



2025 CDAIA Annual Training Conference

September 2-5 • Hyatt Regency Monterey

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. **CDAIA Board Meeting**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Conference Registration Open** (Regency Foyer)

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. **Leadership Track: Panel Discussion & Breakout** (Big Sur I/II/III)
Hosted by Chief DA Investigators – For DAIs

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Real Estate Impersonation Thefts – From Stealing Property to Moving the Money** (Spyglass I/II)
DAI Eric Vitale – San Luis Obispo County

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. **Welcome Reception** (Regency Terrace)
Cornhole Tournament

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. **Breakfast w/Exhibitors** (Regency Foyer)

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. **Presentation of Colors/Pipes Band** (Regency Grand Ballroom)

- CDAIA President Remarks – Lisa Biggs
- Chief Investigator's Remarks – Ryan McGuirk
- Host DA Remarks – Jeannine M. Pacioni

9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. **General Session** (Regency Grand Ballroom)
Hidden Homicides
Casey Gwinn & Gael Strack – Alliance for Hope
Raffle

11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. **Hosted Lunch** (Garden Terrace)

1:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. **Hidden Homicides – Breakout Session** (Regency Grand Ballroom)
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Real Estate Fraud/Timeshare Scams (Big Sur I/II/III)
DAI Justin Bell – Monterey County



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Inside a Fentanyl Poisoning Homicide: A Forensic Autopsy (Cypress I/II/III)
Sr. DDA Devan Portillo & Det. Patrick Craven – Placer County

Wellness: Building the Resilient Agency (Spyglass I/II)
DA Lt. Mike Whittington – Santa Clara County

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Bureau Chief's Training/Meeting (Oak Tree I/II/III)

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

AB 1506 Presentation: Understanding OIS Investigations (Regency Grand Ballroom)

Director Brian Rose, Asst. Director Scot Hunter, SAC Jason Oliver, & Sr. Asst. AG Anthony Brady – Department of Justice

Operation HoneyPot – Transnational HT Investigation (Big Sur I/II/III)
DA Lt. Josh Singleton – Santa Clara County

Investigating the Licensed Cannabis Industry (Cypress I/II/III)
DAI Leo Gomez – Monterey County

History of Romanian Skimming Crimes (Spyglass I/II)
DSS Chief Shawn Ferris – Riverside County & DAI Amanda Veach – Orange County

Inside a Workers' Comp Death Investigation (Windjammer III/IV)
DDA John Hubanks & DAI George Costa – Monterey County

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Sponsored Networking Event – Game On!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

Breakfast w/Exhibitors (Regency Foyer)

8:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

General Session (Regency Grand Ballroom)

Watson Murder Case Study: People v. Rebecca Grossman

DDA Garret Dameron, DDA Ryan Gould, DDA Jamie Castro, & Det. Mike Takacs – Los Angeles County

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

CDAIA Award Presentations (Regency Grand Ballroom)

- 2025 Investigator of the Year
- 2025 Prosecutor of the Year

Installation of Board

CDAIA General Membership Meeting – Vote: Bylaw Change
Raffle

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Auto Insurance Fraud Investigations and Prosecutions (Windjammer III/IV)

DDA Liz Johnson & DDA Kris Hunsaker – Monterey County

Generative AI and Criminal Investigations (Spyglass I/II)

DAI James Haggerty – San Mateo County

Illegal Towing Schemes (Big Sur I/II/III)

DAI Tim Willmore & DAI George Costa – Monterey County

Technology and Courtroom Exhibits: Best Practices (Cypress I/II/III)

DAI Derek LaFontaine – Madera County

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Undersheriff Sylvia Moir – Marin County, Retired Chief Lyle Martin – Kern County & Deputy Chief Brian Spears – San Jose PD

Prison Prosecution Unit Investigations (Windjammer III/IV)

DDA Cambria Lisonbee & DAI Erik Morris – Monterey County

Generative AI and Criminal Investigations (Spyglass I/II)

DAI James Haggerty – San Mateo County

Forensic Genealogy Case Study (Cypress I/II/III)

Dr. Ed Green – Astrea Forensics & DAI Justin Bell – Monterey County

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

General Session (Regency Grand Ballroom)

An American Nightmare: From Crime Victims to Suspects to Survivors
Hear from the Survivors and Chief Nick Borges – Seaside PD