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In New Book Renowned Experts Reveal What It Takes To Solve Crimes

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With the continued popularity of TV shows like CSI and CSI-Miami, interest in forensic science has reached unprecedented levels. While compelling as dramas, these shows spread many misconceptions about the real world of the forensic scientist. Those who wish to pursue a career in this field are often unaware of the many diverse career choices available or have superficial notions of the rigors involved. In **THE REAL WORLD OF A FORENSIC SCIENTIST: RENOWNED EXPERTS REVEAL WHAT IT TAKES TO SOLVE CRIMES** (Prometheus Books, \$25.98), renowned forensic scientist Henry C. Lee, with forensic experts Elaine M. Pagliaro and Katherine Ramsland, provide a realistic, in-depth picture of the education, skills, challenges, and rewards involved in the many specialties that encompass forensic science. All are used to unravel seemingly baffling crimes.

"The authors have captured the essence of forensic science - the various types of forensic science, what it takes to become a forensic scientist, as well as a selection of past and current cases...that showcase the use of forensic science in solving crimes and securing convictions in the courtroom....," said Robert Barsley, DDS, JD, professor and director of the Dental Health Resource Program at the School of Dentistry at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center.

This compelling insider's guide begins with Dr. Lee's personal story and forty-year career to demonstrate how forensic science developed in the twentieth century and came to be recognized by the courts and law enforcement as a crucial approach to investigating crimes. Dr. Lee shares interesting stories about his experiences and those of his colleagues who were instrumental in developing forensic science laboratories in the United States.

"[Dr.] Henry Lee's meteoric professional development as the preeminent forensic scientist in the world has paralleled the phenomenal evolution of this fascinating field over the last forty years. Along with two accomplished, experienced forensic science colleagues, Elaine Pagliaro and Katherine Ramsland, Dr. Lee has provided readers with a rich combination of his personal career and some of his most challenging and exciting cases," said Cyril H. Wecht MD, JD, Past President of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences. "The Real World of a Forensic Scientist is strongly recommended for every practitioner, student, and devotee of this dramatic and exciting profession."

In **THE REAL WORLD OF A FORENSIC SCIENTIST: RENOWNED EXPERTS REVEAL WHAT IT TAKES TO SOLVE CRIMES**, the experts also focus on careers in forensic science, illustrated by high profile cases that required different forensic disciplines, including engineering, accounting, psychology, crime scene investigation, and DNA analysis. These cases also underscore the importance of forensic evidence in criminal and civil cases, national security, environmental protection, and public safety.

"At the core of criminal investigation is the dedication of forensic scientists in all disciplines and sustained pride in our daily efforts. Our continual path forward includes educating the public, providing quality scientific results, and adhering to the utmost level of ethics and moral standards in relentless

pursuit of justice for all those affected by crime," said Traci Harris, forensic quality consultant. "This book will inspire future forensic scientists to move ahead in achieving the same goals as scientists in the field today."

Various specialties in forensic science - created by the American Academy of Forensic Science - are also detailed, including the types of evidence generally analyzed in each area; and the steps one should take to prepare for a career in a particular specialty. Also included is useful information about professional organizations, certification programs and requirements, laboratory opportunities, and university forensic science programs.

About the Authors:

Dr. Henry C. Lee (Branford, CT), professor of forensic science at the University of New Haven; chief emeritus in the Department of Public Safety in Meriden, CT; and a distinguished fellow of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences is the author (with Jerry Labriola, M.D.) of *Dr. Henry Lee's Forensic Files* and *The Budapest Connection*, and (with Thomas W. O'Neil) *Cracking Cases and Cracking More Cases*, among other works. Dr. Lee starred in *Trace Evidence on Court TV* (now *TruTV*) and has been a news analyst and frequent guest on national television shows such as *Larry King Live* and *Nancy Grace*.

Elaine M. Pagliaro, MS, JD (Wallingford, CT), is a forensic science consultant and the former assistant director of the Forensic Science Laboratory, where she worked with Dr. Lee. She is an adjunct professor at Quinnipiac University and the University of New Haven. She has published widely in professional journals and her book, *Forensic Nursing: A Handbook for Practice* (edited with Drs. Rita Hammer and Barbara Moynihan), received a book-of-the-year award from the *American Journal of Nursing*.

Katherine Ramsland, PhD (Bethlehem, PA), has published thirty-four books and over 800 articles about forensic science, serial murder, and forensic psychology. She holds graduate degrees in forensic and clinical psychology, and philosophy. Currently she is chair of the social sciences at DeSales University in Pennsylvania, where she teaches forensic psychology and criminal justice. Her latest books are *Beating the Devil's Game: A History of Forensic Science and Criminal Investigation*, and *The Devil's Dozen: How Cutting-edge Forensics Took Down 12 Notorious Serial Killers*.

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