



SPEAKERS BUREAU



Presentation Information

Presentation Category	International Cooperation & Intelligence
Presentation Title	Unfathomable- The International Investigation into the death of Christina Watson
Presentation Length	210 – 240 Minutes
Presentation Objective	To present the legal and political challenges faced in coordinating this 8 ½ year multinational homicide investigation
Presentation Description	The presentation takes the class through the 8 ½ year multinational homicide investigation into the death of Christina Watson, a US citizen, who died mysteriously while SCUBA diving in Australia on her honeymoon. The investigation spanned thousands of miles and 4 continents and presented unprecedented challenges and legal hurdles for the investigators in both the US and Australia. Attendees will see and hear not just the synopsis of the case, but learn how to coordinate an international criminal investigation by lessons learned on this investigation.
Speaker Name & Session	Brad Flynn, NA Session 245
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Speaker's Biography	Brad Flynn currently serves as the Chief of Police for the Helena, Alabama Police Department. He has worked in law enforcement for over 29 years and has served in many capacities during his career, including Narcotics and Undercover Investigations, Tactical Operations Operator and Team Commander, Traffic Homicide Investigator, Media Relations Officer and 10 years as Criminal Investigations Division Commander.

During his tour in the Criminal Investigations Division, he assisted the Queensland, Australia Police Service into the death of an American citizen, Christina Thomas Watson, who died under suspicious circumstances while scuba diving off the coast of Australia in 2003. This investigation garnered world wide attention and lasted for over 8 years and spanned the globe in the search for justice. Chief Flynn continues to speak around the country on the landmark case.

Chief Flynn has also obtained certifications as a Hazardous Materials Technician and Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate during his career and is a senior active shooter response instructor/coordinator for the State of Alabama Law Enforcement Agency and has trained thousands of law enforcement officers in basic active shooter response, tactical medicine, and advanced outdoor tactical operations. Chief Flynn is also a counter terrorism instructor for the Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP) in Anniston, Alabama, and the National Center for Biomedical Research & Training (NCBRT) in Baton Rouge, Louisiana where he travels the country training local, state and federal law enforcement on how to address the threats of terrorism.

In 2021, Chief Flynn partnered with KultureCity, the largest sensory awareness and inclusion nonprofit organization in the country to launch a nation-wide program to train first responders in sensory awareness and inclusion of those living with invisible disabilities such as Autism and PTSD. Chief Flynn currently serves as the Law Enforcement Training Liaison for the organization and works constantly to promote the training of first responders in safely and effectively serving those with sensory needs.

Chief Flynn has received numerous awards and honors during his career including Officer of the Year, a Life Saving Award and honors from the Queensland, Australia Police Service. He holds a B.S. in Criminal Justice from the University of Alabama Birmingham and is also a graduate of the 245th Session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.