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Torture to Truth, The Evolution of Interrogation

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PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

Waterboarding, helplessness and the dryness of rice all have something in common – interrogation techniques. This session will review some of the historical aspects of interviewing and interrogation, while highlighting the importance of evolving our communication standards. Attendees will obtain a high-level overview of current trends in interview and interrogation training. Focused on the evolution from physical torture to psychological coercion and the progression to research-based methods, this will provide key takeaways for investigators of all levels.

ABOUT THE PRESENTER:

David Thompson, CFI®, is a Partner, Vice President of Operations and an instructor with Wicklander-Zulawski & Associates, Inc. (WZ). He is responsible for the day to day operations of WZ, as well as strategic planning and the evolution of interview and interrogation content. David has also served as the Director of Investigations giving him the opportunity to manage a variety of cases while conducting interviews and consulting on investigations ranging from theft and fraud to sexual harassment and homicide. As a speaker for WZ, David has created customized training programs, presented at seminars, hosted a variety of webinars as well as conducted live broadcasts of training.

While at WZ, David has also played an integral role in the ongoing research and evolution of content and innovative teaching methods. He has also worked with members of the Innocence Project, Center on Wrongful Conviction of Youth and other academic partners on behalf of WZ to further the enhancement of interview and interrogation protocols. David has contributed opinions on behalf of WZ for a variety of cases and has been cited by the Federal Court of Appeals for his involvement on the topic of interview and interrogation.

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