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# **Sexual Assault Photography**

**Instructors: Heidi Nichols, CFPH**

**June 5, 2017**

**Tuition: \$129**

**Larimer County Sheriff's Department Crime Lab  
2501 Midpoint Drive, Fort Collins, CO**

**Lodging information:  
Cambria Hotel and Suites  
2921 E. Harmony Road, Fort Collins, CO  
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## ABOUT TRITECH

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## COURSE DESCRIPTION

# Autopsy and Injury Photography

The photographic documentation of evidence and injuries on the bodies of sexual assault victims is important in the prosecution of sexual assaults and other crimes such as homicides involving sexual assaults.

Having well exposed, properly composed photographic images to show the judge or jury can mean the difference between a good witness and a great one.

This one-day course provides instruction in the use of the digital camera to document injuries and trace evidence recovered on the body of the sexual assault victim.

The course begins with a brief review of basic photography and goes on to cover techniques that can be used to effectively document patterned injuries and bruising. Equipment considerations will also be discussed. Em-

phasis is placed on specialized photographic and lighting techniques that produce meaningful images that are admissible in court.

Lighting techniques covered in this course include the use of the Alternate Light Source to locate and photograph trace evidence such as hair, fibers, and body fluids on clothing and on the body of the victim.

This course will be of interest to sexual assault nurse examiners, forensic nurses, forensic photographers and those who are tasked with the photographic documentation of injuries on sexual assault victims' bodies.

*All material covered in lectures will be reinforced with hands-on practical exercises*

## COURSE INSTRUCTOR

### HEIDI NICHOLS, CFPH

Heidi Nichols earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree (BA) in Biomedical and Forensic Photography with minors in Biology and Diving Education from Barry University in Miami, Florida in 1999. Heidi has since been employed with the Miami-Dade County Medical Examiner Department as a Forensic Photographer, where she has gained extensive experience in autopsy and gross specimen photography, crime scene photography and taking photographs of evidence.

During her time at the Miami-Dade ME's office Ms. Nichols has become an expert in the use of Alternate Light Source Photography and uses her knowledge to help other agencies to better understand and perform these techniques. In addition, Heidi provides lectures on Forensic Photography and provides training not only within the Medical Examiner Department but also with countless other outside agencies, including the Cayman Island Police Department, the Indian River Sheriff's Office, the Miami-Dade Police Department, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and Customs and Border Protection.

Ms. Nichols is also certified as a Forensic Photographer through the International Association for Identification (IAI), the world's oldest and largest forensic science/



identification association, a certification she has held since 2006. Ms. Nichols' photographs can be seen in numerous textbooks, and she also co-authored an article in 2010 entitled "Reflected Ultraviolet Digital Photography: The Part Someone Forgot to Mention" on the uses of Reflective Ultraviolet Photography in the Journal of Forensic Identification.

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