



# Virginia Homicide Investigators Association 2026 Annual Training Conference

Virginia Beach, Virginia

September 28th - October 2nd, 2026

## Feature Topics

- Capital Murder Case - Ronald Hamilton
- Prosecutorial Strategy: Working with the Prosecutor, Obtaining and Entering Evidence, Witness Preparation, and Testimony
- Mock Trial: Commonwealth of Virginia vs Ronald Hamilton
- False Confessions and How To Avoid Them
- Violent Criminal Apprehension (ViCAP) Program, FBI BAU
- Case Study: Never Say Quit, Advancements in DNA Analysis  
*DET. Mark Belew, Albemarle County VA PD*  
*DET. Andrew Holmes, Albemarle County VA PD*
- Case Study: Michael Brown  
*LT. Holly Willoughby, Franklin County VA Sheriff's Office*  
*INV. Steve McFarling, Franklin County VA Sheriff's Office*
- George Mason University Forensic Science Program & Body Farm
- Unusual Artifacts of Injury in Death Investigations
- Case Study: Watts Family Murder, Colorado  
*SSA Tammy Lee, Colorado Bureau of Investigations*  
*SA Grahm Coder, Federal Bureau of Investigations*
- Case Study: Murder for Hire Double Cross Fairfax Au Pair Case  
*DET. Tommy Gadell (Retired), Fairfax County VA PD*  
*DET Leah Smith, Fairfax County VA PD*

## Information

The Virginia Homicide Investigator's Association(VHIA) is excited to announce its 2026 Training Conference with this year's training topics and presenters

**The Founder Inn and Spa**  
**5641 Indian River Road**  
**Virginia Beach, Virginia 23464**  
**757-366-5700**

**Registration is Open**

Conference registration fee  
\$495 for non-members and \$470 for members

## Contact VHIA

Please visit the VHIA website at the below link for additional hotel, registration and conference information: <http://vhia.us>

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