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## **WESTERN OFFERS CRIME SCENE CLASS**

**St. Joseph, Mo.** —Jan. 22, 2007 —Students will have the opportunity to learn about crime scenes in a class offered over spring break at Missouri Western State University. “Techniques of Crime Scene Investigation” will be held March 12-16. The sessions will last all day, and a test will be held on March 17.

The class will be taught through The Southern Institute of Forensic Science of Hattiesburg, Miss., and can be taken for three hours of college credit or 40 hours post-training for law enforcement officers. The instructor is Jan Johnson, CSCSA, forensic consultant and training specialist.

Kip Wilson, associate professor of criminal justice, said the class promises to be very “hands on.” In the past, Western has held classes taught by the Institute about blood spatter patterns at a crime scene, and search, recovery and identification of human remains.

Johnson has been employed in the forensic identification field for over 35 years. She began her career in the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D.C. After 10 years, she joined the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and began her journey as a crime scene analyst. While there, she gained experience in multiple forensic disciplines and developed over the years a special expertise in the most advanced crime scene examination and crime scene reconstruction techniques. She spent the last three years of her government service employed with the Escambia County Sheriff’s Office as supervisor of both the Crime Scene Unit and the Latent Print Unit.

Johnson has been widely accepted as an expert witness in literally hundreds of cases involving both blood stain interpretation and crime scene reconstruction. She is an active member of the International Association for Identification, having been a member

of the Crime Scene Certification Board, a member of the board of directors and most recently serving as its president. Johnson has provided professional instruction to hundreds of aspiring crime scene specialists throughout the United States, as well as South America and Africa.

For more information about the class or to enroll, contact the college of professional studies at 816-271-4207.

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