be used right away. For example, Bryant shares techniques for managing stress, like mindfulness exercises and breathing techniques. She also points out the importance of regular health check-ups and healthy lifestyle choices to avoid long-term health issues.

Nutrition is another focus of the book, advising food choices that energize the body and mind for peak performance. Readers will learn how to eat healthier, even with the busy routines of first responders, and understand how good nutrition is linked to better mental clarity.

Additionally, this read encourages a sense of community. It promotes open conversations about mental health and the value of peer support. Bryant offers insights on creating a supportive work environment where individuals feel comfortable sharing their challenges and asking for help.

With real-life examples and relatable stories, Bryant’s writing connects deeply with her readers. She mixes her professional knowledge with personal stories, making the book a guide and a source of motivation. Readers will feel reassured knowing they are not alone in their struggles and that resilience can be built through practical actions.

This book is an excellent resource for **first responders and civilian support personnel** at any point in their careers. It gives them the knowledge and tools to succeed in their demanding roles while also caring for themselves.

[Click here for the website and purchasing information](#)



International Association for Identification

An SCIAI member contacted the Editor requesting to create a resource for fellow members to establish a directory of the disciplines represented throughout the division. We would like to provide this resource for members that want to reach out to each other for tips, advice, questions, and/or assistance with professional goals and certification experiences.

Please let us know if you have recently obtained an IAI Certification or recertification and are willing to provide your contact information in the newsletter.

****We encourage all members to participate in the poll below even if you have not personally taken an IAI Certification test.****

[Click here to participate in the poll](#)

SCIAI ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ALL MEMBERS** are encouraged to review the SCIAI constitution and by-laws posted on the website located under the News tab.
- Renewal for memberships must be submitted by **Wednesday July 1st 2026** for the upcoming years' membership.
- Submissions for case study features and Member Spotlights are open. We want to highlight our members and interesting or unique cases that you have personally been involved with. If you would like to see yourself, a coworker, or one of your cases featured, please contact the Editor at bribrown@greenvillecounty.org
- Have a topic you would like to see covered or have an article you would like to submit for future issues of *The Identifier*? Submit your proposals to the Editor at bribrown@greenvillecounty.org — guest authors are welcome!
- If you've taken a newsletter appropriate forensic related photograph that you would like to see featured in an upcoming issue of The Identifier — Please contact the Editor at bribrown@greenvillecounty.org!

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MEET THE OFFICERS

- **President—Teresa Bryant**
- **Vice President—George Potash**
- **Treasurer—James Kearney**
- **Secretary—Chris Gary**
- **Historian—Brittany Brown**



SCCJA Advanced Forensic Training Opportunities

For additional class information: [click here to visit SCCJA 2025-2026 Course Catalog](#)

During multiple SCIAI officer meetings, the topic of spreading awareness of accessible forensic training to agencies within the state of South Carolina has been brought up. The SCCJA offers the below advanced forensic related courses throughout the upcoming 2025-2026 year. This list has been added to the newsletter for member convenience in hope to spread more awareness of these training opportunities for agencies. Please refer to the SCCJA Course Catalog for information about class credits, prices, and further information. All classes are offered at SCCJA. Class 1 and Class 3 should contact their training officer to sign up through the ACADIS portal. Civilians are also welcome to audit the classes, but will need to contact Missy Collins (803) 896-9912 for registration and payment.

2025

Dec 11: Advance Crime Scene for Patrol

2026

Feb 19: Advanced Crime Scene for Patrol

Feb 26: Basic Detective

Mar 4: Latent Print Techniques

Mar 12: Footwear/Tire

Mar 23-26: Crime Scene for Investigators

Apr 1: Latent Print Techniques

Apr 9: Advanced Crime Scene for Patrol

Apr 16: Basic Detective

Apr 20-23: Fingerprint Recognition and Comparison

May 13: Footwear/Tire

May 15: Latent Print Techniques

May 21: Basic Detective

June 1-4: Crime Scene for Investigators

June 11: Advanced Crime Scene for Patrol

June 17: Latent Print Techniques

June 25: Basic Detective

Quarterly Book Review

Stay tuned for reviews of Forensic related books in upcoming issues of The Identifier!
If you have a book that you would like featured, please contact the editor!

Book Title: Darkly Dreaming Dexter

Author: Jeff Lindsay

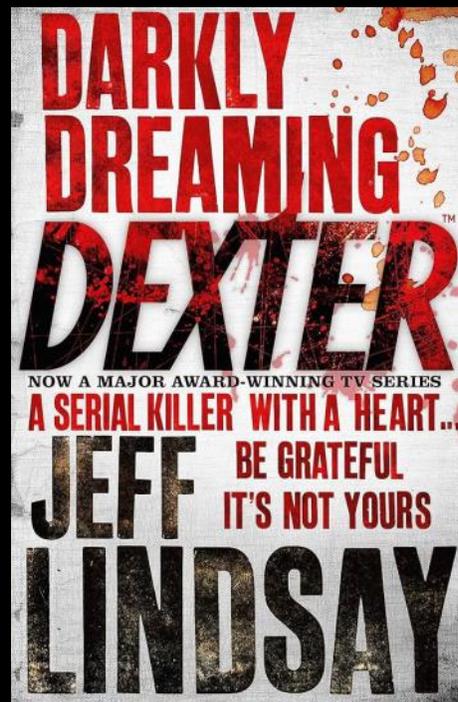
Genre: Thriller/Mystery

Published: May 5, 2004

Pages: 288

Reviewed By: B. Brown/Greenville County Forensics

Review: This book follows Dexter Morgan, a serial killer, whose day job is a Blood Spatter Analyst for Miami Metro Homicide. In total, there are 8 books in the series, *Darkly Dreaming Dexter* being the first. With the new *Dexter: Resurrection* reboot series fresh on the watch list, I decided to read the books the *Dexter* series was initially based on. This book was an easy read that followed very closely to the first season of the *Dexter* TV show adaptation. It was a page turner that took me two days to finish. I would recommend this book and it's sequels if you are a fan of the *Dexter* series, as they begin to vary from the TV show adaptation greatly.



Fun in Forensics

Frequently in the field of Forensics, we, as a whole, deal with a variety of difficult and demanding scenes, tough scenarios, and are often placed in stressful situations. This panel is designed for you to have the opportunity take a quick mental break, refresh your mind, and also to have a little fun. 😊

Fallen phrase puzzle

Try to rebuild the message. The letters from each cell are below the puzzle. Try to rebuild the original message by choosing the correct letters for each cell.

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V L T R
 L A A P C U R Y O U B
 L O C U E P O O I M E P L A N S



Ways to Beat the Rap

Unscramble each word or phrase below to reveal a word or phrase related to avoiding or evading a murder charge.

I BAIL (1 word)

WARTY EAGLE (3 words)

FEARSOME OMEN (2 words)

OH THEY BIDED (3 words)

FLEECE HUNT TORY (3 words)

NEATEST WHOOPS (3 words)

LA GEL CYNICAL TITHE (2 words)

ANEMIA HUTS (3 words)

Answers from the Forensic Science Week Trivia

1. B, 2. A, 3. C, 4. B, 5. C, 6. A, 7. D, 8. A, 9. C, 10. A

UPCOMING TRAINING/EVENTS

2025-2026 SCCJA Advanced Forensic Training Opportunities (see page 10)

Feb 2-6 2026, [Fingerprint Evidence Processing, Collection & Photography](#)

\$736—TriTech Forensics, 40 hours, Charleston County Sheriff's Office, North Charleston, SC

October 2026, SCIAI Joint Conference—Cherokee, NC

If you have upcoming training that you would like advertised in the newsletter, contact the Editor with course information and details!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Greenville County: [Criminalist \(Firearms Examiner\)](#)

Charleston County: [Forensic Pathologist](#)

University of Southern Mississippi: [Assistant Teaching Professor or Instructor of Forensic Science](#)



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