

# **Southern Oregon Major Crimes Conference**



**September 17th & 18th, 2009**

**Red Lion Hotel**

**Medford, Oregon**

# The Robert Acremant Murder Investigation

**Presenters:**

**Deputy Chief Tim George & Lt. Tim Doney, Medford Police Dept.**



On Dec. 4 1995, Roxanne Ellis went to an appointment with 27-year-old Robert Acremant to show him a rental house. Michelle Abdill left her office at 5:00 p.m. saying that she was leaving to help Ellis jump start her car after receiving a call that the car would not start. Ellis and Abdill were not seen again until their bodies were discovered four days later in the back of Ellis' pickup truck by a cable TV worker who reported the vehicle to police. The women were bound and gagged. Both had been shot in the head. Follow the case through the investigation, trial and ultimately conviction. Robert Acremant was also convicted of an additional murder in California and is presently on death row in two states.

## Amber Hagerman Case Investigation

**Presenter:**

**Sgt. Mark Simpson (Ret.)**



On January 13, 1996, 9-year-old Amber Hagerman was riding her bicycle in Arlington, Texas, when a neighbor heard her scream. The neighbor saw a man pull Amber off her bike, throw her into the front seat of his pickup truck, and drive away at a high rate of speed. The neighbor called police and provided a description of the suspect and his vehicle. Arlington Police and the FBI interviewed other neighbors and searched for the suspect and vehicle. Local radio and television stations covered the story in their regular newscasts. Four days later Amber's body was found in a drainage ditch four miles away. Her kidnapping and murder still remain unsolved.

***This 4 hour block of instruction will detail two case studies in which children under the age of twelve were abducted by strangers and subsequently murdered within a 3 year period in relatively close geographic proximity to one another. The studies will discuss the investigative processes and the strategies and techniques that drove the investigations. Issues such as initial response, case management, extended investigative concerns, task force considerations, and outside influences that impacted the investigations will be discussed.***

## Cold Case Homicide Investigation

**Presenter:**

**Investigator Brian Killacky, Cook County (IL) States Attorney's Office**

*For more than a decade, Brian has been assigned to investigate Cold Case homicide-related investigations. He is an investigator for the Cook County States Attorney's Cold Murder Unit. This unit has investigated serial, spree and mass murder, child fatalities and missing person homicides, gang related, domestic, sex related and organized crime homicides. Previously as a Detective for the Chicago Police Department, Brian was assigned to investigate Sexual Exploitation of Children for ten years and violent crimes and homicide for 8 Years.*



**All proceeds to benefit the Jackson County Children's Advocacy Center**

## Day 1

**Thursday~ September 17, 2009**

- 0800-0845 Registration
- 0845-0900 Opening Remarks/Color Guard
- 0900-1200 **The Robert Acremant Murder Investigation**  
*D.C. Tim George & Lt. Tim Doney, MPD*
- 1200-1300 Lunch-provided
- 1300-1700 **The Amber Hagerman Case Investigation**  
*Sgt. Mark Simpson (Ret.)*
- 1800-2100 Networking (Red Rock Restaurant)

## Day 2

**Friday ~September 18, 2009**

- 0700-0800 Continental Breakfast-provided
- 0800-1200 **Cold Case Homicide Presentation**  
*Brian Killacky, Cook County State Attorney's Office*
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- The First Annual Southern Oregon Major Crimes Conference was created in collaboration with several southern Oregon law enforcement agencies (Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Medford Police Dept., Central Point Police Dept. & Oregon State Police) in an effort to bring critically important and high quality training to the region at an affordable price. Help us make it a success—register early!*

## About the Speakers



*Deputy Chief Tim George has been with the Medford Police Department for 32 years. He is the Operations Bureau Chief. His prior experience includes service as a Patrol Officer, Traffic Officer, Detective assigned to narcotics and major crimes, Patrol Sergeant, Detective Sergeant, Patrol Division Lieutenant, and Operations Support Lieutenant. DC George's other assignments and duties have included Field Training Officer in Patrol and Detectives, SWAT Team member, SWAT Team Commander, Public Information Officer, Dep. Medical Examiner, and the Program Manager for Defense Tactics/ Use of Force. DC George also has over 5000 hrs. of DPSST approved training. DC George graduated from the F.B.I. National Academy in Quantico, Virginia in March 1998. He holds an Executive Certificate from DPSST.*

*Lt. Tim Doney has been with the Medford Police Department for the past 21 years. He has worked in a variety of assignments while in the patrol division including: Field Training Officer, Gang Enforcement Team, and Training Instructor for High Risk Stops. He spent nine years as a Detective in the Criminal Investigation's Division where he worked various assignments including: Undercover Narcotics, Major Crimes and Child Maltreatment. Currently, he is the Lt. in the Criminal Investigation Section. He is also a Hostage Negotiator. Lt. Doney graduated from the F.B.I. National Academy in Quantico, Virginia in December 2008.*



*Sgt. Mark Simpson was an original investigator on the Amber Hagerman homicide investigation. Through his diligence, and collaboration with others the AMBER Alert plan was initiated in late 1996. Since then, Sgt. Simpson has been called upon by numerous agencies and communities to speak about Amber's case and the AMBER Alert plan. Sergeant Simpson's dedication to the Amber Hagerman case continued until he retired. Because of his dedication and drive the national AMBER Alert plan became a reality. This reality has led to the recovery of numerous abducted children. Sgt. Simpson has authored and developed numerous tactical plans, guidelines, and operating procedures for use in the training and operation of vice, narcotics, and organized crime units. He has been named as the Arlington Police Department's Supervisor of the Year, received the Life Saving Award, and is a two time recipient of the Department's Distinguished Service Award. Sergeant Simpson received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Dallas Baptist University.*

*For a decade, Brian Killacky has been assigned to investigate cold case homicides. Originally assigned as a Chicago Police Detective, in 2002 he transferred to the CCSAO, which serves the City of Chicago and over 250 suburban and federal agencies within Cook County, Illinois. Investigator Killacky and his team have successfully investigated complex cases that include serial and mass murder, child fatality and abduction, sex related and domestic homicide, gang related and organized crime murder, murder for hire and spree killing. This unit has also provided outside agency investigative assistance to numerous state, local and federal agencies with complex investigative jurisdictional issues.*







# REGISTRATION FORM

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**Registration Fee:** Only \$100 per person until August 1st (\$125 after August 1st) - includes lunch!

**Check or Money Orders ONLY— Payable to:** Southern Oregon Major Crimes Conference  
c/o Kelli Daves, Medford Police Department  
411 W. 8th Street  
Medford, OR 97501

Questions: (541)774-2228 or [Kelli.Daves@ci.medford.or.us](mailto:Kelli.Daves@ci.medford.or.us)

### Conference Location :

### Red Lion Hotel

200 N. Riverside Avenue, Medford, OR 97501

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**Contact the Red Lion Hotel (541) 779-5811**

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Single Occupancy \$73.00, Double Occupancy \$83.00 (plus tax).

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