

Practical Homicide Investigation: Tactics, Procedures, and Forensic Techniques, Third Edition

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Learn the techniques and procedures to catch killers in Practical Homicide Investigation, the trusted "bible" used by thousands of law enforcement professionals across the country and around the world. Now the new Third Edition includes even more information - more photographs, more illustrations, more checklists, more case studies, and more protocols - than ever before.

75% OF THE MATERIAL IS REVISED AND EXPANDED!

Virtually all of the chapters from the second edition have been updated in the new Third Edition. The chapters on sex-related homicide investigation and criminal profiling have been greatly expanded, enabling the investigator to recognize the different classifications of sex-related death to make an early assessment of possible suspects. New chapters deal with sensitive psychological issues such as death notification of the surviving families of homicide victims and the dynamics of suicide. Scientific advances in areas such as DNA technology are addressed. For the benefit of police administrators, the chapter on management has been restructured to provide guidance on the makeup and mission of the homicide investigative unit. This chapter also includes a section on putting together an Apprehension Team for arresting homicide fugitives.

480 PHOTOGRAPHS AND ILLUSTRATIONS, 24 FULL-COLOR INSERTS, AND 90 CASE STUDIES!

The book includes numerous photographs, illustrations, and case studies depicting exactly what to look for and how to interpret a crime scene. New photographs of wound structure and injury aid the investigator in properly assessing the mode of death. The 24 color photographs graphically illustrate morphologic changes in the decomposing human body, and include examples of defense wounds, insect infestation, lividity, and wound structure. "Before and after" photographs of crime scenes treated with Luminol and victims treated with Toluidine blue illustrate the use of these chemicals in making invisible evidence visible to the naked eye.

INCLUDES ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW TO CONDUCT A THOROUGH HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION

In the tradition of the best-selling previous editions, the Third Edition continues to be the encyclopedic source book on homicide investigation. It combines a straightforward presentation of detailed techniques with factual, instructive case studies. It stresses the basics, indicates the practicalities of certain investigative techniques, and provides patterns upon which to build a solid foundation for a prosecutable case. Practical Homicide Investigation, Third Edition is the indispensable guide for students of criminalistics, as well as for professionals involved in homicide investigation. No investigator should be without this veritable encyclopedia of homicide investigation.

NEW TO THE THIRD EDITION:

>> 174 new photographs and line drawings

>> Four completely new chapters: death notification, suicide investigation, homosexual homicide investigation, and narcotics-related homicide investigation

>> Updated section on DNA technology

>> 50 new case studies

Geberth; Vernon J. Practical Homicide Investigation Inc, New York, USA, "[A] must-have if you frequently deal with criminal defense work, an excellent primer on homicide investigation . Geberth, a retired Lt. Commander of the New York City Police Department, has produced what may be the finest, most detailed guide for homicide investigators ever written, and almost every chapter has been updated for this new edition to reflect the ever-changing technology ." - PI Magazine, Sept./Oct. 2004 "[T]he result of [the author's] endeavors is a book which is in the first place, so easy to read, but secondly so cleverly constructed as to both inform the reader but also to be so available as a reference manual. I found it extremely readable [T]he information conveyed is very explicit. The themes are well illustrated either by case reports or by photographic images and these aides are clearly presented without distracting from the impact of the text. I feel that it is a very valuable addition to any library interested in assisting in Forensic Medicine, no matter in which discipline. I would commend it as a very readable, well set out volume which I am sure would prove its use in many instances." - Dr. William P. Ryan, O.A.M. Quotes to use as needed: "Using his personal experience and a network of professionals, Geberth has compiled, in one resource, a book that covers every imaginable aspect of homicide investigation, offering guidance for most circumstances encountered during investigations. ... This is an excellent and relevant text that far surpasses anything available to the profession today." -Robert C. Shaler, Ph.D., Department of Health, Office of Chief Medical Examiner, City of New York "Vern Geberth doesn't tell you about a homicide scene. He puts you in the middle of it. You see it. You feel it. You smell it. You hear it. You live it. His third edition is the best yet." -Larry Welch, Director, Kansas Bureau of Investigation "As a practitioner myself, I highly recommend the book to all law enforcement personnel who are involved in the investigation of homicides." -Edward J. McNelley, Captain Detective, Boston Police Department "This third edition... is the classic from which all other books on this topic will be rated. Simply put, this book provides the information today's investigators need. No other book comes close." -Bruce Cameron, Editorial Director, Law and Order "This is an incredible piece of work written in practical terms... This truly is the ultimate resource for death scene investigation!" -Richard Holden, Training Officer, Brooklyn Park Police "Geberth has succeeded in accomplishing the gargantuan task of revising this book, which is extensive in its scope and breadth, covering practically every circumstance and providing valuable pearls throughout." -Frederick T. Zugibe, M.D., Ph.D., Chief Medical Examiner, Rockland County, New York "The most comprehensive publication ever written on homicide investigation." -Captain Thomas Nye, Warwick Police Department, Rhode Island, and Executive Director, Northeast Law Enforcement Officers Association "I believe that the extent of Geberth's knowledge of all aspects of homicide investigations is unmatched anywhere in the world, and this third edition is testimony to this knowledge." -Captain Thomas J. Cronin, Chicago Police Department "The combination of [Practical Homicide Investigation, Third Edition] and the new Practical Homicide Investigation Checklist and Field

Guide makes this the most complete manual on homicide investigations in the country. It should not only be mandatory reading for new investigators, but it is a great reference manual for even the most seasoned homicide investigator. This is a must for every investigator and belongs in every homicide office." - Jerry Keller, Sheriff, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department "As a Deputy Chief with forty years' experience, I am convinced that this book is an absolute must-read for all homicide investigators. It should also be studied by all law enforcement professionals who want a clear, concise, detailed guide to the investigation of homicides." Lt. Colonel James J. Hackett, Deputy Chief of Police, City of St. Louis, Missouri "Homicide investigation is a profound duty. As an officer entrusted with such a duty, it is incumbent upon you to develop an understanding of the dynamics and principles of professional homicide investigation." From The Oath of Practical Homicide Investigation in the Third Edition of Vernon Geberth's best-selling book, Practical Homicide Investigation: Tactics, Procedures, and Forensic Techniques.

Other Books

Interpretation of Bloodstain Evidence at Crime Scenes, Second Edition, As witnessed in landmark criminal cases, the quality and integrity of bloodstain evidence can be a crucial factor in determining a verdict. Since the first edition of Interpretation of Bloodstain Evidence at Crime Scenes was published nearly a decade ago, bloodstain pattern interpretation has continued to grow as a branch of forensic science. Revised and updated to reflect new technology and developments in the field, the second edition is packed with new information and illustrations-including 421 photographs and diagrams of improved quality that will aid in interpretation of evidence. Expanding on a single chapter presented in the bestselling first edition, the second edition details, in four chapters, an introduction to bloodstain interpretation; low-velocity impact and angular considerations; medium and high-velocity impact; and the significance of partially dried, clotted, aged, and physically altered bloodstains in four new chapters. A full chapter on the detection of blood with luminol, featuring high-quality, full-color photographs of luminol reactions, has been added. This new edition also includes 12 new case studies in addition to 8 original case studies from the first edition that have been retained for their interpretative value. Everyone involved in crime scene evaluation and interpretation-law enforcement officers, criminologists, medical examiners, forensic pathologists, medicolegal personnel, and prosecutors and defense attorneys-will benefit from the improved and expanded second edition of this definitive reference.

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