

## Peter Valentin Bio

Peter Valentin completed his coursework for his Master of Science degree in Forensic Science from the University of New Haven. In addition, he graduated Cum Laude from the John Jay College of Criminal Justice with a Bachelor of Science degree in Forensic Science. His coursework primarily consisted of chemistry and methods used to identify unknown materials in addition to physics and microscopy.

Peter is also a detective in the Connecticut State Police Major Crime Squad and investigates homicide suspicious death and other major crime scenes full time. He is a member of Connecticut's Urban Search and Rescue Team where he is trained to look for evidence of criminal activity at a major disaster, such as a building collapse while functioning as a rescue specialist focused on saving injured and trapped victims.

Peter works with the federal government as a member of a forensic team charged with human remains identification during a terrorist event or disaster in the United States and around the world. He worked for several months in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita along the Gulf Coast. He trains with forensic specialists several times a year in such places as the Body Farm in Tennessee, the world renowned facility for forensic anthropology research.

Peter has been involved in research on the uses of alternate light sources for evidence collection and photography at the Henry Lee Forensic Institute at the University of New Haven and plans to publish his results shortly. He has also written an article in the Dental Clinics of North America on disaster management.

His education and work experience are a unique blend of the crime scene and investigative aspects of police work as well as the chemistry-based laboratory analysis. He has received special training in many different aspects of forensics including blood spatter interpretation, anthropology, bombing and explosives investigations, crime scene photography and others. He has also received specialized training in investigative methods including interview and interrogation techniques.