



The Travis Alexander Homicide Case Study

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Travis Alexander was brutally murdered in his home in Mesa, Arizona in June 2008 by his ex-girlfriend and California native, Jodi Arias. Five years later, in May 2013, Arias was found guilty of first degree murder and subsequently sentenced to life in prison.

Come learn how physical evidence found in Alexander's home played a critical role in linking Arias to the homicide scene. Once placed at the scene, Jodi Arias' account of her actions changed several times to include being a victim of an attack. In the end, she claimed self-defense.

This presentation will be delivered by Heather Conner, Technical Leader of the Mesa Arizona Police Department's Latent Print Unit. Heather Conner was the main forensic expert during this investigation and provided valuable testimony during the homicide trial. Conner will go over the importance of the crime scene photographs, physical evidence, interviews, and trial testimony that led to prosecutors obtaining the successful conviction of Jodi Arias. Lessons learned by investigators and forensic examiners in high profile investigations will also be discussed.

Note: graphic crime scene photos will be shown

(This presentation is intended for Law Enforcement Personnel ONLY)

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